

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2015

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 Chairman, Wade Thomas; Vice Chairman, Paul Knupp; Secretary/Treasurer, Bruce Robinson; Timothy Komar, and D. Scott Matson.

Public Comment

- 1) **David Kromel, Ligonier**-Accountability, protecting the tax payer. Talked to District Attorney. Answer to questions talking to supervisors, employees, past supervisors. Lack of communications.
- 2) **Anita Staub, Ligonier** – Ask more questions. Understand Act 13-decision at local level. Wonder about intent. Setting aside \$10,000.00 of Act 13 monies or drilling.
- 3) **Jim Darr** – Ski area in current ordinance and not in new draft ordinance. 3 acres of land cut in half, not safe for health.
- 4) **Ron Nordstrom, Weaver Road** – Valley school of Ligonier relies heavy on the water ways of the area. Linn Run is a vocal point for them. Ask to make changes to protect their land.
- 5) **Stephanie Verna** – Property bought at conservation and now Agricultural. Thank you for the changes to protect the waterways, but what about protecting the tributaries.
- 6) **Patty Ostrosky, Ligonier Township** – Thank you for recognizing the flood plans. Research is last meeting. Ligonier's lay of the land gives us our clean waters along with our rock formations that filter the water.
- 7) **Jan Milburn, Ligonier**-Fracking and issues are you considering them. Spills by gas companies and statistics. What is your intent?
- 8) **Jack Milburn, Ligonier Township**-Read all 89 pages of draft 2 of ordinance along with attachments in general not bad. Unconventional drilling wipes that all out.
- 9) **Rosaline Robitaille, Ligonier** –In the Beaver County Times they had some drilling and the article cover concerns, crimes, traffic, and sexual transmitted disease.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Bruce Robinson to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

Terry Carcella thanked the road crew for a job well done keeping our roads clear and safe with the weather we have had and the crew being short. Terry Carcella reported that there is a local Municipal meeting March 10th. A few emails that Terry would like to address at next week's public meeting. Terry explained about the truck accident that we had on West road and stressed the seriousness of it and that a plan/policy needs to be put into place for removal of trees in the right of way. Terry explained the changes to the 2nd draft of the zoning maps.

Correspondence

A Bureau of Elections Letter confirming the use of the building for the May 19, 2015 Municipal Primary and the opening time of 7:00 AM. A letter from Eckert Seamans, Attorneys at Law notifying of the withdrawal of the Conditional Use Application for New Cingular Wireless/AT&T pending before the Planning Commission. A letter from Westmoreland County Association of Township Supervisors stating the 105th Annual County Convention to be held on March 13, 2015. A Letter from Westmoreland Conservation District informing us that our Betz Road project was not selected to be funded. A letter from Idlewild and SoakZone requesting a permit for two fireworks displays during the summer of 2015.

A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to approve/grant the fireworks permit for the two dates requested.

PA Dept. of Transportation letter regarding Traffic Counting on municipally owned Roads.

Staff Reports

Police Report-No Report

Treasurer's Report-Terry Carcella stated that the General Fund account balance is \$139,640.27, the Act13 account balance is \$151,868.25, the K-9 account balance is \$21,439.22, the Liquid Fuels account balance is \$2,084.83, and the Developer's account balance is \$14,000.00 for a total of \$329,032.57. No action required.

A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to pay bills as presented. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report-No Report

Engineer's Report-No Report

Old Business

A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Timothy Komar to approve sending the 2nd draft of the proposed Zoning Ordinance to the Westmoreland County Planning Department for review with the recommendations for Route711-271, A-1 Single Family Dwelling, A-1 Bed & Breakfast, C-2 and the 65,000 sq. ft. along with Bruce's recommendation for protection for Valley School and Powder Mill and well to make it conservation district. Motion carried.

New Business

No committee reports.

Resolution 2015-R-04 Loss Control Standards Delegate, our carrier Penn Prime requires this to get our discounts.

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to approve Resolution 2015-R-04 appointing Terry Carcella as the Loss Control Standards Delegate. Motion carried.

Mailboxes if hit we have someone sent out to repair or replace. What is the policy going forward, this needs reviewed. Wade will have Road Committee look at before next meeting.

Request for an intern to help organize the Zoning office, map room, and any administrative needs

- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Paul Knupp to approve hiring an Intern for 20 hours a week to help in the Zoning and Administration. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Paul Knupp to approve \$7500.00 (for a truck) as the amount permitted to be spent on a purchase by the Township Manager without prior Supervisor approval. Motion carried.

The Supervisors went into executive session at 7:59 PM and returned at 8:2 PM. Solicitor Michael Korns stated that he was in attendance and items discussed were in compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law.

Supervisors Comments

Supervisor Timothy Komar – No comment

Supervisor Scott Matson - No comment.

Supervisor Paul Knupp – No comment.

Supervisor Bruce Robinson – No comment.

Supervisor Wade Thomas – No comment.

A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Timothy Komar to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Shadron
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer