

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AUGUST 11, 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; and 2 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of July 14 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 Daubert/Leffler motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Penn Dot letter for yearly maintenance of Traffic Signals was received. Annual maintenance will take place prior to end of year. Supervisor Major asked Chief Chowka to look into possible amber light being out at the intersection.
- Letter received from Jacqueline Valania, Illumination Station, requested putting a kindness rock garden in the playground. Chairman asked Code Officer Lyash to look into a possible place in the playground and to follow up.
- Liquid Fuels Compliance Audit for January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 was received with no findings.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Madara/Daubert motioned to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Berkheiser Major Subdivision. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara

- Report was received.
- Intersection Line Painting was discussed. Tabled until Roadmaster can speak to PennDot in regard to possible resurfacing of the area. Madara/Williams motioned to paint double yellow lines on Hillside Avenue with DE Gemmil for a price of \$3,372.60. Motion carried.
- Madara/Major motioned to accept Memorandum of Agreement Contract Extension with AFSCME Union. Motion carried.
- Clark Road Dirt Gravel Road Grant will be discussed further at September meeting.

BUILDINGS – Daubert

- Library roof repairs will be tabled until next month.
- Williams/Madara motioned to accept fuel bid from Miller Gas & Oil for \$.38 handling charge bid price per gallon amount over cost on day of delivery. Motion carried with Daubert abstaining.

RECREATION – Leffler

- none

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Major

- 17 permits were issued and \$1,014.05 fees were collected during July. 40 letters of correspondence were sent; and 29 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures, etc.
- Ordinance review of Transient Merchants License was discussed further. A No-Knock list for the Township was discussed. To be discussed further next month.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read
- Thank you was received from Chief Chowka for the support for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4th, thanking the Township and others in the community for helping with the event.
- Supervisor Madara and Williams thanked the police force for continued excellent coverage within the Township.

RECYCLING – Williams

- Madara/Williams motioned to install surveillance cameras and equipment at recycling, playground and baseball field from American Computer Associates for a total price of \$12,367. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- The PennDot loan account has \$34,068.04 balance remaining after Bear Hollow Project summer of 2025. Daubert/Madara motioned to return the balance which will be taken off balance of the loan. motion carried.
- DCNR Playground Grant has been closed out with remaining funds to be received by the Township in the next few weeks. Manager/Solicitor will check with owner of land behind the bank building to see if they are still interested in working with the Township.
- Ordinance Book update will be looked at for budget session.

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 7:09 p.m. on Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

Executive Session was held for personnel and possible litigation

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary