

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - OCTOBER 8, 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 Madra Sr., Vincent Daubert, Stephen Major, Daniel Williams and Blaine Madara Jr. Also attending were: Township Solicitor Todd Kerstetter; Township Manager Joseph Springer; Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Chief Bryon Chowka; and Roadmaster Damion Beagle; Isabella Bridy *Press Enterprise*; Ron Bittner Girard Pension Service; and 6 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – *none*

Minutes of September 10, 2024 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Daubert 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.

Ron Bittner Girard Pension Services gave an overview on the Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans

CORRESPONDENCE

- Northumberland County Association of Township Officers Annual Banquet will be held on October 31, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.
- Email received from Senator Lynda Schlegel Culver's Office looking for specific areas that her office can provide assistance to the Township.
- Letter received from Girard Pension Services in regard to Ron Bittner, Manager Director's, retirement April 2025.
- Email received from Service Electric Cablevision regarding customer rate adjustments for the residents of Ralpho Township.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- none

STREET DEPARTMENT – Major

- Report was received.

BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.

- Municipal Building resurfacing project is complete and invoices will be on the agenda for payment next month.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Madara Jr./Major motioned to change hourly gym rent to \$15 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Daubert

- 7 permits were issued and \$688.99 in fees were collected during September. 40 letters of correspondence were sent; 18 permits were closed; and, 28 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures, etc.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read.
- Discussed allowing Street Department to drive Fire Company apparatus during the work day with further discussion to follow.

RECYCLING – Daubert

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Major/Madara Sr. motioned to change Employee Health Insurance to Geisinger All-Access Extra PPO effective 11/1/2024; and, to allow Manager to sign necessary documents. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Approximately 5 snowflake light sponsorships are available, Supervisor Major will post to social media.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Madara Sr./Williams motioned to have solicitor update Right to Know Policy per resolution for next month’s meeting. Motion carried.
- Major/Williams motioned to authorize Chairman to sign Federal Surplus Renewal Application. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – Shane Hogencamp, 168 W Center Street; Dave Knoebel, 186 W Center Street; Shelby Snyder and Matt Snyder, 176 W Center Street; and Johnathan Williams, 164 W Center Street, were all present to share their opinion on the presence of illegal livestock in a Village Center Zone; which are only allowed within an Agricultural/Forest District Zone within the Township.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:28 p.m. on Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary