

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - NOVEMBER 8, 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; Chief Bryon Chowka; Roadmaster Damion Beagle; 2 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of October 11, 2022 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Daubert 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 2022 3rd Quarter Investment Reports for the Ralpho Township Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans are available for review in the Township Office.
- PennDot letter received regarding micro-surface project on SR 487.
- Notice of Pennsylvania DEP Air Quality State Operating Permit Application for Clark’s Feed Mill, Inc. was received.
- Thank you was received for allowing cars to be parked in back parking lot from Marion Williams.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- none

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara Sr.

- Report was received.
- Low volume road grants were discussed.

BUILDINGS – Daubert

- Supervisor Daubert is still working on getting someone to do the carpet on the library steps.
- New phone system will be installed on Monday, November 14th.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Pickleball use of the gym was discussed. Supervisor Madara Jr. will contact the gym floor company to question types of tape, etc.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Major

- 22 permits were issued for \$5,095.50 were collected during October. 2 burn permits were issued, 31 letters of correspondence were sent and 19 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures.
- Potential zoning amendments were discussed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read.
- Madara Sr./Madara Jr. motioned to donate budgeted donation to Ralpho Fire of \$11,250 toward purchase of ladder truck. Motion carried.
- Madara Jr./Daubert motioned to donate budgeted donation to Elysburg Fire of \$17,500 toward purchase of tanker truck. Motion carried.

RECYCLING – Major

- Plastics recycling hauling was discussed

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Recycling Grant requesting the purchase of a chipper, truck and leaf collector for total of approximately \$330,000 has been applied for. The required Township funds will be approximately \$30,000.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Hearing was held. Madara Sr./Major motioned to adopt Ordinance 194 Cable TV Franchise Ordinance Update. Motion carried.
- Solicitor brought up solar ordinance that had been developed over past several months by Planning Commission and duly advertised. Hearing was held. Residents David Manney, 544 Hillside Ave and Mary Frances Helwig, 977 St. Rt 487, each asked the Solicitor questions. Daubert/Madara Sr. motioned to adopt Solar Ordinance 195. Motion carried.
- Solicitor announced that an updated Heartland Village Letter of Credit for \$210,450 was received.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Proposed Budget – Madara Sr./Major motioned to authorize advertising and posting proposed 2023 budget. Real estate taxes 7½ mills; i.e. general purposes 6¼ mills; fire protection ½ mill; equipment ½ mill and library ¼ mill; street lighting per assessment formula. General Fund anticipated receipts plus carry over from 2022 = \$2,075,830; budgeted expenditures = \$2,072,445 leaving a projected surplus of \$3,385. State Aid Fund anticipated receipts plus carry over from 2022 = \$549,896, budgeted expenditures of \$468,910 leaving a projected surplus of \$80,986.

Proposed Budget – Authorize advertising current Act 511 taxes as follows

Per Capita	\$5
Occupation	100%
Real Estate Transfer	1%
Earned Income	1%
LST	\$52 on earnings exceeding \$12,000
TV Franchise	2%
Mechanical Amusement	\$50 per machine

- Madara Sr./Major motioned to purchase \$50 gift cards to Boyer’s for employees for the holidays. Motion carried.
- Madara Sr./Madara Jr. motioned to release \$7,733 the remainder of library budgeted monies, motion carried.
- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to add an additional \$25,000 to the Police Pension and \$10,000 to the Non-Uniform Pension for the year 2022. Motion carried.

- Madara Jr./Madara Sr. motioned to approve Chairman Williams to sign Statewide Tax Recovery Collection Agreement. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

Executive session was held for personnel. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m. on Madara Jr./Daubert motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary