

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - APRIL 12, 2022
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 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; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Sergeant Bryon Chowka; Roadmaster Damion Beagle; Engineer Brad Aurand Larson Design; and 3 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Bryant Farrence, 335 Hemlock Lane, was present to discuss further the detention pond in his neighborhood. The board did remove the weir plate in the basin and has stated the detention basin is working as designed.

Major/Madara Sr. motioned to add the 3 following items to the agenda because they came in late to the office, motion carried:

1. Payment App #2 for Center Street Stream Restoration Project Phase 2
2. Larson Design invoice for engineering for \$1,846.44 for Center Street Stream Restoration Project Phase 2
3. Berkheiser Sewage Planning Module

Linda Sterling from SEDA-COG was present to discuss COVID CDBG monies. \$45,675 needs to be re-appropriated and spent prior to the end of 2022.

Daubert/Major motioned to give Linda permission to look into getting approval from DCED for doing ramp and bathroom project in the gym including remaining COVID money and prior yearly monies appropriated. Motion carried.

Daubert/Major motioned to approve Michell Knorr Contracting Payment Application #2 for \$50,496.25 for Center Street Stream Restoration Project Phase 2 to be paid through CDBG funds. Motion carried with Madara Sr. and Madara Jr. abstaining.

Major/Daubert motioned to approve Larson Design invoice for engineering for \$1,846.44 for Center Street Stream Restoration Project Phase 2 to be paid through CDBG funds. Motion carried with Madara Sr. and Madara Jr. abstaining.

Minutes of March 8, 2022 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Madara Jr. motion and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as presented on Daubert/Madara Sr. 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

- PennDot letter department explaining force resurfacing locations within the Township was received.
- 2021 Actuarial Valuations for Police and Non-Uniform pensions were received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Major/Madara Sr. motioned to reject Damage Incorporated Land Development. Motion carried.
- Madara Jr./Major motioned to accept recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Hoagland Family Farm Trust Subdivision. Motion carried.
- Madara Sr./Madara Jr. motioned to accept recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Novipax Land Development. Motion carried.
- Major/Daubert motioned to approve Berkheiser sewage planning module. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Daubert

- Report was received.
- Madara Sr./Williams motioned to have Geo-Technology Association; Inc. do core samples on Bear Hollow Road. Motion carried.
- Madara Sr./Major motioned to advertise Horizon Dr. Seal Coat Project. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Madara Sr. motioned to have Ehrlich Rentokil Company do vegetation management for total of \$2,192. Motion carried
- After positive review of Pearle Avenue extension by the Roadmaster and Assistant Manager, Madara Sr./Madara Jr. motioned to release \$27,463.35 from Danson Financial Security for a balance to remain of \$5,000. Motion carried.
- Williams/Madara Jr. motioned to have 3 days street sweeping this year at \$100 per hour. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.

- Williams/Major motioned to have Buckley's place carpet and vinyl planks in the police station for approximately \$3,310.70. Motion carried.
- Madara Jr./Major motioned to have Kreco Electric do wiring and lighting in upstairs of Municipal Building for \$2,697.72. Motion carried.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Madara Jr./Madara Sr. motioned to purchase a truckload of playground carpet from Zeager Brothers for \$2,702.30, with additional if needed. Motion carried.
- The Board would like to thank the families from the community for getting a group together Sunday to help clean up the park. The community support was much appreciated.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Major

- 5 permits were issued and \$3,725.96 in fees were collected during March. 1 burn permit was issued. 28 letters of correspondence were sent and 16 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read
- Madara Sr./Major motioned to purchase equipment for new Ford Utility arriving in June or July, from Keystone for a price of \$10,679.08 and to approve The Decal Shop to remove vinyl from the Tahoe and apply vinyl to new Cruiser for \$1,200. Motion carried.
- Chairman Williams wanted to thank the Elysburg Fire Company, Ralpho Fire Company and the Elysburg Fire Company Community Auxiliary for the Palm Sunday breakfast, it was such an excellent successful community event.

RECYCLING – Major

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Madara Jr./Madara Sr. motioned to adopt Resolution 2022-04 approving Manager Joseph Springer to retroactively sign Community Recreation Upgrade Grant Application. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.
- Guide Rail on Spruce Street will be looked into further by Engineer, Roadmaster, Assistant Manager and Chief of Police.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Madara Jr. will look into electric sign to be shared with the library.
- Supervisor Major updated the board on the Municipal Authority of Ralph Township’s sewer moratorium status. He also informed the board that door to door inspections will take place in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Daubert/Madara Jr. motioned to use ARPA funds of \$219,626.41 for revenue replacement. Motion carried.
- Madara Sr./Madara Jr. motioned to have solicitor revise Memorandum of Understanding with Pennsylvania SPCA and for Chairman to sign when ready. Motion carried.
- Madara Sr./Williams motioned to accept 2021 Municipal Audit and DCED report as presented by auditing firm Wagner, Dreese, Elsasser & Associates, P.C. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:12 p.m. on Daubert/Major motion and carried.

Executive Session was held for possible litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary