

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - APRIL 11, 2023**  
**Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA**

Chairman Madara Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 were 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; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin News-Item*; and 2 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of March 14, 2023 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Williams 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./Williams motion, motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Northumberland County Department of Economic Development & Planning letter was received on Act 30 being signed into law. The Act enables Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy financing (C-PACE). This act allows local governments to establish a C-PACE program to facilitate financing of clean energy and energy efficiency projects for commercial properties.
- Elysburg Fire Auxiliary request for donation to Designer Purse Bingo to be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. was received.
- PAPUC letter regarding Shamokin Valley Railroad Crossing Warning Devices was received.
- Penn Dot letter notice of planned Department Force Resurfacing of projects scheduled for the 2023 construction season. In Ralpho Township it will be a portion of State Highway 61.
- The Ralpho Township Community Development Block Grant FFY 2023 Application Preparation Schedule was received.
- An email from Matt Siko EMS Operations Manager regarding funding for adequate emergency services was received.
- A letter from the Meadowbrook Manor Homeowners Association was received regarding paving of Pocahontas Lane. Secretary and Roadmaster will reply.

**COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**PLANNING – Mark Lyash**

- Planning commission brought forward further discussion of ordinance changes regarding agratainment. More information will follow next month.

**STREET DEPARTMENT – Major**

- Report was received.
- Road Projects were bid last month. Roadmaster reported that the base repair could possibly come in as much as \$10,000 over. Penn Dot representative said that is within bid requirements.
- Major/Daubert motioned to hire Nathan Apple as full-time street department employee at \$19 per hour, effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, benefits will follow AFSCME agreement. Motion carried.
- Major/Madara Sr. motioned to have street sweeping done by R.C. Young. Motion carried.

**BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.**

- Supervisor Daubert explained to the board what needs to be done to get the new phone system up and working correctly. He will continue to follow up.

**RECREATION – Madara Jr.**

- Playground bathrooms were opened on April 4, 2023.

**ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Daubert**

- 8 permits were issued and \$615 in fees were collected during February. 29 letters of correspondence were sent, 8 permits were closed and 16 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures; etc; and 1 burn permit were issued.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams**

- Report was read
- Major/Madara Sr. rescinded prior motion to purchase Ford cruiser from Sunbury Motors because of long wait time and motioned to purchase 2023 Dodge Durango Pursuit for \$44,427, with \$13,072.64 for equipment/installation at Keystone and \$1,200 striping with The Decal Shop. Motion carried.
- Computation computer update was explained by the Chief of Police with more information to follow.

**RECYCLING – Daubert**

- Glass recycling hauler is in place.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

- Linda Sterling, from SEDA-COG, requested meeting on April 27 at 10 a.m. in the meeting room, with Manager Springer and any board members able to attend with Peters Consulting regarding the gym project for CDBG funds.
- Manager Springer will be filing another report for the ARPA funds received by the deadline of the end of April.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

- none

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

- Email was received.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Manager Springer will complete the Municipal ARPA Grant Application to Northumberland County by deadline of April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- none

**CITIZEN INPUT – none**

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:09 p.m. on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson  
Ralpho Township Secretary