

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 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 4 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Mr. & Mrs. Phillips, 9 Fayette St, Shamokin, were present to ask that a sign be put up to welcome people to Sunnyside. Roadmaster will check with PennDot regarding this matter. They also asked about speeding traffic in their neighborhood and what could be done. Chief Chowka responded that the speed sign was present in the area as well as PennDot's speed sign and the speed was not considered excessive.

Minutes of August 11 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, with exception of check for American Computer Associates being retained pending clarity on the cameras recently installed on a Madara/Daubert motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- KPI Technology letter informing the Township of Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township Water Quality Management Part II Permit was received.
- PennDot letter proposed project on State Rt 54 was received.
- PennDot letter proposed project on State Rt 487 was received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Madara/Williams motioned to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Northumberland County Airport Land Development. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Leffer motioned to return \$674.25 remaining escrow balance for Berkheiser Subdivision; and, to return \$2,062 remaining escrow balance for Berks Homes-Circle View Minor Subdivision. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara

- Report was received.
- Clark Road Dirt Gravel Road Grant will be discussed further.
- Heartland Development paving was discussed at a site meeting with KPI, Roadmaster, Code Officer and representative from Heartland Development. Core drilling, etc. will be part of further discussion.
- Madara/Daubert motioned to have Dave Gutelius, Inc. repair intersection of Roadarmel Lane and Bottle Drive for estimated price of \$11,340, contingent on work being complete by October 31, 2026. Motion carried.
- Mower is repaired and will be back tomorrow, road crew will start to mow intersections, etc.

BUILDINGS – Daubert

- Madara/Daubert motioned to replace library roof with Budget Roofing for quote of \$78,132 through COSTARS. Motion carried.

RECREATION – Leffler

- Gym time and rent were discussed. This topic will be discussed further in October.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Major

- 14 permits were issued and \$4,505.94 fees were collected during August. 48 letters of correspondence were sent; and 32 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures, etc. 16 permits were closed; and 38 transient merchant licenses were permitted.
- Ordinance review of Transient Merchants License and No-Knock list will continued to be discussed further.
- Flood Plain Ordinance was discussed. Madara/Leffler motioned to have solicitor update ordinance and send to Planning Commission with hearing for adoption at November meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read

RECYCLING – Williams

- Cameras have been installed at Recycling. Roadmaster is going to speak to vendor about clarity of the cameras.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- The PennDot loan account has \$34,068.04 balance remaining after Bear Hollow Project summer of 2025. Daubert/Madara motioned to rescind August motion to return the balance, Manager found that it will be easier to use that remaining balance when 1st payment is due in January.
- Major/Williams motioned to renew Employee Health Insurance with Geisinger Health Plan with a 13% increase in premium. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Williams/Daubert motioned to adopt the 2027 MMO’s. Motion carried.
- Madara/Madara motioned for Trick or Treating in the Township will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 31.
- Madara/Major motioned to allow Ralpho Township Public Library to use small area in back parking lot on September 23 from 10 to 11 am.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 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