

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - AUGUST 13, 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; Isabella Bridy *Press Enterprise*; Ty Hoban Airiam; and 1 interested citizen.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of July 9, 2024 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Williams/Major motion and carried.

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

Bills were approved as presented for payment, including those bills paid between regular on a Major/Daubert motion, motion carried unanimously.

- Williams/Madara Sr. motioned to approve payment to Peters Consultants, Inc. for engineering on Ralpho Township Gym ADA Restroom Renovation with CDBG Funds. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Elysburg Firemen's Relief Association audit for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023 was received and is in the office for review.

Ty Hoban from Airiam IT Services was present to answer questions. Major/Williams motioned to authorize Chairman to sign agreed upon 1-year contract with Airiam for monthly fee of \$1,807.84 with initial one time on-boarding price of \$2,500, after Solicitor and Manager review. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- none

STREET DEPARTMENT – Major

- Report was received.
- Major/Madara Sr. motioned to authorize Roadmaster to review quotes on plow and spreader for Ford F600 and get it ordered. Motion carried.
- Further 902 Recycling Grant reimbursement will be forthcoming.

BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.

- Supervisor Madara Sr. will get electrician to replace the lights in the Supervisor's Back Office with LED Lights.
- Municipal Building resurfacing/painting will be starting Monday, August 19th.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Madara Jr./Major motioned to have Secretary send a letter to allow Faith & Friends Preschool from Presbyterian Church to use the police lobby for emergency evacuation. Motion carried.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Daubert

- 7 permits were issued and \$2,310.07 in fees were collected during July. \$2,700 was collected for mechanical amusement device licenses. 44 letters of correspondence were sent; 20 permits were closed; and, 34 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures, etc.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read.
- Madara Sr./Williams motioned to waive permit fee for food truck for a fundraiser August 31st to help defray the costs of National Night Out. Motion carried. Zoning officer will issue permit with required information.
- Major/Williams motioned to have Pension Plan Administrator sign DROP Retirement paperwork for Chief Chowka. Motion carried.
- Chief Chowka spoke of the National Night Out event held on Tuesday, August 6th. Thanks to the following businesses for support: Knoebel's, Elysburg Burger King, Elysburg McDonalds, Toy Factory, All Home Days; and, also to the Board of Supervisors for allowing him to budget for items purchased for the event.

RECYCLING – Daubert

- none

MANAGER'S REPORT

- DCNR Recycling Grant paperwork will be signed by Solicitor and sent to Engineer Wednesday. Next step is putting the project out to bid.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Report was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- none

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:17 p.m. on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary