

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - October 12, 2021
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 Stephen Major, Blaine Madara Sr., Vincent Daubert, and Blaine Madara Jr.; Supervisor Daniel Williams was absent. Also attending were: Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Engineer Brad Aurand; Chief Bryon Chowka; Assistant Manager Mark Lyash; Roadmaster Damion Beagle; and 7 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Elaine Foster, 401 Overlook Blvd, requested update on tree situation in Overlook. Cheryl Waugh, 439 Overlook Blvd, requested information on the burning ordinance in Ralpho Township. She was instructed to call the police station or 911 if she thinks someone is not following the burn ordinance restrictions.

Rick Lavella, 135 Butternut Lane; Bryant Farrence, 335 Hemlock Lane; and Bill Richie, 330 Hemlock Lane; were present to ask for follow up on last month's meeting discussion of the Pine Brook Phase II drainage issues. Engineer Brad Aurand and Assistant Manager Mark Lyash walked the development and reviewed the original plans from 1989. Engineer Aurand gave a presentation with photos, etc. to help explain what was on the original plans and what he feels is happening now. Madara Sr./Madara Jr. motioned to give the engineer permission to contact DEP to explain what he thinks is happening with stream water getting into the swale and then into the stormwater basin; and, to remove a small metal plate from within the drainage pipe in the basin as well. Motion carried.

Minutes of September 14, 2021 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Madara Jr./Daubert motion and carried.

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

Bills were approved as presented for payment, including those bills paid between meetings on a Madara Jr./Madara Sr. Motion carried unanimously.

Major/Daubert motioned to approve invoice submitted for payment from Shamokin News-Item for the Center Street Flood Mitigation Project for payment through CDBG funds. Motion carried with Madara Sr. abstaining and on the advice of counsel Madara Jr. voting to break the tie.

CORRESPONDENCE

- DEP General Plan Approval and/or General Operating Permit Application Notice for Corson Quarries – Bear Gap Stone Division was received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Major/Madara Jr. motioned to give Damage Inc. Land Development, Gallina Land Development and Health Major Subdivision extensions until January 11, 2022. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Madara Sr. motioned to approve signing Clark Subdivision Sewage Planning Module. Motion carried.
- Madara Jr./Daubert motioned to adopt Resolution #2021-06 for Hoagland Sewage Planning Module. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Daubert

- Report was received.
- 20 Horizon Drive drainage concern was discussed. Roadmaster will follow up at future meeting.
- 2019 Ford Super Duty was damaged. Total repair is \$2,811 with \$1,000 deductible.

BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.

- Road crew fixed gym roof where flashing was allowing a leak.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Madara Jr./Daubert motioned to have Best Cleaners clean the carpets and floors in the office area and the gymnasium bathrooms and locker rooms for \$1,685. Motion carried.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Major

- 9 permits were issued and \$3,633.50 in fees were collected during September; 31 letters of correspondence were sent; 52 permits were closed; 16 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping, dangerous structures, etc.
- Pine Brook Phase 2 drainage was discussed earlier in meeting under citizen input.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read.
- Security upgrade was discussed. Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to have Chief sign agreement for upgrade on 10 police computers and office desktop. Motion carried.

RECYCLING –Major

- Aluminum container was discussed. Roadmaster will call Jeff’s and ask them to go ahead and remove bottom portions of partitions in the container to make it easier to empty completely.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Manager reported via text that he has learned that we can possibly use approximately \$140,000 of the ARPA monies for lost revenue in the last year. He will update further as more guidelines come out.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.
- Major/Daubert motioned to add Center Street Flood Mitigation bid award to the agenda because it was erroneously left off. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Major motioned to award Center Street Flood Mitigation project to Mitchell Knorr Contracting for a \$86,945. Motion carried with Madara Sr. abstaining and on the advice of counsel Madara Jr. voting to break the tie.
- Engineer Aurand asked the board for ideas on who to invite to meeting for Recreation planning. Board said they would like someone from planning invited along with a few youth sports representatives.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Supervisors Major and Madara Jr. will look further into purchasing a color printer for the office in the next couple of weeks.

- Community Christmas tree lighting will take place by the Knight's of Columbus and Santa's mailbox will be set up in the same area.
- Supervisor Major thanked Debi Olson, secretary, for her work with the new Township Newsletter and feels it is being very well accepted by the community.

NEW BUSINESS:

- none

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:03 p.m. on, Daubert/Madara Sr. motion and carried.

Executive session was held for personnel and possible litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary