

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - AUGUST 9, 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., Stephen Major, Daniel Williams, Blaine Madara Jr. and Vince Daubert. 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; and 1 interested citizen.

Wayne E. Horne, member of Elysburg and Ralpho Fire Departments completed training to become a Fire Police officer. The board is authorized under the Second-Class Township Code to make this appointment and confirm Mr. Horne as a fire police officer. Madara Jr./Major motioned to give the oath, motion carried. The oath was given by Chairman Williams.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Bryon Sokoloski, 5 Hickory Street, was present and asked that Chief to put the (your speed) sign in his neighborhood.

Minutes of July 12, 2022 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Madara Sr. 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 Madara Jr./Major motion, motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- 2022 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 forward to both Fire Company Chiefs. Board also asked secretary to investigate if we should be receiving information from Kopyy's Propane as well.

**COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**PLANNING – Mark Lyash**

- Major/ Madara Jr. motioned to approve Shaffer Component Sewage Module. Motion carried.

**STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara Sr.**

- Report was received.
- Future road projects were discussed with more information to come.

**BUILDINGS – Daubert**

- Waiting for quote on carpet Library Steps.
- New Phone System quote will be forthcoming.
- Williams/Madara Jr. motioned to accept fuel bid from Miller Gas & Oil for \$.295 handling charge bid price per gallon amount over cost on day of delivery. Motion carried with Daubert abstaining.
- Madara Jr. spoke with someone about a possible grant for the library. He moved that information forward to a member of the library board.

**RECREATION – Madara Jr.**

- Madara Jr. explained different quotes for resurfacing the tennis courts and/or basketball courts. At this time, he feels it is okay to just paint pickle ball lines onto one of the courts and possibly wait to see if we are awarded any grant monies from DCNR to move forward.

**ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Major**

- 17 permits were issued and \$3,385.08 and \$2,700 in mechanical amusement licenses were collected during July. 36 letters of correspondence were sent and 18 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures.
- Potential zoning amendments were discussed. Planning will continue to review and bring forward a draft ordinance. The Board asked that Solicitor to attend the next Planning Commission meeting in September.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams**

- Report was read
- New cruiser is in service, Expedition cruiser is now ready to be sold
- Madara Sr./major motioned to approve annual security agreement with Arete for Sentinal. Motion carried.
- Madara Sr./Madara Jr. motioned to advertise to place 2013 Tahoe cruiser with minimum of \$10,500 and old riding mower on Municibid with bid to be completed by September meeting; also, to sell light bar to a school district for \$150. Motion carried.

**RECYCLING – Major**

- E-recycle day sponsored by the Rotary is August 27<sup>th</sup> at Elysburg Methodist Church.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

- none

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

- Williams/Major motioned to advertise Swift Road Speed Limit Ordinance to consider adoption at September meeting. Motion carried.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

- Report was reviewed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Appointment to MART board was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Smoke testing will be done by MART throughout the Township Sept 7-8-9, letters will be sent out within the next week all customers.

**CITIZEN INPUT – none**

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:11 p.m. on Daubert/Madara Jr. motion and carried.

Executive Session was held for personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson  
Ralpho Township Secretary