

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - MARCH 8, 2022
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Held a moment of silence for residents of Ukraine.

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; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Sergeant Bryon Chowka; Roadmaster Damion Beagle; Engineer Brad Aurand Larson Design; and 2 interested citizen.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Dan Spano of Dan’s Way and, Dan Glowatski, paper business distribution tenant in Dan’s Way building, were present to discuss the deterioration of Reed Road.

Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to have Roadmaster contact PennDot and to start infrastructure repairs on Reed Road. Motion carried.

Minutes of February 8, 2022 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Madara Jr./Major 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 Jr./Major motion, motion carried unanimously.

Major/Daubert motioned to approve Change Order #2 submitted by Mitchell Knorr Contracting for the Center Street Flood Mitigation Project through CDBG funds. Motion carried with Madara Sr. and Madara Sr. abstaining.

CORRESPONDENCE

- PennDOT letter regarding Traffic Counting on Municipal Roads was received.
- Email was received from Barbara Sutton regarding NNN. Secretary will communicate with her to look for a plan going forward.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Discussion took place for Gallina Mall Land Development Chapter 22 Variances. Madara Sr./Major motioned to deny Chapter 22 variances of changing cul-de-sac from 50 feet to 40 feet and request to not do required traffic study. Motion carried with Daubert voting against.
- Major/Madara Sr. motioned to adopt Resolution 2022-03 for sewage planning module for Thomas/Williams Subdivision. Motion carried.
- Major/Madara Jr. to accept recommendation of the Planning Commission to accept revised Feese-Gish Sewage Plan. Motion carried.
- Madara Sr/Madara Jr. motioned to accept recommendation of Planning Commission to accept Keefer Add-on Subdivision. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Daubert

- Report was received.
- Honaberger road dedication with extension of Pearle Ave inspection was discussed. Roadmaster and Lyash will inspect again next month and we can move forward at that point with process to return escrow if inspection is positive.
- Supervisor Major discussed MART project on Spruce Street. Madara Jr./Major motioned to have Lyash and Beagle meet with the engineer of the Municipal Authority to have him bid all of Spruce and Short Street to be paved along with sewer project. Township will cover costs of paving not affected by Authority project. Motion carried.
- Road projects for summer were discussed. Roadmaster provided a compilation of photos and work that needs to be done on infrastructure on several roads within the Township. Madara Sr. and Roadmaster will drive around to view roads and bring back suggestions to April meeting. Horizon paving project will be put out to bid at April meeting.
- Madara Sr./Major motioned to pay \$7,252 to Seal Master for machine rental and supplies. Motion carried.
- Street Sweeper will be \$100 per hour with new vendor for this year.

BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.

- Chief Chowka is still waiting for quotes for Police station carpet and new carpet on steps of the library.
- Supervisor Daubert found someone to refinish the meeting room head table. It will be taken to her for the refinishing.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- 16 playground lights were put up and there are 3 more to be put up by Township staff.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Major

- 6 permits were issued and \$2,736.25 in fees were collected during February. 28 letters of correspondence were sent and 16 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures.
- Air BNB and Verbo rentals within the Township were discussed. Code Officer will speak with 2 residents who have properties in question. It was decided that a short-term lease is anything less than 90 days.
- Major/Madara Sr. motioned to return remaining escrow balance of \$1,769 to Tessa Varias for Robert W. and Karla Clark Minor Subdivision. Motion carried.
- Madara Jr./Madara Sr. motioned to return remaining escrow balance of \$1,874 to John Savitski for Land Development Plan. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read
- Chairman appointed committee of Springer, Madara Sr. and Williams to negotiate with Police collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Madara Jr./Williams motioned to approve all lists of events and any other items that they will do throughout the year by Ralpho and Elysburg Fire companies. Motion carried.

RECYCLING – Major

- none

MANAGER'S REPORT

- ARPA Funds reporting is due in April. Board may want to consider making a motion in April to use the money for revenue replacement.
- Manager Springer and Mark Lyash will meet with Wes Fahringer, DCNR, on Friday at 3 p.m. to discuss options for DCNR grant proposal. Supervisors were also encouraged to attend if available.
- Major/Madara Jr. motioned to authorize Manager Springer to apply for DCNR Grant with proposed match for materials, labor and in-kind contributions of cash for \$250,000. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

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CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:48 p.m. on Madara Sr./Madara Jr. motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary