

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - OCTOBER 11, 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, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Chief Bryon Chowka; Roadmaster Damion Beagle; Linda Sterling SEDA-COG; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin-News Item*; Officer Matthew Filarski and 9 interested citizens.

Officer Matt Filarski was presented a Life Saving Award for his heroic actions saving a family from a house fire on August 12, 2022. The Gillaspay family was present to honor and thank Officer Filarski as well.

Bradon Koch was honored for receiving his Eagle Scout with a certificate.

Linda Sterling SEDA-COG was present to discuss CDBG funding.

- Madara Jr./Major motioned to revise FFY2020-CV CDBG Contract by moving Fuel Oil Assistance and Urgent Need Hot Spot funding into Urgent Need PPE project. Motion carried.
- Major/Daubert motioned to return Ralpho Township's unspent CDBG FFY 2020-CV Funding to DCED, once all charges have been made, pending Supervisor Madara Jr.'s review and confirmation. Motion carried.
- Major/Daubert motioned to award bid for engineering for the Township Gym Removal of Architectural Barriers (RAB) project through CDBG funds to Peters Consultants. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of September 13, 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 Sr. motion and carried.

Bills were approved as presented for payment, including those bills paid between meetings on a Madara Sr./Major motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- DEP Letter regarding Abandoned Oil and Gas Wells was received.
- PHFA Application Mountain View was received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Dauber/Madara Sr. motioned to give G & C Land Development Plan a 6-month extension until April 11, 2023. Motion carried.

- Madara Jr./Daubert motioned to accept recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Pantalone Minor/Add-on Subdivision. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara Sr.

- Report was received.
- Road projects were discussed and will be discussed further at budget meeting.
- Madara Sr./Madara Jr. motioned to authorize chairman to sign lease with the PSSA for DEP Leaf Compost Site. Motion carried.
- Madara Sr./Major motioned to repair boom mower cylinder for approximate price of \$1,265.77. Hoses will also need to be replaced for addition charges. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Daubert

- Supervisor Daubert reached someone to do the carpet on the library steps but he is having difficulty finding the appropriate carpet for the job.
- New phone system is in the process to prepare to port numbers to the new system.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- None

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Major

- 14 permits were issued for \$1,867.28 were collected during September. 40 letters of correspondence were sent and 18 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures.
- Potential zoning amendments were discussed. Major/Madara Jr. motioned to authorize advertisement of solar ordinance. Motion carried.
- Major/Madara Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2022-05 Amend Northumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read
- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to add signing of Local Law Enforcement grant application to the agenda. Grant Application deadline is Thursday, October 13. Motion carried.
- Madara Jr./Madara Sr. motioned to authorize the submission of the Local Law Enforcement grant application and also signing by the appropriate officials. Motion carried.

RECYCLING – Major

- DEP recycling grant was discussed. Williams/Madara Jr. authorize Mr. Springer to apply for grant to purchase an updated leaf machine, truck to pull it and a chipper with a 10% Township matching of funds. Motion carried.
- Security Cameras at recycling need to have the hard drive rebuilt. Roadmaster will call company to move forward with repair.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Madara Jr./Daubert motioned to renew GHP Health Insurance plan for employees. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Daubert/Madara Jr. motioned to authorize advertising the cable franchise ordinance extension. Motion carried.

- Madara Jr./Madara Sr. motioned to adopt Resolution 2022-06 to waive penalties on qualifying real estate tax bills. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Major showed the Board the Facebook page he created for the Township. It is a Government Page and comments on posts will not be allowed. It will be a good place for Township residents to keep up on things happening within the Township.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Email was received from Department of General Services Supplies & Surplus Operations for the state offering PPE to the Township to protect against a possible fall/winter resurgence of COVID-19 at no cost to the Township. Supervisor Major will order supplies after talking with staff. Secretary was asked to share the email with the fire companies and EMS.

CITIZEN INPUT – Bryon Sokoloski, 5 Hickory Street, was present and commented on the Township starting a Facebook page and wanted to know if Board is aware T-Mobile has offers for Township, Fire Companies and EMS employees at a discount. He will share information about the program.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:54 p.m. on Madara Jr./Madara Sr. motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary