

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting
February 24, 2015

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

Public Comment

- 1) **Jack Milburn, Ligonier Township**-Benzene-Fracking fluids 1 part per million, linked to cancers and there is no safe level. Questions on the Hearing Prodi call.
- 2) **Jan Milburn, Ligonier**-Water contamination from fracking. 7% fail in first year. 20,000 gals of contaminates per well for unconventional drilling industry states.
- 3) **Carol Darr, Ligonier** – Disagrees with the changes in the zoning of their property no more 3 acres. Conservation area to Agricultural.
- 4) **Rosaline Robitaille, Ligonier** –Well contaminations. Water quality study findings suggest the barrier for residential be changed from 1000 ft. to 3000 ft. for Marcellus Shale wells.
- 5) **Ron Nordstrom, Weaver Road** – Against the re-zoning. Act13 ruling states public must be protected.
- 6) **Annie McDougall** – Special exception, who is qualified and will validate sites. Where are the monies/salary for that coming from? Water testing how long are they going to be done? Liner rips in both Donegal and well across the valley at the Brady pond. Why are the supervisors not taking responsibility?

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

Terry Carcella announced that the 3rd and final draft is on our website today with concerned being addressed and maps are to be posted on Thursday, February 26, 2015. Adding #4 Pension trustee resolution added to change the road crew's pension trustees per Franklin Templeton's request. Road crew has been busy with keeping our roads clear and safe. The Public Works Study and Police Study are still in process and moving forward. The Public Hearing is set for March 26, 2015 for 6PM at Ligonier Valley High School. The Ordinance will be locked until (no changes other than typographical errors) until after the hearing. Michael Korn commented on the documentation for the hearing procedures ready for next supervisor's meeting-March 10th. Michael Korn explained that there is a 200 ft. buffer on all streams in the ordinance; however, will not show on the maps due to spacing.

Correspondence

A letter from the Westmoreland Conservation District notifying us that our Brallier Drive project has been selected to be funded thanks to Mr. Komar in the amount of \$26,000.00. Five letters received on drilling.

Staff Reports

Police Report-No Report

Treasurer's Report-Terry Carcella stated that the General Fund account balance is \$139,011.92, the Act13 account balance is \$151,868.25, the K-9 account balance is \$21,519.22, the Liquid Fuels account balance is \$2,084.83, and the Developer's account balance is \$14,000.00 for a total of \$328,484.22. No action required.

Timothy Komar inquired why the Liquid Fuels Invest Program account balance is not included in Treasurer's Report and then explained that the funds are ours just not placed into our Liquid Fuels bank account yet. He feels that we should have it included in our Treasurer's Report and asked for it to be included and Terry Carcella stated that we would include in the Treasurer's Report going forward.

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-Received request from DEP copy of notice of intent, they misplaced their copy.

Old Business

Mailbox on township right of way, 33ft. – not our problem if the snow pushes it back, but is if we back into it (accident of ours). Paul Knupp stated that he spoke with Derry Township and they replace mailboxes with a cheap one they hit it and Penn Dot handles it the same way and they have a form that the individual must fill out requesting replacement. A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Paul Knupp to replace any mailboxes that we strike and not any that the snow pushes over. Motion carried.

New Business

No committee reports.

Resolution 2015-R-05 Sub-Divisions Procedures be directed to the Township Supervisors and requests should be submitted to the Westmoreland County Planning Department pursuant to the rules and regulations of that office.

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Paul Knupp to approve Resolution 2015-R-05. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Timothy Komar to approve Sub recipient-Agreement 14.23A with CDBG for Laughlintown Sanitary Sewer Project. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Timothy Komar to approve an ordinance draft request to advertise PSATS U.C. Group Trust and Grease Trap Ordinance. LTMA Grease Trap Ligonier Township to create. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scot Matson to approve Resolution 2015-R-6 changing the Trustees on the pension account. Motion carried.

The Supervisors went into executive session at 5:10 PM and returned at 5:26 PM. Solicitor Michael Korns certified 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 - Thanked the road crew and Police Department for doing a good job. He supports the zoning and he hears what all is saying and if areas were marked would you know what Township you were in, scenery is all the same.

Supervisor Paul Knupp – Thanked the speakers for their information and the road crew, Police Department, office staff, Terry Carcella, and Michael Korns for the jobs they are doing.

Supervisor Bruce Robinson – No comment.

Supervisor Wade Thomas – No comment.

A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Bruce Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Shadron
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer