

Ligonier Township Supervisors  
Regular Meeting  
February 14, 2017

The Ligonier Township Supervisors met in regular session at 6:57 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance opening the meeting. Secretary Bruce Robinson took roll call. Present were D. Scott Matson; Bruce Robinson; Gary Thistlethwaite; Chairman, Wade Thomas; and Vice Chairman, Paul Knupp.

### Public Comment

1. **Aneesa Martinez** – lives on Rt.30 before Laughlintown and the speeding cars of 60-65 mph are not safe. Her young children like to play in their front yard they cannot, as it is not safe for them due to the speeding cars. Even the when the children are getting on and off their school bus it is not safe her one daughter almost got hit by a vehicle getting off of the bus. Would like to know what can be done about the speeding cars, what options they have.

Chief Matronics addressed Ms. Martinez stating that he knows actually, where she lives and it is where the speed limit changes from a 45 mph to 35 mph. He explained about the Aggressive Driving program and his officers being in the Laughlintown area for the program and they will be back out there starting March 20, 2017; he will have them keep an eye on this particular area. His police department and Ligonier Bus garage have a good working report and if they have a vehicle performing a violation they are required to complete a written statement of a violation to report to his department.

2. **David Johnson** – heard about the potential sale of LTMA and he is opposed to the sale of the LTMA. He has lived here for 20 years and likes the quality of the product and service that has been proved by LTMA and asked the Supervisors to not vote to sale and change that.
  3. **Carol Darr** – when the survey for the comprehensive were sent out one of the question was about the local utilities. There has been an ongoing problem with Verizon since August that she found is not just with them it is affecting quite a bit of township residents (Nature Run Rd., Kissell Springs Rd., Laughlintown area etc.). The issue is that you can make calls out and calls can come in, but you are not aware there is a call coming in, as the phone does not ring. This has happened approximately three times, last time was on Monday when they realized they were missing calls from Sunday on, with calls being made to Verizon and them correcting the issue. Would like to know if there is anything, the Supervisors can do to help with this as important calls are being missed not to mention the safety.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Paul Knupp to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2017 meeting. Motion carried

### Supervisor Comments

**Paul Knupp** - Addressed Carol Darr regarding the Verizon issue stating that they will have Terry call Verizon.

### Staff Report

**Manager's Report** – Terry Carcella announced that we just received a letter from Comcast stating that as of March 14, 2017 they will no longer provide channel 193(WTHJ), you can go to the HD channel 802 (KDKA).

In the “Township News” magazine for this month it was noted the “Silver Suomi” the number of aging populated people in our community and commonwealth. It was probably mentioned here that Ligonier Township, Westmoreland County the Bethlen Home has a graceful aging program, a wellness program. They probably were mentioned in the article that they do a very good job.

In the news recently, we observed reports from two stories. One was a problem with lead found in the drinking water at Summit Elementary School in Butler County. The other involved the PWSA (Pittsburgh Water and Sanitary Authority) a couple weeks ago and their boil water alert that affected over 100,000 customers.

The Summit Elementary problem was a positive test for lead that exceeded the legal limits from a well that serviced the elementary school, this is a well. The maintenance chief from the school was the water quality specialist assigned the task of taking samples and submitting them to the DEP. When a positive sample came back from the DEP the report was the school district employee did not know what that meant. The district officials were notified and it took them several months to realize that the students and staff at the school were using the harmful lead tainted water. The school was later closed and the students transferred to another school. The district has since hired an engineering firm to test all of their facilities. In the Pittsburgh boil, water alert a bad sample for a low chlorine sample at the Highland Park Filtration plant triggered the boil advisory because of possible Giardia contamination. The testing equipment was studied and samples taken to ensure the safety of the public and the alert was lifted within 48 hours. So even a massive Authority like the PWSA with lots of employees and professionals can drop the ball. This Authority has main service lines coming from their dam that are civil war era. They also have had and scheduled massive rate hikes of 13% for 2017 and 8% for 2018 for the water system and another 11% more for the Sewage system for 2017. They stated that the rate hikes were needed to offset massive debt and aging infrastructure. In our case we have, a pristine source of water that everyone wants to insure is delivered safely and effectively to the residents of Ligonier Township. A self-examination on how well and effectively the LTMA operates is what is expected from any governmental agency. The PWSA and the Butler School district dropped the ball. One thru a lot of money at the problem and one barely went through the motions and endangered the public health of its children. The LTMA is at a cross roads and the Supervisors of Ligonier Township expect them to make the right decisions in protecting the ratepayers and taxpayers of Ligonier Township. A self-examination and study needs to be done and see what we are doing right and correct what we are doing wrong in the delivery, planning and repair of our infrastructure. Operation and maintenance of the assets of the LTMA should be a top priority.

**Police Report** – Chief Matronics reported that the vehicle code citations due to the weather as you need to see the road to see the lines they painted since they do not have radar. Public Notice on a letter from Mutual Financial Incorporated is a scam. Please do not send in money to receive money that you have won. Also, mentioned the IRS scams again as this is the time of year they for the IRS.

**Public Works Report** – Russ Morgan reported on upcoming projects that may be able to be started early if weather permits, 20 miles of roads to be sealed and chipped, replacement of 26 cross pipes on 29 roads to cost approximately \$30,000. Plowing is continue as weather grants and would like to ask again that residents park as far off the ROW as possible, so that the roads can be taken care of in a safely manner. Township acquired a 2005 John Deere Tractor/Mower to replace the old mower.

**Engineer’s Report-** Dorothy reported that a letter received from DEP stating the Ligonier Township has been removed from MS4 and no waiver is needed. This will need to be visited on a regular basis as it goes by the census information and can be changed. Finalized H&H report for Clifford Woods Road Bridge to determine the size needed. A box culvert and the pre-fabricated were evaluated and the recommendation is to proceed with pre-fabricated bridge with the GRS abutments. The GP permit and design would be the next step if supervisors’ vote to proceed.

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Paul Knupp to approve with proceeding to the Design on Clifford Woods Road Bridge. Motion carried.

**Solicitor’s Report** – Michael Korn stated:

The supervisors went into executive session at 6:00 pm and returned at 6:40 pm. Solicitor Michael Korn verified that he attended the executive session and the topics discussed were in compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

**Zoning/Code Enforcement Report** – Richard Bell reported:

<b>Total Income from (12) Lien Letter Requests</b>	-	\$350.00
<b><u>Building Permits Issued</u></b>		<b><u>Income</u></b>
5		\$ 4,140.96
<b><u>Zoning Permits</u></b>		
7		\$ 1,178.60
<b><u>Demolition Permits</u></b>		
1		\$ 50.00
<b><u>Sewage Permits</u></b>		
4		\$ 1,140.00
<b><u>Total Income Generated</u></b>		<b>\$ 6,859.56</b>

My office received two (3) complaints from the Borough of Ligonier, which this office will be investigating.

The Zoning Office is in the process of logging non-conforming properties and signage issues. As indicated prior, this process is ongoing and will take some time to complete.

This office was subpoenaed to district court in Westmoreland County because of a criminal issue involving a property on Owl Hollow Road. He was granted a continuance.

## **Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission had their reorganization meeting in late January.

At February's meeting will begin the process of the SALDO (Sub-Division and Land Development Ordinance). At the present time, we follow Westmoreland County's SALDO.

## **Zoning Hearing Board**

The Zoning Hearing Board also had their reorganization meeting in January.

- A motion was made by Gary Thistlethwaite and seconded by Bruce Robinson to approve the Cook, Fowler, Warzel Minor Subdivision. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Paul Knupp to approve the Nied Minor Subdivision. Motion carried.

## **Correspondence**

1. **Solicitor, Dan Hudock Letter** – Discuss with LTMA at their next work session regarding Mandatory Tap In.
2. **Martin Moyer** – Request to purchase property owned by the townships off Mill Road and Kissell Springs Road at is approximately 6720 square feet for \$25. Richard Bell stated the average price per acre is \$3200 to \$3500 and there is no easement or Right Of Way and a quick claim deed can be done Michael Korn explained a quick claim deed and then the supervisors went into another executive session to discuss.

The supervisors went into executive session at 7:34 pm and returned at 7:36 pm. Solicitor Michael Korn verified that he attended the executive session and the topics discussed were in compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

**Treasurer's Report**-Terry Carcella stated that the General Fund account balance is \$457,268.43 the Act 13 account balance is \$62,174.38, the K-9 account balance is \$50,377.59, the Liquid Fuels account balance is \$27,231.52 the Developer's account balance is \$22,544.00, Liquid Fuels Investment Account is \$9,886.40, the Equipment Fund \$23,590.98, and the Capital Reserve CD's \$414,292.57 for a total of \$1,067,365.87. No action required.

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Paul Knupp the bill payments of February 13, 2017 Bill Payment lists. Motion carried. Wade noted that \$69,000 is a pass through for police radios as they received a donation.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Resolution 2017-R-04, Revised Drug and Alcohol Policy for Ligonier Township was discussed with Michael Korn explaining the policy stating it is a standard policy and it would include all employees to be included in a random drug testing and all new employees subject to a drug testing as part of the hiring process. Michael/Terry are to proceed and go over this with the unions for Supervisors approval to adopt at next month's meeting.

- A motion was made by Gary Thistlethwaite and seconded by Wade Thomas to approve the sale of the 1979 Ford tractor with Tiger mower and Truck 4, International on Municibid. Motion carried
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Gary Thistlethwaite to approve sending the request letter for joint negotiations with FOP on Police Contract to the Borough with a response by March 15, 2017. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Bruce Robinson to appoint Supervisor, Gary Thistlethwaite and Citizen, Jason McKlveen to the AG Security Review Board. Motion carried

Resolution 2017-R-03 Early Retirement Incentive Package was discussed with Michael Korn explaining the details of the package. Michael/Terry are to proceed and go over this with the union for Supervisors approval to adopt at the next month's meeting.

## **Supervisors Comments**

**Supervisor Scott Matson** – No Comment

**Supervisor Paul Knupp** – Thanked everyone for their attendance on Valentine's Day, Public Works on job plowing snow, administration and solicitor and engineer for their work.

**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 7:53 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Shadron  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

**Ligonier Township, Westmoreland County, PA**  
**Bill Payments for All Vendors**  
**February 13, 2017**

Vendor	Type	Num	Date	Amount
<b>Feb 13, 17</b>				
AA Septic Tank Service	Bill Pmt -Check	20826	02/13/2017	447.50
AFLAC	Bill Pmt -Check	20827	02/13/2017	181.90
American Rock Salt ...	Bill Pmt -Check	1098	02/13/2017	5,375.45
Avolio Law Group, LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	20828	02/13/2017	3,903.60
Campbell Durrant Be...	Bill Pmt -Check	20829	02/13/2017	2,239.19
Comcast	Bill Pmt -Check	20830	02/13/2017	292.25
Credit Card Dept-First...	Bill Pmt -Check	20831	02/13/2017	2,023.53
Derry Stone and Lime	Bill Pmt -Check	1099	02/13/2017	4,162.90
EDMC, INC.	Bill Pmt -Check	20832	02/13/2017	291.67
Fayette Parts Service...	Bill Pmt -Check	20833	02/13/2017	753.98
Galls, LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	20834	02/13/2017	229.72
Gary A. Falatovich, At...	Bill Pmt -Check	20835	02/13/2017	1,551.00
Glassmere Fuel Servi...	Bill Pmt -Check	20836	02/13/2017	1,448.86
Global Tracking Com...	Bill Pmt -Check	20837	02/13/2017	154.53
Good Year	Bill Pmt -Check	20838	02/13/2017	665.50
Harbaugh Power Pro...	Bill Pmt -Check	20839	02/13/2017	16.64
Hei-Way, LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	1100	02/13/2017	586.47
Higbee Insurance Ag...	Bill Pmt -Check	20840	02/13/2017	100.00
Kiski Valley Uniforms ...	Bill Pmt -Check	20841	02/13/2017	981.00
Laurel Valley Hardwar...	Bill Pmt -Check	20842	02/13/2017	38.35
Lease Operations, a D...	Bill Pmt -Check	20843	02/13/2017	34.42
Lehigh Hanson Heide...	Bill Pmt -Check	20844	02/13/2017	3,012.62
Luther P. Miller	Bill Pmt -Check	20845	02/13/2017	461.97
LVTech	Bill Pmt -Check	20846	02/13/2017	1,267.30
Mesko & Associates, ...	Bill Pmt -Check	20847	02/13/2017	6,404.10
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	20848	02/13/2017	68,970.83
Orion Safety Products	Bill Pmt -Check	20849	02/13/2017	1,199.04
Pennsylvania DCED	Bill Pmt -Check	20878	02/13/2017	100.00
Pennsylvania DCED	Bill Pmt -Check	20879	02/13/2017	100.00
Pennsylvania Municip...	Bill Pmt -Check	20850	02/13/2017	40.42
Pennsylvania One Ca...	Bill Pmt -Check	20851	02/13/2017	21.59
Royal Oak Retriever, ...	Bill Pmt -Check	20852	02/13/2017	34.28
Schroyer's Radiator S...	Bill Pmt -Check	20853	02/13/2017	695.00
Selective Insurance C...	Bill Pmt -Check	20854	02/13/2017	3,839.00
Servpro of Greensburg	Bill Pmt -Check	20855	02/13/2017	150.00
Steller Fastener & Ind...	Bill Pmt -Check	20856	02/13/2017	318.88
SWIF	Bill Pmt -Check	20857	02/13/2017	1,321.00
TENWILS	Bill Pmt -Check	20858	02/13/2017	140.00
Terry Carcella	Bill Pmt -Check	20859	02/13/2017	128.73
The EADS Group	Bill Pmt -Check	20860	02/13/2017	2,196.51
The Latrobe Bulletin	Bill Pmt -Check	20861	02/13/2017	1,625.52
The Markosky Engine...	Bill Pmt -Check	1101	02/13/2017	500.00
The Markosky Engine...	Bill Pmt -Check	20862	02/13/2017	560.00
TKL Code Inspection ...	Bill Pmt -Check	20863	02/13/2017	17,352.21
Total Service, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	20864	02/13/2017	46.96
Town & Country Motors	Bill Pmt -Check	20865	02/13/2017	94.45
Tractor Supply Credit ...	Bill Pmt -Check	20866	02/13/2017	79.96
Tri County Motors Sal...	Bill Pmt -Check	20867	02/13/2017	61.56
ULine	Bill Pmt -Check	20868	02/13/2017	486.28
UniFirst Corporation	Bill Pmt -Check	20869	02/13/2017	126.37
Verizon Wireless	Bill Pmt -Check	20870	02/13/2017	184.88
Wells Fargo	Bill Pmt -Check	20871	02/13/2017	175.85
West Penn Power	Bill Pmt -Check	20872	02/13/2017	431.32
Western Pennsylvani...	Bill Pmt -Check	20873	02/13/2017	17,202.82
Westmoreland Conse...	Bill Pmt -Check	20874	02/13/2017	20.00
Westmoreland Count...	Bill Pmt -Check	20875	02/13/2017	360.00
Westmoreland Lock ...	Bill Pmt -Check	20876	02/13/2017	571.50
Wex Bank-Sunoco U...	Bill Pmt -Check	20877	02/13/2017	3,067.25

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