

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - JULY 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.*

*Supervisor Williams stated that an executive session will be held at the end of the meeting for personnel.*

Supervisor Madara Jr. and Madara Sr., on behalf of the entire Board of Supervisors, presented Fireman Eric Santor a Life Saving Award in recognition of his courageous and life-saving actions at the scene of a rope rescue on February 4, 2022. He put himself in harm's way to save another human life with dedication and courage. Fireman Santor stated that everyone played an integral part in the rescue; from the rigging team, rescue team, haul teams, crews clearing trees and our EMS crews.

Linda Sterling from SEDA-COG was present to choose CDBG project for FY 2022. Madara Jr./Major motioned to request that Northumberland County, on behalf of Ralpho Township, submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the Township's FFY 2022 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement funds for: RAB, Township Gym, Ph2 \$65,192, sewer laterals \$15,000 and Administration \$16,400. Motion carried.

Attending were: Supervisors Blaine Madara Sr., Stephen Major, Daniel Williams and Blaine Madara Jr. were present; Vince Daubert was absent. Also attending were: Township Manager Joseph Springer, Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Chief Bryon Chowka; Roadmaster Damion Beagle; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin-News Item*; Linda Sterling SEDA-COG; Eric Santor; and 1 interested citizen.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS –none

Minutes of June 14, 2022 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Madara Jr. motion and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as presented on Madara Jr./Major 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**

- PA Dot letter pond certification for Bear Gap Quarry Operation was received.
- All Home Days Advertising request was received. Each Supervisor will donate \$10 each toward \$50 ½ page advertisement.
- 2021 Investment Reports for the Ralpho Township Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans are available for review in the Township Office.

**COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**PLANNING – Mark Lyash**

- Madara Sr./Williams motioned to return balance of \$2,500 escrow account to Great Dane. Motion carried.
- Pantalone subdivision sketch plan was discussed further.

- Madara Sr./Major motioned to accept recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Berkheiser Estate Subdivision. Motion carried.

#### **STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara Sr.**

- Report was received.
- Kase St. repair was discussed. Madara Sr./Williams motioned to do repair for approximately \$1,800. Motion carried.
- Lower Overlook Blvd repair was discussed. Will have engineer review. Cone and curb were placed temporarily.
- Update on mix design was give by Roadmaster with further information to come next month from PennDot Rep Barry Garverick.
- Madara Sr./Major motioned to do some spraying on Turkey Hill Road for\$125 and add it to the list for annual spraying. Motion carried.

#### **BUILDINGS – Daubert**

- Carpet Library Steps will be move to next month.
- New Phone System will be moved to next month.
- Madara Sr./Williams motioned to re-advertise fuel bid because not bids were received. Motion carried with bid opening at August meeting.

#### **RECREATION – Madara Jr.**

- Roadmaster will talk with Sealmaster about tennis court repair and painting.

#### **ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Major**

- 20 permits were issued and \$3,748.33, \$150 in campground fees and \$25 in transient merchant fees were collected during June. 26 letters of correspondence were sent and 24 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams**

- Report was read
- Laptops for the cruisers were discussed. Williams/Madara Jr. motioned to purchase 2 Think Pad laptops including labor, etc. from Computition for \$1,399 each. Motion carried.
- New cruiser was picked up today by Keystone to do set up of equipment.
- Speeding on Penn Ave was discussed and Chief was asked to place “your speed sign” on the street. Chief will contact PennDot for permission to place the sign on a state road.

#### **RECYCLING – Major**

- Charles will be on vacation this month. Hours will be covered by part-time help.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- none

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- none

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- Report was reviewed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Possible electric sign with the library will be discussed at budget time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Appointment to MART board was discussed.

**CITIZEN INPUT** – Bryon Sokoloski, 5 Hickory Street, was present to discuss drain boxes and sewer drains again in his neighborhood. Supervisor Major informed him that they will camera them in the near future when the company is in the area.

**ADJOURNMENT** – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:21p.m. on Madara Jr./Major motion and carried.

Executive Session was held for personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson  
Ralpho Township Secretary