

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - JULY 9, 2024
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., 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*; and 1 interested citizen.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of June 11, 2024 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Major 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 Williams/Major motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- none

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Williams/Daubert motioned to give 180-day extension to C&G Land Development. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Major

- Report was received.
- Berks Road project was discussed. Major/Madara Sr. motioned to have solicitor and Roadmaster work together to do an indemnification agreement with homeowner near project regarding dirt from digging project. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Major spoke with Ted Deptula from PennDOT, he explained that they want the project to start to replace bridge near Kaminski Auto 2 weeks early. PennDOT does plan to increase signage for the project for safety concerns, they would also like to stop left turns onto Hillside Avenue from Hwy 54 during the temporary roadway use.
- Discussion took place on West Center Street being narrower on lower part of the street because of parking on one side.
- Discussion took place to add plow and spreader to truck purchased with 904 Recycling Grant. Further discussion next meeting.

BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.

- Major/Daubert motioned to approve change order for \$2,900 additional for paint around gym windows for Northumberland County ARPA Grant Municipal Building Resurfacing Project. Motion carried.
- Williams/Madara Sr. motioned to accept fuel bid from Miller Gas & Oil for \$.35 handling charge bid price per gallon amount over cost on day of delivery. Motion carried with Daubert abstaining.
- Discussion took place on bathroom floors and gym floor.
- Supervisor Madara Sr. worked on the light on the front of the Municipal Building and it is ready for painting.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- none

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Daubert

- 15 permits were issued and \$7,275 in fees were collected during June. 40 letters of correspondence were sent; 24 permits were closed; and, 29 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

- none

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was not received.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Madara Sr./Major motioned rescind motion to switch to Keystone Collections Group for Delinquent Per Capita and Occupation Taxes starting with 2024 delinquents from last month. Motion carried.
- Further discussion took place on land that is owned by the Township on Penn Avenue.
- Supervisor Madara Jr. gave overview on Airiam as an IT provider. Proposal was given to the Township prior to the meeting. Will ask for rep to be present at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Community Group having music in the playground was discussed. Major/Daubert motioned to authorize program with Supervisor Madara Jr. as liaison with group. Motion carried.
- Madara Sr./Williams motioned to waive permit fee for food trucks for National Night out on August 6th and also on the 1st for a fundraiser to help defray the costs of National Night Out. Motion carried. Zoning officer will issue permit with required information.
- Ralpho Township Library will have another outdoor movie night on Friday, July 12th.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:14 p.m. on Willimas/Daubert motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary