

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - August 10, 2021
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA

Chairman Major called the meeting to order at 6:33 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; Roadmaster Damion Beagle; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin News-Item*; Howard and Carol Shadduck; and 2 interested citizens.

Board of Supervisors honored Employee Howard Shadduck on his retirement. They thanked him for his over 10 years of hard work and dedication to the citizens of Ralpho Township.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of July 13, 2021 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Williams/Madara Jr. motion and carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT was accepted as presented on Madara Sr./Madara Jr. motion and carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- KPI Technology Act 14 Notification West Center Street Sewer Replacement GP-5 & GP-3 Permit for Ralpho Township Municipal Authority were received.
- 2021 2nd Quarter Investment Reports for the Ralpho Township Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans are available for review in the Township Office.
- Annual Notification Shamokin Bulk Plant for Superior Energy Services Inc. was received. Secretary will send notification to both Fire Companies.
- Elysburg Rotary Club E-Cycling Day August 28, 2021 flyer was received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- none

STREET DEPARTMENT – Daubert

- Report was received.
- Traffic signal timing was discussed, Chief Chowka reported he expects PennDot representative to return by the end of the month.
- 334 Hillside Ave Pipe Replacement was discussed. Solicitor will contact homeowner.

BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.

- Madara Jr./Williams motioned to award fuel bid for September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 to Miller Gas and Oil, Inc. for \$.235 handling charge bid price per gallon (amount over cost on day of delivery). Motion carried with Supervisor Daubert abstaining from discussion and bid.
- Clear coat will be purchased for front wall and have street crew apply.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- none

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Major

- 8 permits were issued and \$737 in fees were collected during June; \$50 Campground Registration; 24 letters of correspondence were sent; 20 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping, dangerous structures, etc.
- Berks road bridge was closed suddenly without much notice. It will remain closed for 9 to 12 months. It is compromised and needs repair.
- OIP parking lot has some cars that need to be checked out in the parking lot.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read.
- Electronic “your speed” sign has been received and was placed on Hillside Avenue and will be moved to other locations within the Township.
- One officer went for new mandated response to aggression training and will return to the station and train all officers.
- Chief Chowka will research further having one officer trained for truck regulations.

RECYCLING –Major

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- none

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.
- Engineer reported an update on the 2 permits needed for CDBG Phase II Channel 2 Project. Engineer has one permit in hand and should have 2nd one within one week.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fire Company is looking into private insurance for 1917 Ford Model T Fire Truck.
- Posting Meeting Agendas Fact Sheet was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to have Chairman sign a 3-year agreement for the internet through Service Electric for the street Department at a monthly price of \$70.95. Motion carried.
- Township Communication/Newsletter was discussed.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m. on, 7:20 motion and carried.

Executive session was held for personnel

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary