

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - MAY 4, 2024
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA

Chairman Madara Jr. 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 Sr., Vincent Daubert, Stephen Major, Daniel Williams and Blaine Madara Jr. Also attending were: Township Manager Joseph Springer, Township Solicitor Todd Kerstetter; Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Chief Bryon Chowka; and Roadmaster Damion Beagle; Isabella Bridy *Press Enterprise*; Tonia Troup from SEDA-COG; and 7 interested citizens.

Supervisors discussed CDBG FFY 2024 project selection. Williams/Major motioned to use 2024 fundings for sewer system laterals and repairs, stormwater and housing rehab. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Brenda Masser of 466 W Center St., Lori Mazeikas of 321 Hillside Ave and Timothy Inns, 199 Grant Road, were all present to verify if rumors of illegal immigrants moving into the Township were valid. Supervisors, Code Officer and Chief of Police had no information to confirm the rumors. Code Officer Lyash explained the process of Subdivision and Land Development within the Township. Supervisors asked that people not sit behind computers and be Facebook Warriors but instead call first or come to a meeting instead of posting on social media platforms before checking on the validity of the information.

Minutes of April 9, 2024 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Williams/Major 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 regular on a Daubert/Madara Sr. motion, motion carried unanimously.

- Madara Sr./Major motioned to approve payment of application #1 for M&R Contracting for Ralpho Township Gym ADA Restroom Renovation with CDBG Funds. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- none

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- none

STREET DEPARTMENT – Major

- Report was received.
- Roadmaster informed the Board that we will be receiving Low Volume Road Grants he applied for, for Berks Road and Hower Road. Madara Sr./Williams motioned to approve Roadmaster, Damion Beagle, to sign Low Volume Road Grant documents. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Major and Roadmaster updated Board on 1st Brush Collection on May 6th. 43 Residents had debris out to be collected.

- Roadmaster informed the Board that he has decided to push the paving project deadline for the summer to September 15, 2024.
- Hydradig will be delivered this week or next.
- Truck purchased through Recycling Grant is suppose to be finished having equipment installed in the fall for delivery.

BUILDINGS – Madara Sr.

- Supervisor Madara Sr. will be looking into light on the front of the Municipal Building.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Safety of the aging trees in the playground was discussed and will be followed up in the fall.
- Madara Sr./Major motioned to have pavilion lighting in the playground replaced for \$996.89. Motion carried.
- Supervisors will allow Walmart to have Employee Dodge Ball Tournament in the gymnasium to raise fund for Children’s Miracle Network.
- Supervisors thanked Road Crew and Part-Time help for putting the carpet mulch down in the playground. It turned out great.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Daubert

- 18 permits were issued and \$9,308.92 fees were collected during April. 8 Transient Merchants License was issued for \$325. 1 burning permits was issued. 39 letters of correspondence were sent; 6 permits were closed; and, 20 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures, etc.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read.
- Discussion took place on possible stop sign at Clark/Lindy Intersection; Chief will look into this further with PennDot.

RECYCLING – Daubert

- Daubert/Madara Sr. motioned to have DMS haul Glass Recycling from now on at a price of \$325 per load. Motion carried.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- We have received grant reimbursement payment of \$63,000 for the purchase of the basic truck through the recycling grant, we are awaiting reimbursement for shredder and leaf vac already applied for; and will being applying for reimbursement for equipment package on the truck when finished.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Madara Jr./Williams motioned to give \$3,000 donation to Ralpho Youth Baseball. Motion carried.
- Madara Sr./Major motioned to approve Library Movie Night on the Baseball Field, May 31st, with a rain date set for June 7th. Motion carried.
- Manager Springer explained to the Board that QuickBooks Accounting/Payroll Software is now going to only be available as annual subscription for \$849. Madara Sr./Major motioned to purchase annually. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Major updated the Board on the sewer moratorium. There are currently 6 EDU's available for anyone wanting to build. He also stated the inspection program in homes is still continuing.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:38 p.m. on Willimas/Daubert motion and carried.

Executive Session was held for personnel after regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary