

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - MAY 9, 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.

Moment of silence was held in memory of Supervisor William's wife, Valerie Williams, who passed away.

Regular meeting was stopped to hold 2023 CDBG Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m. Hearing was held. Regular meeting came back in at 6:58 p.m.

Attending were: Supervisors Blaine Madara Sr., Stephen Major and Blaine Madara Jr. were present; Supervisors Daniel Williams and Vincent Daubert were absent. Also attending were: Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Chief Bryon Chowka; Roadmaster Damion Beagle; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin News-Item*; Linda Sterling and Tonia Troup of SEDA-COG; and 6 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Melanie Fowler, 350 Turkey Hill Road, was at the meeting to voice concerns in regard to the Puff Retail Store coming in to the Old Burch Drug building.

Jack Holland 148 Pearle St was present to request speed limit sign on Pearle Street. Solicitor will look into ordinance to place a sign for 25 mph.

Minutes of April 11, 2023 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Madara Sr. motion and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as presented on Madara Sr./Major 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.

Major/Madara Sr. motioned to approve Peters Consultants invoices for engineering for \$3,547.50 for Ralpho Township Gym Renovations to be paid through CDBG funds. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- 2023 1st Quarter Investment Reports for the Ralpho Township Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans are available for review in the Township Office.
- PennDot letter regarding yearly maintenance of Traffic Signals within the Township was received.
- Email received from Melanie Fowler regarding Puff Tobacco Retailer.

**COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**PLANNING – Mark Lyash**

- Madara Sr./Major motioned to adopt resolution 2023-05 Component II Sewage Module for Neff. Motion carried.
- Major/Madara Sr. motioned to accept James Walsh Sewage Module. Motion Carried.

**STREET DEPARTMENT – Major**

- Report was received.
- Spruce Street Center Street paving project began yesterday.
- Major/Madara Sr. motioned to have Ehrlich Pest Control do Vegetation Management within the Township for \$2,697.77. Motion carried.

**BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.**

- Madara Sr./Major motioned to have Garvey’s Flooring replace the carpet on the front steps of the Ralpho Township Library for \$2,963.11. Motion carried.

**RECREATION – Madara Jr.**

- DCNR grant project is near to being ready to put out to bid

**ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Daubert**

- 14 permits were issued and \$6,752.81 in fees were collected during April. 34 letters of correspondence were sent, 17 permits were closed, 1 burn permit was issued, 1 transient merchant license was issued; and 15 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures; etc.
- Letters will be sent to homeowners in Upper Philippine Development regarding responsibility of maintaining swales on their property.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams**

- Report was read
- New cruiser should arrive in approximately 10 weeks.

**RECYCLING – Daubert**

- none

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

- none

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

- none

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

- Report was received.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Major/Madara Sr. motioned to advertise for bid the CDBG Ralpho Township Gym Handicapped Accessibility Up-Grades. Motion carried. Bid will be received prior to June meeting.
- Madara Sr./Major motioned to use the final ARPA payment of \$219,626.41 for revenue replacement. Motion carried. (Total ARPA funds received \$439,192.02)

**CITIZEN INPUT – none**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson  
Ralpho Township Secretary