

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - SEPTEMBER 12, 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; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Chief Bryon Chowka; Roadmaster Damion Beagle; Josh Hoagland Crossroads Group; Ron Bittner and Barry Keck Girard Pension Services; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin News-Item*; Drew Munich *Press Enterprise*; and 3 interested citizens.

Ron Bittner and Barry Keck of Girard Pension Investments were present to give an overview of the Police and Non-Uniform pension plans.

Bids were opened today at 11:00 a.m. by Peters Consultants Inc. for the Ralpho Township Gym Renovation Project through CDBG funds. Madara Jr./Daubert motioned to accept the apparent low bid of \$62,443 from H&P Construction contingent upon SEDA-COG review and approval. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of August 8, 2023 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Williams 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 Williams/Daubert motion, motion carried unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you was received from Linda Persing for all the road crew and Charlie from recycling do for the Township. She very much appreciates the great work they do.
- Thank you received from Supervisor Williams for donation to the Ralpho Township Public Library in memory of his wife Valerie Williams.
- 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 reviewed and discussed, will advertise and have public hearing at November meeting.
- Daubert/Madara Jr. motioned to approve Paula Volciak and Dinse Nolan Sewage Planning Module. Motion carried.
- Madara Jr./Major motioned to approve water main supply system waiver for Heath Subdivision on Southview Drive. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Major

- Report was received.
- More information regarding multi-municipal/pedestrian friendly route project will be brought to meeting when received.
- Major/Daubert motioned to hire Denton Kosmer for full-time street department position effective September 25th, at \$20/hour with benefits per the AFSCME Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
- Major/Madara Sr. motioned to order dump body for F-600 truck from Bradco Supply through Costars Contract for \$44,477.79, using monies from the 902 Leaf Collection/Recycling Grant Motion carried.
- Madara Sr./Major motioned to purchase hydraulic conveyer spreader from Bradco Supply Company for \$11,796.75. Motion carried.
- Major/Madara Jr. motioned to add line painting discussion to the agenda to get line painting done prior to winter. Motion carried.
- Major/Daubert motioned to have Alpha Space do double-line painting on East Center, Quarry Road and Lindy Acres for quote of \$5,544. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.

- Bids were opened for Police Station Improvements. Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to accept apparent low bid of \$41,390 from H&P Construction Inc. Motion carried
- Library steps carpet has been redone by Garvey. Library will reimburse Township \$1,000 for the project.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Baseball field dugout roofs were discussed. Madara Sr./Major motioned to spend up to \$4,250 to replace roofs and to ask Knoebel Lumber if they can help with any donation of supplies. Motion carried.
- Basketball backboards should both be installed soon.
- DCNR project should go out to bid in November.

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.
- Robert Meredith did not attend meeting so Public Nuisance Hearing was not held.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read
- New cruiser is set up to be shipped September 28th.

RECYCLING – Daubert

- none

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Employee Group Health Insurance Renewal was approved with Geisinger. Premium will be 3.1% less for the upcoming year. Madara Sr./Williams motioned; motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Update was received via email.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Holiday Light sponsorships were discussed. Supervisor Major will post on Facebook that we have a few light sponsorships available.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Madara Sr./Madara Jr. motioned to hold Trick or Treat Night on Tuesday, October 31st from 5 to 8 p.m. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – Meghan Beck was present to inform the Board of Supervisors she is running for County Commissioner and that she is available if they want to discuss needs of the Township.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:26 p.m. on Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary