

Ligonier Township Supervisors  
Regular Meeting  
October 27, 2015

The Ligonier Township Supervisors met in regular session at 4:31 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance opening the meeting. Secretary Bruce Robinson took roll call. Present were D. Scott Matson, Paul Knupp, Bruce Robinson, and Gary Thistlethwaite and Chairman Wade Thomas

**Public Comment**

1. **Joyce Zickefoose** – marketability of the LMTA, Why? Are you broke?
  2. **Vicki Ransell** – Why are our water rights being sold? You are all a bunch of jerks!
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Gary Thistlethwaite to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2015. Motion carried

**Staff Reports**

**Manager's Report** - Terry reported that the 2015 Budget failed to line item our donation to the three fire departments, but we have the funds and ability to appropriate \$8,000.00 per department by moving excess funds in the budget with the following:

Supervisors Compensation \$5,000.00 Not taken by supervisors Thomas and Robinson  
Industrial Appraisal  
Propane  
Fuel

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Gary Thistlethwaite to approve the increase to \$8,000.00 donation to each of the three fire departments. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Bruce Robinson to advertise for bid the IT/Phone/Security and the Traffic Warning Light signal. Motion carried

Scott asked if these are the lights on Route 30 and they are the one in Laughlintown and at the cross roads near the bottom end of town. Chief Matronics stated that they would be upgraded to LED lights and will be different than before to change them, so they do not swing in the wind. Scott Matson stated it is a Penn Dot road why are we responsible for it? Terry answered that any light signals located within a Borough or Township that they are responsible for them. Gary Thistlethwaite asked when the last time a study was done and Chief Matronics explained how the signals and signs are put in place and usually once it is in place they stay. Terry said he will contact Penn Dot to see about the need for them while we are obtaining bids.

Terry reported after increasing the police budget by adding an overlap shift for the K-9 position and capital improvements to our IT System, Phone System, security, building maintenance, traffic light upgrades, comprehensive plan and appraisal costs potentially costing \$172,000.00 we still have a \$99,000.00 in capital reserve. He set aside for 2016 \$40,000.00 in special legal fees and \$40,000.00 for general legal expenses. Funds are set aside for the Public Works Director/Foreman position as well. We will have a balanced budget of projected income and expenses in the amount of \$2,261,674.92 for 2016. We must advertise the budget for 20 days and take action at the December 8, 2015 meeting.

- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Bruce Robinson to advertise the 2016 drafted budget for adoption. Motion carried 4-1 with Scott Matson voting No.

**Police Report** – Chief Matrunics reported that he is trying to keep his staffing up and with Another injury within the department he is requesting to hire from the last pool of applicants, Anthony Vittone he was the next to be hired to help cover shifts and he works at the Borough and Chief knows him. He would be part-time.

- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Bruce Robinson to approve the hire of part-time officer, Anthony Vittone to keep the police staffing up. Motion carried

**Zoning Officer's Report-** Rich reported that they had a Zoning Hearing on October 20<sup>th</sup> the And the Pittsburgh Oratory filed a variance and after hearing evidence the Zoning Hearing denied the variance. The Planning Commission meeting minutes there were not any as there was no meeting due to lack of agenda.

## Correspondence

No Correspondence

**Treasurer's Report-**Terry Carcella stated that the General Fund account balance is \$393,033.46, the Act13 account balance is \$132775.43, the K-9 account balance is \$76,992.77, the Liquid Fuels account balance is \$127,593.19, the Developer's account balance is \$12,550.00, and the Liquid Fuels Investment Account is \$9,848.19 for a total of \$752,793.04. No action required.

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to pay bills of October 26, 2015 bill pay list. Motion carried.

## Old Business

There was a discussion on a salary to approve for the Public Works position and Chairman; Wade Thomas stated he would like to look at W-2 from this year and maybe last year. Bruce Robinson stated that they talked about \$55,000 range and Scott Matson asked what the road master was making and Terry stated \$53,000.

- A motion was made Scott Matson and seconded Bruce Robinson to Advertisement of the Public Works Director/Foreman 2016 position for a salary of \$55,000. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Paul Knupp to approve advertisement for adoption of the 2016 Proposed Ligonier Township Budget. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Wade Thomas to approve the 2016 Holiday Schedule. Motion carried 3-2 with Bruce Robinson and Scott Matson voting No.

Richard Bell reported on the changes/updates to Ordinance #08 of 2015 Outdoor Burning Ordinance and Michael Korn's clarified about recreational fires is the same as it was in the old ordinance and has not changed.

- A motion was made by Gary Thistlethwaite and seconded by Scott Matson to not approve Ordinance #08 of 2015 outdoor burning regulations (revision). Motion carried 4-1 with Paul Knupp voting No
- A motion was made by Gary Thistlethwaite and seconded by Bruce Robinson to approve the Paper recycling program with Royal Oak for a 6 month to a year trial. Motion carried 3-2 with Wade Thomas and Scott Matson voting No.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Bruce Robinson to approve the hiring of three part-time plow drivers (Amanda Jellison, Patricia Barbera, and Tommy Wynkoop) at a training rate of \$13.00 per hour and then a rate of \$16.48 per hour after training. Motion carried

### **Supervisors Comments**

**Supervisor Scott Matson** – No Comment.

**Supervisor Paul Knupp** – Thanked Road Crew, Police and the office staff for doing a good job.

**Supervisor Bruce Robinson** – No Comment.

**Supervisor Gary Thistlethwaite** – No Comment.

**Supervisor Wade Thomas** – No Comment.

- A motion was made by Gary Thistlethwaite and seconded by Paul Knupp to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Shadron  
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