

Ligonier Township Supervisors  
Regular Meeting  
February 23, 2016

The Ligonier Township Supervisors met in regular session at 4:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance opening the meeting. Secretary Bruce Robinson took roll call. Present were D. Scott Matson; Bruce Robinson; and Vice Chairman, Paul Knupp; Gary Thistlethwaite; and Chairman, Wade Thomas not present.

### **Public Comment**

None

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

The supervisors went into executive session at 4:32 pm and returned at 4:53 pm. Solicitor Michael Korn verified that he attended the executive session and the topics discussed were in compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

### **Staff Reports**

**Manager's Report** - Terry informed that the Recreation Committee is working with Ligonier Valley Community Garden on the Community Garden off the trail at Baltic Ave. and they have 31 applicants. There is a \$20,000 grant that the recreation Committee would like to proceed with applying for and are requesting the approval of the Supervisors Board.

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to grant the Recreation Committee to proceed with for \$20,000 grant for the garden project with Ligonier Community Garden. Motion carried.

Ligonier Youth is requesting extra fill for berms to be created on the fields as they are having flooding issues that are requiring continuous repairs. The supervisors provided Manager, Terry Carcella the approval to direct extra fill to the fields for the berms to be created.

After reviewing the liquid fuels budget and taking into consideration the costs for the retrofit for the new RAM 5500 truck, retrofit for the freightliner truck, projects, and regular road maintenance the purchase of equipment, mainly the new tractor should be put on hold for at least a couple months and then revisit.

Police had Self Defense Tactical training yesterday and that is why the Chief is sore. Chief stated that it was very good training by a great trainer with very good credentials, Steve Rosenberg.

**Police Report** – None

**Engineer's Report-** Dorothy Deferred to Old Business

**Solicitor's Report** – Michael Kornis informed that he has received a letter from the PA State Ethics regarding his inquiry on Vice Chairman, Paul Knupp voting on Ligonier Township Municipal Authority and Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County matters. PA State Ethics attorney stated that it would not be a conflict because he is a union employee and the municipality is not a private business and is a public entity. Giving copy of letter to Terry and may want to put on website.

**Zoning Officer's Report-** None

## **Correspondence**

1. Westmoreland County (Armour Street Project) – Terry reported that there were 3 residents that did not respond and they needed 100% participation, so they cannot proceed.
2. A note from Susan Huba about stopping the electronic recycling for a period of time due to work being done and will start back up after the work is completed.

Terry mentioned that we have received our cardboard recycling bins, so we now have paper, cardboard, and aluminum can recycling here on site. Vice Chairman, Paul Knupp asked Terry for an update and he reported that some of it has been slow. Chief Matrunics stated that he sees people utilizing the recycling all the time and Roxanne Shadron agreed with Chief Matrunics.

**Treasurer's Report-**Terry Carcella stated that the General Fund account balance is \$446,760.20, the Act13 account balance is \$129,037.41, the K-9 account balance is \$49,559.00, the Liquid Fuels account balance is \$9,166.38 the Developer's account balance is \$12,550.00, and the Liquid Fuels Investment Account is \$9,850.25 for a total of \$656,923.24 not counting the CD's totaling \$400,000.00. No action required.

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to approve to pay bills of February 22, 2016 bill payment list. Motion carried.

## **Old Business**

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Gary Thistlethwaite to reject the bids for Mill Road and Zion Church Road Bridge Projects. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the submission on new bids specifications to the original 13 bidders by March 8, 2016 for Mill Road and Zion Church Road Bridge Projects. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Gary Thistlethwaite to authorize Markosky Engineering Group to acquire permitting for Mill Road and Zion Church Road Projects. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Bruce Robinson to appoint EADS Group at the rate \$81.40 of and Rick Truscello at the rate of \$133.46/hr. as consultants for the Comprehensive Planning. Motion carried

Terry Carcella reported on Chairman, Wade Thomas's behalf the appointment of Terry Carcella, Paul Knupp, Gary Thistlethwaite, and Chief Matronics to the Regional Police Study Committee.

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to hire Russell Morgan for the Public Works Foreman position at the salary of \$51,000. Motion carried

**Supervisor Scott Matson** – No Comment.

**Supervisor Paul Knupp** – LED Traffic Signal Lights are nice and very bright, good for safety.

**Supervisor Bruce Robinson** – No Comment.

**Supervisor Gary Thistlethwaite** – No comment.

**Supervisor Wade Thomas** – Not Present.

- A motion was made by Gary Thistlethwaite and seconded by Scott Matson to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Shadron  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer