

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - MARCH 14, 2023
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA

Chairman Madara Jr. 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, Blaine Madara Jr. and Daniel Williams was present. 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; Linda Sterling SEDA-COG; and 2 interested citizens.

Bids for paving contract were opened, tabulated and considered (see tabulation sheet). Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to accept the apparent low bid of \$38,650 including alternate from Big Rock Paving for the Paving Contract. On the question: award is contingent upon bid meeting all legal, bonding and insurance requirements. Motion unanimously approved.

Bids for seal coat contract were opened, tabulated and considered (see tabulation sheet). Madara Sr./Williams motioned to accept the apparent low bid of \$84,322.72 including alternate from Russel Standard for the Seal Coat Contract. On the question: award is contingent upon bid meeting all legal, bonding and insurance requirements. Motion unanimously approved.

Bids for Stony Lane contract were opened, tabulated and considered (see tabulation sheet). Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to accept the apparent low bid of \$225,177.90 from New Enterprise for the Stony Lane contract. On the question: award is contingent upon bid meeting all legal, bonding and insurance requirements. Motion unanimously approved.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of February 14, 2023 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as presented on Daubert/Major motion and carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Invitation to County Maintenance Municipal Outreach Program Wednesday, April 12, 2023 from 4 to 6 p.m. was received.
- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to donate \$1,250 budget item to Ralpho Youth Sports. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Williams/Daubert motioned to grant an extension for the Gallina Land Development until July 11, 2023. Motion carried.
- Planning commission brought forward further discussion of ordinance changes regarding agratainment and also on possible flood ordinance change requirements.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Major

- Report was received.
- Major/Sr. rescinded February motion to hire Robert Fanella for part-time street crew. Motion carried.
- Municibid results for 2001 Ford F450 were read. Major/Madara Sr. motioned to accept top bid of \$10,643 from Kevin Fox from Lebanon, PA. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.

- 2 fan motors have been purchased for the gymnasium heaters and will be replaced at a later date.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Outdoor basketball backboards and hoops were discussed.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Daubert

- 6 permits were issued and \$690.04 in fees were collected during February. 29 letters of correspondence were sent, 8 permits were closed and 20 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures; etc; and 5 burn permits were issued.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read
- Chief informed the board that we were not chosen for the grant he applied for. Ralpho Township did not fit the high crime requirement of the grant.

RECYCLING – Daubert

- Supervisor Daubert is searching for a company to haul glass recycling.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Received letter of approval for discount on Township Insurance Policy for Safety Committee renewal.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Daubert/Major motioned to modify FFY-2020 CV CDBG contract by moving all unspent funding into the Ralpho Township Urgent Need PPE Activity. Motion carried.
- Major/Madara Sr. motioned to return all unallocated FFY 2020CV CDBG funding to DCED. Motion carried.
- Ralpho Township Library changed day to use of the back parking lot to Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 4 to 7 p.m. for an Anniversary Celebration.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Madara Sr./Major motioned to have chairman sign agreement with SPCA for 2023 for 43 feral cat vouchers. Motion carried.
- Northumberland County Grant opportunity was discussed. Major/Williams motioned to apply for grant funds at the discretion of Supervisor Madara Sr. and with help of Manager Springer and Secretary Debra Olson. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – Bryan Sokoloskie, 5 S. Hickory St. informed the board that he would like to organize a community clean-up of the playground area again this year.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:42 p.m. on Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

Executive session for personnel and litigation was held.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary