

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - JULY 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 Leffler. Also attending were: Township Manager Joseph Springer, Todd Kerstetter Solicitor; Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Chief Bryon Chowka; and Roadmaster Damion Beagle; Tonia Troup SEDA-COG; and 3 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Jeff Swank, 269 E Center St, Elysburg, was present and asked the board for approval to allow a cat to be homed from the local Sunoco to the Township Maintenance Shed because of new ownership at the gas station. Item was not on the agenda so will be discussed at August meeting.

Tonia Troup, SEDA-COG, was present to help the Board choose projects for CDBG FDFY 2026 Funds.

Madara/Daubert motioned to approve allocation of \$95,492 of FFY 2026 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement funding as follows: Housing Rehabilitation \$54,840, Demolition \$23,502 and administration of \$17,150. Motion carried.

Minutes of June 9 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 Williams/Major motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- none

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Madara/Williams motioned to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Northumberland County Airport Land Development Plan. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara

- Report was received.
- Hydradig is down for repairs and will be covered by warranty.

BUILDINGS – Daubert

- Library roof repairs will be discussed further in August.
- Daubert/Williams motioned to advertise for fuel bid; with bid being awarded at August meeting. Motion carried.
- A meeting will be held with a Library Representative, Township Representative, Code Officer, Engineer Firm for the library, HPCI and Tri-County COG to try and help the building Project at the Library move forward.

RECREATION – Leffler

- Leffler/Madara motioned to accept Payment Application #2 and #3 for the DCNR Playground Project. Motion carried.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Major

- 15 permits were issued and \$5,848.50 fees were collected during June. 40 letters of correspondence were sent; and 33 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures, etc.
- FIRM (Flood Insurance Rate Maps) were received.
- Madara/Major motioned to have Chairman sign document that we are aware they have added Lawrence Wade 3rd as an approved Building Code Official at Tri-County COG. Motion carried.
- Major/Leffer motioned to waive zoning permit fee for Ralpho Township Public Library project. Motion carried.
- Model Flood Plain Ordinance will be sent to Planning Commission for review and then present to the Board of Supervisors in the future.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read

RECYCLING – Williams

- Quote for updating cameras at recycling and playground were discussed further. Supervisor Leffler will meet with IT company, Chief Chowka and Roadmaster Beagle prior to next meeting.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- The PennDot loan account has \$34,068.04 Balance remaining after Bear Hollow Project summer of 2025. Manager recommends that be returned and taken off balance of the loan.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Madara/Williams motioned to have Chairman sign agreement with Friends & Ferals for feral cat voucher program and to terminate agreement with TNR/PA-SPCA. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- MART Capacity update was given by Supervisor Major. There is currently a company Red Zone Robotics checking all sewer lines in the Township.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:23 p.m. on Willimas/Daubert motion and carried.

Executive Session was held for personnel

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary