

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - APRIL 9, 2024
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA

Executive Session was held for possible litigation after the March 12, 2024 meeting.

Executive Session was held prior to the meeting for personnel.

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, Daniel Williams and Blaine Madara Jr. Also attending were: Township Manager Joseph Springer, Township Solicitor Todd Kerstetter; Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Chief Bryon Chowka; and Roadmaster Damion Beagle; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin News-Item*; Tonia Troup from SEDA-COG; and 1 interested citizen.

Meeting was postponed at 6:33 p.m. and a hearing for CDBG FFY 2024 was held. Regular meeting came back in at 6:50 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

Minutes of March 12, 2024 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/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 regular on a Major/Daubert motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- PSATS 2024 Proposed Resolutions and Nominations Report was received.
- KPI Technology letter for Shamokin Coal Township Joint Sewer Authority to apply for Joint Permit for PA Chapter 105 Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit and US Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Permit was received.
- Letter received from Ralpho Township Library informing the Board that they have submitted the grant application for the expansion and enhancement of the Library. They also are asking for letters of support from the community.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Daubert/Madara Sr. motioned to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the 3-Ponds Golf Course Land Development Plan. Motion carried with Williams abstaining.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Major

- Report was received.
- Supervisor Major gave more information on Co-op student program. At this point this is not feasible.

- Major/Williams motioned to donate \$7,500 to Elysburg Fire Company for apron/Mill Street paving project. Motion carried.
- Roadmaster shared information for Hower Road Project and that he applied for County Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Maintenance Project Grant. He plans to use millings from this year's paving on Hower Road.

BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.

- Madara Jr./Williams motioned to have all 3 trees in front lawn of municipal building removed by Zeigert's Tree Removal at a price of \$2,400. Motion carried.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Playground mulch will be put down tomorrow in the playground.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Daubert

- 8 permits were issued and \$1,658.91 fees were collected during March. 1 Transient Merchants License was issued for \$25. 2 burning permits were issued. 32 letters of correspondence were sent; 17 permits were closed; and, 16 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

- Hydradig loan is approved and will be handled when ready for delivery.
- Payment requests for leaf vac, chipper and truck through the 902 Recycling Grant will be reimbursed soon.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Report was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Major/Daubert motioned to appoint Timothy Benner to ZHB Member for 3-year term. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Major/Williams motioned to adopt resolution 2024-05 Journey Bank Government Entity Certification. Motion carried. Documents for new type of accounts were also signed.
- Madara Jr./Major motioned to add Substantial Completion of CDBG Gym project to agenda. Motion carried.
- Williams/Madara Sr. motioned to have Chairman sign substantial completion form for Gym CDBG project. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:24 p.m. on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary