

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - JUNE 13, 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., Stephen Major, Blaine Madara Jr., Daniel Williams and Vincent Daubert were present. Also attending were: Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Manager Joseph Springer; Chief Bryon Chowka; Roadmaster Damion Beagle; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin News-Item*; Linda Sterling and Tonia Troup of SEDA-COG; and 2 interested citizens.

Tonia Troup, SEDA-COG, reviewed remaining funds from 2019 through 2022 and the 2023 funds. Madara Sr./Williams motioned to choose half of the 2023 funds for RAB Township Gym Project Phase 2 and half of the 2023 funds for Code Enforcement/Housing Rehab, motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of May 9, 2023 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Major motion and carried.

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

Bills were approved as presented for payment, with the condition of new Tammy Krankoskie sewage plan being approved by all necessary agents and recorded at Northumberland County prior to releasing the check; including those bills paid between meetings on a Major/Williams motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 2022 Formal Financial Statements for both the Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans are available in the Township Office.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Agra-tainment will be discussed at July meeting after review at Planning Commission.
- Madara Sr./Major motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-06 James Walsh Sewage Planning Module. Motion Carried.
- Daubert/Madara Jr. motioned to give 180-day extension to Gallina Land Development. Motion carried.
- Madara Sr./Major motioned to table the adoption of Resolution 2023-07 Gallina Land Development Sewage Planning Module until the Board gets more information. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Madara Sr. motioned to give 180-day extension to Heath Major Subdivision. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Major

- Report was received.
- Major/Williams motioned to replace guide rail on Spruce Street with William Ore and Sons for \$15,956. Motion carried. Mailboxes in that area will need to be moved. Roadmaster and Supervisor major will look into this further.

- Supervisor Major gave an update on a meeting held on June 12 for multi-municipal/pedestrian friendly route. More information to follow in July or August.

BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.

- Madara Sr./Major motioned to advertise fuel bid, with bids being opened at July meeting. Motion carried.
- Library will be using the gym for their anniversary celebration on June 24th in case of inclement weather.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Supervisor Madara Jr. will be looking into handicapped playground swing donation request further.
- Tennis and Pickle Ball lines will be painted on current tennis courts in the next few months.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Daubert

- 15 permits were issued and \$1,460.55 in fees were collected during May. \$150 in campground fees were collected. 36 letters of correspondence were sent, 8 permits were closed; and 20 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures; etc.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read

RECYCLING – Daubert

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- none

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Madara Jr./Major motioned to have solicitor advertise Ordinance for speed limit on Pearle Street. Motion carried.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Major/Daubert motioned to accept Municipal ARPA Grant from Northumberland County and approval for Manager to sign required agreement and put the projects out to bid when ready. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Daubert/Major motioned to approve moving \$8,026.19 in FFY 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding from West Center Street Flood Mitigation and into the RAB, Township Gym project. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Major reported on Holiday Lights. Letters will be sent to current sponsors of first light purchase to see if they would like to renew their sponsorship.

- Madara Jr./Madara Sr. motioned to give \$25 donation to Ralpho Township Public Library in memory of Valerie Williams. Motion carried with Williams abstaining. Supervisor Williams thanked the Township for the support during this time for him and his son Caleb.

CITIZEN INPUT – Bryan Sokoloskie, 5 S Hickory Street, asked if “Do Not Block Intersection” signs could be put up for weekend traffic.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:36 p.m. on Madara Sr./Williams motion and carried.

Executive Session was held for personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary