

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - July 13, 2021
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA

Chairman Major called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Attending were: Supervisors Blaine Madara Sr., Vincent Daubert, Stephen Major, Daniel Williams and Blaine Madara Jr. Also attending were: Township Manager Joseph Springer, Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Engineer Brad Aurand; Chief Bryon Chowka; Assistant Manager Mark Lyash; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin News-Item*; Linda Sterling SEDA-COG.

2021 CDBG Hearing was held before meeting

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Williams/Daubert motioned to abandon the CDBG FFY 2019 Housing Rehabilitation Project and move \$77,098 into West Center Street Flood Project. Motion carried

Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to abandon CDBG FFY 2020 fuel assistance project and move \$2,500 into Ralpho Township student laptops. Motion carried.

Daubert/Williams abandon CDBG 2020 CV fuel oil assistance project and move \$5,000 funding into Ralpho Township student laptops. Motion carried.

Daubert/Madara Sr. allocated 2021 CDBG Funding to RAB, Township Gym Phase 2, for \$80,377 and administrative \$16,400 costs. Motion carried.

Minutes of June 8, 2021 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Madara Sr./Daubert motion and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as presented on Daubert/Madara Jr. motion and carried.

Bills were approved as presented for payment, including those bills paid between meetings on a Madara Sr./Daubert. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- All Home Days Fireworks donation request was received.
- All Home Days Advertising request was received. Supervisors will each personally donate to ½ page ad in 2021 All Home Days booklet.
- Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plan Audit Reports were received from the Attorney General's office with no findings.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Madara Sr./Madara Jr. motioned to accept sewage facilities planning module for Gary & Ruth Latsha minor subdivision. Motion carried.
- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to accept the recommendation of the planning commission to accept the Schoffstall Add-on Subdivision. Motion carried.

- Madara Jr./Williams motioned to give Damage Inc. Land Development, Gallina Land Development and Health Major Subdivision extensions until October 12, 2021. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Daubert

- Report was received.
- Daubert/Madara Sr. motioned to purchase John Deere Garden Tractor from Land Pro Equipment for price of \$3,091.49. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Williams motioned to appoint Damion Beagle to Roadmaster effective August 1, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.
- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to reimburse Charles Kowalchick for using his mower in the amount of \$100. Motion carried.
- Assistant Manager Lyash explained a future Aqua project within the Township. Pipes will need to be replaced once project is going to happen for sure. High Street, Hillside and Park View have pipes that will need to be replaced. Kase street repairs will also need to be bumped up for this summer for sure. The ditch line is deteriorating rapidly like it was up closer to Highway 487.

BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.

- Madara Jr./Madara Sr. motioned to advertise the fuel bid, with bids to be opened at the August 10, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.
- Road crew is going to start doing landscaping around the municipal building in place of hiring it done. Assistant manager and Supervisor Madara Sr. will get together to purchase necessary equipment.
- Sealing of front wall will be done by road crew with product recommended by Dabulis Construction.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Madara Jr./Daubert motioned to have MG Electric do installation of playground lights for price of \$1,600 and lift rental from Best Line for \$724.15 per week for a total of \$2,324.15. Motion carried.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Major

- 24 permits were issued and \$2,030.80 in fees were collected during June; 42 letters of correspondence were sent; 20 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping, dangerous structures, etc.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read.
- Electronic “your speed” sign has been ordered from All Traffic Solutions.
- Body Camera policy has been implemented and the police force has begun to wear the cameras.
- Board thanked Chief for detailed information he is providing to the board.

RECYCLING –Major

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Application was submitted for ARPA funds and first half of money should arrive this month.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Legislature has approved the new sunshine law with agenda rules. Solicitor will follow up but it looks like we will be required to post meeting agenda on website 24 hours prior to the meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Blaine Madara Sr. is going to call insurance representative to discuss adding 1917 Ford Model T Fire Truck to insurance policy for the Elysburg Fire Company.
- Madara Sr. commended the Ralpho Library and Librarian Dean Slusser on the summer program at the library. His grandkids have attended and enjoyed it very much.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:43 p.m. on, Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

Executive session was held for personnel

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary