

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting
February 9, 2016

The Ligonier Township Supervisors met in regular session at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance opening the meeting. Secretary Bruce Robinson took roll call. Present were D. Scott Matson, Bruce Robinson, and Chairman Wade Thomas, Paul Knupp and Gary Thistlethwaite not present.

Public Comment

1. **James Roberts** – dump properties, he was fined for that years ago and wants to know why things are allowed now, and he feels despair treatment.
 2. **Dave Kromel** – Accountability. Read the definition of Fascism. Talked about discussion of a staff meeting and asked Terry what he told employees in the staff meeting what would happen if you are on Facebook etc. discussing township business. Lastly, asked Chief Matrunics if the safety triangle his was holding permitted you to ride you quad on the road and the Chief replied No, Dave then pointed out that Chairman, Wade Thomas does and he needs to address that with him.
 3. **Stephanie Verna** – Extremely frustrated that she was rezoned Agricultural. Happy with moving forward with the Comprehensive Plan. Volunteer her time anyway possible to participate with the comprehensive plan. Already spot zoning with Q-G's.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Manager's Report - Terry informed that he has two quotes on Guide Rail installation from the only two companies that we can subcontract with for Slater Road and Hotel Road and to use Liquid Fuels to fund. Green Acres was for \$7,700 and Penn Line was for \$8,295. I would recommend we do the project and award the job to Green Acre, but will take it to the Public Works Committee and wanted to inform the Supervisor Board.

- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Bruce Robinson to accept the Green Acres quote and proceed with the project. Motion carried.

2016 John Deere "E" series tractor and Diamond mower has been reviewed with new specifications and the price pared down to \$95,000. We had spent 335 hours mowing last year expending over \$10,000 in costs averaging about 42 hours a month for the 8 month season. I have some estimates on spraying along some roads and contract cutting along others.

Our last repair of the Ford Tractor was as follows:

\$2,754 51 and our repair of the other Tractor to date parts and labor incomplete is \$800 with the repair incomplete as of today. So our repair costs alone off season in the last month will exceed \$4000 dollars.

A new unit would be used for next 20 plus years. One unit to replace two antiquated ones dated from 1979 to 81. We used one or both units last year and on our work sheet logged 335 hours of time mowing R. O. W.

I want to direct the funds from the Bond Settlement be directed to our Equipment fund and that balance would be around \$56,000. We have excess funds in the budget to move, but I would want all five supervisors to review this proposal at the next meeting. I should have better specs for that meeting.

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to approve to direct the funds from the Bond Settlement to the Equipment fund. Motion carried.

Our new Dodge plow truck was delivered yesterday and we are installing a used plow to test the vehicle and use as our spare for the remainder of the winter season. We will evaluate all of our equipment in the coming months and determine all of our future equipment needs.

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Wade Thomas to approve to have Dumpster Days and to have it on April 9, 2016. Motion carried.

Police Report – Chief Matrunics reported Miles Driven Miles driven 4379

Total street hours worked 848
Court Hearings 15
DUI Task force hours 4
Vehicle accidents (reportable) 4
Vehicle accidents (Non-reportable) 7
Incident reports (Criminal Investigations) 5
Vehicle Code Citations 20
Criminal Arrest 1 (D.U.1)
Access Device Fraud 1
Theft by Unlawful Taking 2
Assist EMS 4
Assist Fire 1
Assist Ligonier Borough Police 2
Total calls 337

Chief Matrunics commend the Public Works crew for the clearing of the roads during the night of the snow storms. At 3:30 AM Saturday of the snow storm a call came in for a chimney fire on Boucher Lane and the Public Works crew cleared the private lane for all emergency vehicles and Chief Matrunics believes that it aided in saving the house. Job well done with all working together!

Engineer's Report- Dorothy reported that there is a list of tasks that were associated with the Harvey Road project vs. the Mill Road Bridge and Zion Church Road Bridge projects being super structure projects. The Zion Church Road project is more involved, needing a waterway permit due to the waterway opening and the condition of the abutments – one is in fairly good shape and one in poor shape needing replacement. Mill Road Bridge project is simpler needing to do the hydraulic calculations and some survey for verification and a Geotech report is needed.

Solicitor's Report – Michael Korn's deferred to the rest of the agenda.

Zoning Officer's Report- Rich reported the following:

Total Income from (10) Lien Letter Requests - \$130.00

Zoning Permits Issued **Income**

1 \$ 58.00

Sewage Permits Issued

2 \$ 395.00

Heavy Load Permits

1 \$ 25.00

Driveway Permits

1 \$ 25.00

Total Income Generated **\$ 633.00**

Nuisance/Code Complaints

My office received two (2) nuisance/code complaints during this reporting period.

One complaint involved a neighbor's fence falling onto the adjoining neighbor's property. Neighbor being sent a letter in an attempt to solve issue.

One complaint was received regarding a home heating oil spill in the Village of Waterford. A report is included for your perusal.

OLD BUSINESS

We are moving forward regarding a list of blighted dwellings in Ligonier Township.

We are also moving forward with the list of all public and private township roads to ensure the proper signage is in place. Goal is to have all roads properly marked by June 30, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

There is now a zoning page on our website for all zoning needs/questions. The property of the The former Quick G’s will not be rezoned and that property can be sold for any retail use.

Correspondence

- 1. Cook Township Request – they would like to participate in the Regional Police Study and it is going to be taken under advisement.

Treasurer’s Report-Terry Carcella stated that the General Fund account balance is \$419,568.91, the Act13 account balance is \$130,087.41, the K-9 account balance is \$49,534.00, the Liquid Fuels account balance is \$15,541.14 the Developer’s account balance is \$12,550.00, and the Liquid Fuels Investment Account is \$9,850.25 for a total of \$637,131.71. No action required.

- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Bruce Robinson to approve to pay bills of January 25, 2016 bill payment list. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Wade Thomas to approve to pay bills of February 8, 2016, 2016 bill payment list. Motion carried.

Old Business

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Wade Thomas to approve the Ordinance #10-2015 Zoning Amendments to Code. Motion carried.

Dorothy opened the 4 sealed bids received out of the 12 sent out and they were as follows:

- 1. **Gary Metzinger Cement Construction, Pittsburgh PA** – All requirements met.

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| Zion Church Road Bridge | \$139,210.00 Base | Mill Road Bridge | \$134,000.00 Base |
| Zion Church Road Bridge | \$146,890.00 Galv. | Mill Road Bridge | \$141,020.00 Galv. |

- 2. **Golen Inc., Pittsburgh PA** – All requirements met.

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| Zion Church Road Bridge | \$257,865.00 Base | Mill Road Bridge | \$251,858.00 Base |
| Zion Church Road Bridge | \$273,650.00 Galv. | Mill Road Bridge | \$265,383.00 Galv. |

3. **ADM Welding and Fabrication, Warren PA** – All requirements met.

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| Zion Church Road Bridge | \$89,969.00 Base | Mill Road Bridge | \$80,787.00 Base |
| Zion Church Road Bridge | \$107,554.00 Galv. | Mill Road Bridge | \$94,418.00 Galv. |

4. **Maccabee Industrial, Belle Vernon PA** – All requirements met.

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| Zion Church Road Bridge | \$85,545.00 Base | Mill Road Bridge | \$86,100.00 Base |
| Zion Church Road Bridge | \$96,175.00 Galv. | Mill Road Bridge | \$93,930.00 Galv. |

Mill Road and Zion Church Road Bridge Bid Openings. Township Project 01-16 open bid proposals was tabled for further review and discussion of the bids opened this evening.

The supervisors went into executive session at 7:48 pm and returned at 8:10 pm. Solicitor Michael Korns verified that he attended the executive session and the topics discussed were in compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

New Business

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Wade Thomas to approve the Resolution #05-2016 Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Committee, Ligonier Borough, Ligonier Township, and Laurel Mountain Borough. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Wade Thomas to approve the appointment of the Comprehensive Plan Committee members-Gary Thistlethwaite, Barbara Nalle, and Sheila Grimm. Motion carried
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to approve Resolution #06-2016 Establishing compensation for Ligonier Tax Collector for special charges and additional collection of fees. Motion carried
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Bruce Robinson to approve Sgt. James Friscarella employment contract. Motion carried
- A motion was made by Wade Thomas and seconded by Bruce Robinson to appoint William Knowles as alternate Emergency Management Coordinator for Ligonier Township. Motion carried
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the McVicker minor subdivision. Motion carried
- A motion was made by Wade Thomas and seconded by Bruce Robinson to approve the Garrison minor subdivision. Motion carried

- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Bruce Robinson to approve the McInchok minor subdivision. Motion carried

Supervisor Scott Matson – Suggested that we have a litter crew for on maybe rainy days.

Supervisor Paul Knupp – Not Present.

Supervisor Bruce Robinson – No Comment.

Supervisor Gary Thistlethwaite – Not Present.

Supervisor Wade Thomas – No Comment.

- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Bruce Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Shadron
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer