

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - AUGUST 8, 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., 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; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Chief Bryon Chowka; Roadmaster Damion Beagle; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin News-Item*; and 3 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of July 11, 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, including those bills paid between meetings on a Madara Sr./Major motion, motion carried unanimously.

Williams/Madara Sr. motioned to authorize payment of News-Item Invoice for Ralpho Township Gym Renovations Project to be paid with CDBG funds. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Capital Projects Broadband Project Notification letter was received. Chairman will sign notification that the Township has received the notification.
- Superior Plus Propane Annual Notification Shamokin Bulk Plant was received. Secretary will forward to the fire companies.
- Reidinger Trucking notice and thank you were received. Gary Reidinger has sold his business to Ken Snyder Inc. Gary thanks us for our past and continued business.
- Casella welcome letter was received. They have purchased GLF (County Recycling) who haul the plastic recycling for the Township.
- 2023 2nd Quarter Investment Reports for the Ralpho Township Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans are available for review in the Township Office.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Agra-tainment ordinance was discussed and will be sent for review by County Planning Commission.
- Major/Daubert motioned to accept the recommendation of the planning commission and accept Charles & Lori Neff Minor Subdivision. Motion carried.
- Major/Madara Sr. motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-09 Charles & Lori Neff Development Sewage Planning Module. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Major

- Report was received.
- Major/Daubert motioned to terminate the probationary employment of Nathan Apple effective August 4, 2023. Motion carried.

- More information regarding multi-municipal/pedestrian friendly route project will be brought to meeting when received.
- Major/Madara Sr. motioned to order equipment with monies from the 902 Leaf Collection/Recycling Grant contingent upon vendor proof of Costars Account # on quotes: 2023 F-600 Chassis 4x4 from Sunbury motors for purchase price of \$71,050; Intimidator 12XP (12" Drum Style) for purchase price of \$70,547.60 and LCT Tow-Behind Debris & Leaf Loader from The ODB Company for purchase price of \$117,730 from Stephenson Equipment, Inc. All items are through the Costars Program. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.

- Bids were opened. Major/Madara Sr. to accept bid of \$66,980 from Jack Anderson Contracting Inc. for the Municipal Building exterior refinishing contingent upon bid meeting all legal, bonding and insurance requirements. Motion carried.
- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to authorize advertisement for bids for police station improvements. Motion carried with bids being opened at the September meeting.
- Library steps carpet will be removed and redone by Garvey.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Madara Jr./Daubert motioned to replace 2 backboards for outside basketball court from George Ely Associates, Inc. for \$1,920, including shipping. Motion carried.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Daubert

- 11 permits were issued and \$1,255.82 in fees were collected during July. \$2,700 in mechanical amusement license fees were collected. 35 letters of correspondence were sent, 7 permits were closed; 1 burn permit was issued; and 17 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures; etc.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read
- Williams/Madara Sr. motioned to hire David Kistner as a part-time police officer at \$20 per hour. Motion carried.
- Computation Server Backup Services were discussed. Charges will now be \$125 per month.
- Supervisor Madara thanked the police, street department and both fire companies for a very successful National Night Out and also stated that next year they hope to move the event to All Home Days.

RECYCLING – Daubert

- none

MANAGER'S REPORT

- County ARPA funds for the building resurfacing and police station improvements were received in the amount of \$49,948.50.
- Peters Consultants have been in contact and will be able to put CDBG project out to bid and will have bid tabulation at September meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Report was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Holiday Light sponsorships will be followed up on at September meeting after further mailings.

NEW BUSINESS:

- none

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:07 p.m. on Williams/Madara Jr. motion and carried.

Executive Session was held for personnel

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary