MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OCTOBER 13, 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; Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Chief Bryon Chowka; and Roadmaster Damion Beagle; Derrick Backer Sunbury Municipal Authority; and 1 interested citizen.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of September 8 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Williams 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, and to release check for American Computer Associates being retained from prior month on a Williams/Leffler motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- none

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Madara/Daubert motioned to adopt resolution 2026-05 Berks Homes-Circle View Subdivision Component III Sewage Module. Motion carried.
- Madara/Daubert motioned to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to reject Gallina Land Development Plan. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara

- Report was received.
- Clark Road Dirt Gravel Road Grant will be submitted this week.
- Major/Madara motioned to purchase Buffalo Cyclone Blower from LandPro Equipment for $9,600 using State Aid Equipment funds. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Daubert

- Madara/Roadmaster Beagle are going to contact vendor about removing sewer trap when the library is connected to the new addition at the library to help with bathroom backups.

RECREATION – Leffler

- Madara/Williams motioned to raise gym rent to $20 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Major

- 10 permits were issued and $3,489.63 fees were collected during September. 35 letters of correspondence were sent; and 33 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures, etc. 4 permits were closed; and 6 transient merchant licenses were permitted.
- Leffler/Madara motioned to authorize advertisement of floodplain ordinance amendment with hearing being held at November meeting. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read
- Chief Chowka gave an update on traffic on Mountain Road/State Route 220. Data does not support any changes at this time.

RECYCLING – Williams

- Williams/Daubert motioned to make an agreement with Sunbury Municipal Authority for plastic recycling to be picked up for $120 per load, all inclusive rate includes collection and transportation of the plastics as well as the use of dumpster. Motion carried.
- Cameras have been installed at Recycling. Supervisor Williams gave an update on cameras that have been installed and those that still need to be installed in the playground. Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Leffler, Roadmaster Beagle and Chief Chowka will bring recommendations to next meeting with changes to original plan.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Major/Madara motioned to ratify sending letter prior to short deadline in September supporting Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant to help fund the slide stabilization project on PA 54 just outside of Mount Carmel Township. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Report was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Notice was received that the tank at All Home Days needs some restoration. Secretary will send letter to US Army Donations Program and Heraldry asking for a copy of the Conditional Deed of Gift Agreement.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:07 p.m. on Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

Executive session was held for personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary