

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - APRIL 14, 2026
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA

Chairman Major 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, Vincent Daubert, Stephen Major, Daniel Williams and Justin Leffer. Also attending were: Township Manager Joseph Springer, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Chief Bryon Chowka; and Roadmaster Damion Beagle; and, Joe Sylvester Shamokin News-Item, no citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of March 10 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT was accepted as presented on Daubert/Madara motion and carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Penn-Dot proposed Bridge Preservation Overlay Projects letter was received.
- Penn-Dot Department of Force Project Municipal Notification was received.
- Email from Clint Herr, Ralpho Fire Company, regarding purchasing a new tanker for Ralpho Fire Company was received.
- Notice of DEP Air Permit Renewal Application for Great Dane, LLC was received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Williams/Daubert motioned to approve Witcoski sewage planning module. Motion carried.
- Williams/Daubert motioned to approve Berkheiser sewage planning module. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Major motioned to follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve Travis A. & Debbie K. Bremigen Add-On Subdivision. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara

- Report was received.
- Madara/Daubert motioned to approve purchasing a 6’x10’ steel trench plate for \$2,000 from Bradco. Motion carried.
- Madara/Williams motioned to replace fuel tank on 2008 F550 by Snyder’s One Stop for \$1,020. Motion carried.
- Meckley’s escalation clause was received for All Saints. Project was completed today.

BUILDINGS – Daubert

- none

RECREATION – Leffler

- Leffler/Madara motioned to purchase 2 tennis court nets from Holabird Sports for \$669.90. Motion carried.
- Playground DCNR grant project was discussed. HPIC plans to start the project next week.
- Supervisor Leffler will look into volleyball net replacement.

- Discussion also took place about possible seeding of baseball field near municipal building in the fall.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Major

- 8 permits were issued and \$813.00 fees were collected during March. 42 letters of correspondence were sent; 1 permit was closed; and 30 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures, etc.
- Door to Door Solicitation was discussed. The board will have the Planning Commission give recommendations on the matter.
- Policy for fundraiser food trucks in the Municipal Lot was discussed. Major/Daubert motioned to authorize fire companies to host food trucks in the municipal parking lot for fundraising pending official request to the Township and vendor liability insurance received. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Major

- Report was read
- Supervisor Williams explained more on the Ralpho Fire purchase of new tanker. Proposed price is \$685,000 with a 2-year turn-around, old tanker will be sold when new truck is in place.

RECYCLING – Williams

- Quote for updating cameras at recycling was tabled. Chief Chowka and Roadmaster Beagle will bring update next month.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Electric supplier contract will re-new soon, Manager will bring numbers next month.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Report was received.
- Supervisor Daubert thanked KPI for service we are getting, the Planning Commission really appreciates when they are present with new land development or subdivision plans.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Madara/Williams motioned to accept 2025 Audit and DCED report as presented by auditing firm Wagner, Dreese, Elsasser & Associates, P.C. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:21 p.m. on Williams/Madara motion and carried.

Executive Session was held for possible litigation

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary