

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting
June 9, 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 D. Scott Matson, Paul Knupp, Bruce Robinson, and Gary Thistlewaite. Absent was Chairman Wade Thomas

Public Comment

1. **Anita Staub** – Vendor List, Legal Fees spent for Foxley Farm.
2. **Connie Hall** – Question: When do you answer questions? Are you elected officials? Are you getting paid to do this job? What is your vision/agenda-share with the people?
3. **Maggie Nied** – Asking for the proper procedures to remove supervisors, would like a detailed way on how to remove supervisors from the board. Bruce Robinson will be first and Scott Matson is second to be removed. Already have over 1,800 people that have agreed to sign a petition to have Bruce Robinson removed. What do you feel should be reasons for removal? We would like/feel one requirement be that you must own property and pay property taxes within the township to be a supervisor. Would like to know about the sexual conducts within the office that Bruce is to have. Avolio legal breakdown.
4. **Dave Kromel** – We lost the last Supervisor for the people when Tim resigned. I'm going to go back 20 sum years and I believe Mr. Thistlehtwaite was the wrong appointed with what he had to do with the last ordinance showing the illegal and cost the tax payers thousands of dollars. Requested the supervisors to office hours, nothing. There is no accountability.
5. **Patty Ostrosky** – Sorry that she could on attend the Planning Commission meeting, who's paying for consultants that are being hired to review the R2 Suburban issue? The flood plan is under R1 and not R2 as Mr. Carcella stated in the paper article.
6. **Beth** – Just moved here and has a farm and another job to help cover the farm. Here family came over from Germany. Moved to Ligonier as she thought it was being protected for farming and it appears to not be.
7. **Glenn Kalp** – Meeting on Comprehensive Plan, note one supervisor showed, did you know about it. Paul stated he found out about it at about 3:30 PM that day. Went to parties out at what is now the Foxley Farm about 20 years ago, do not understand why this cannot be done now.

Executive Session

The Supervisors went into executive session at 7:20 PM and returned at 7:47 PM. Solicitor Michael Kornis stated that he was in attendance and items discussed were in compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law.

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the minutes of the May 26 2015 meeting with the correction of Chairman, Wade Thomas Abstain on the approval of Minutes from May 12, 2015 meeting and not sustain. Motion carried

Staff Reports

Manager's Report – Problem with the Recycling and met with Susan Huba and Paul Fry they are looking into the issue to be able to make recommendations, Haulers Contracts or Ordinance. Joe Bleehash for Zoning Officer, not available took another job. Hopefully we will take action tonight on a new Zoning Officer. Public Works Study report and presentation will need to be completed and discussed. Update on road maintenance, extensive list (Old Hwy West, Idelwild Hill, Orchard Lane, Clark Hollow, Orme Rd., Christner Rd, Matson Rd Upper and Lower, Old Route 30 East, Thomas Rd., Franklin St Ext., Summit, and Sally Kinsey's Hill) ; June, July, and August to get the list done. In July we want to start Brallier Rd. and finish Red Arrow Rd this month before any of the seals can be done. Toward the end of August we are looking to start on Mill Rd. Bridge once the seals have been completed. Issue with signs on private drives and roads, do not have a clear cut policy as it is our responsibility. Insurance carrier Penn Prime as for safety practice and it is a policy for all employees to wear their seatbelt when operating township equipment.

Solicitor's Report- Planning Commission meeting at the end of last month and got some of their feedback on the burning ordinance as to what they would like to see and have some samples for the next meeting to get their recommendation.

Zoning Officer's Report- Planning Commission to meet in July to discuss the Zoning in the south Darlington area and public comment on this area is welcomed. 10 permits issued for the month, one single family dwelling, two peddlers, one shed, three residential additions, one demolition, and two certificates of occupancy for a total construction cost of \$3,350,000.00. Zoning fees collected 1371.00. We are contracted with TKL to do inspections. Subdivisions have all four. Joe Davis from Ross Survey spoke on each plan providing details/map details on each.

A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the Harry Hanlin Estate Plan. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Gary Thistlethwaite to approve the Ligonier Camp & Conference. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Bruce Robinson to approve the Edna Tosh Plan. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gary Thistlethwaite and seconded by Bruce Robinson to approve the Adams Subdivision Plan. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Westmoreland Cleanways Household Waste Sponsor Request - \$40 dollars a car load with about 8 people in the past participating. Bruce Robinson stated we did not support it last year and we have our own hazardous waste here in the township. Gary Thistlethwaite agreed. Motion dies.

Ligonier Country Market Request – on July 4th they are going to celebrate the 40th year of operation and they are asking for a supervisor present as they are going to do tree planting. Paul Knupp volunteers to participate.

Police Report- Aggressive Driving through April and May with 96 traffic citations in April and 98 citations in May. Hopefully we are slowing people down and are trying to keep our road safe.

Treasurer's Report-Terry Carcella stated that the General Fund account balance is \$403,316.56, the Act13 account balance is \$133,367.25, the K-9 account balance is \$31,092.49, the Liquid Fuels account balance is \$2,084.91, the Developer's account balance is \$12,550.00, and the Liquid Fuels Investment Account is 389,799.12 for a total of \$972,210.33 No action required.

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to pay bills of June 8, 2015 bill pay list as presented with the exception of Check #19349. Motion carried.

Old Business

- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Bruce Robinson to go with County Planning Commission's Recommendations for the Ordinance 2015-OR-03 Omnibus Zoning Amendments and advertise for adoption. Motion carried

New Business

No committee reports

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to accept Gary Thistlethwaite's resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Gary Thistlethwaite to appoint Richard Bell as the new Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer at the salary of \$35,000.00/yr. Motion carried
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Gary Thistlethwaite to appoint Beth Straka as Interim Administrative Assistant/Trainer at the rate of \$12/hr. and no more than 25 hours a week. Motion carried
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to approve Financial Administrative Assistant Review and raise at the rate increase of \$1.50. Motion carried

- A motion was made by Gary Thistlethwaite and seconded by Bruce Robinson to approve Police Chief 2 Year retro to January 1, 2015. Motion carried
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to appoint Scott Gongaware to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried

Sheila Grimm is interested in serving on the Planning Commission, but we have to wait until July meeting to vote on this as Scott Gongaware needs to resign first.

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Gary Thistlethwaite to approve the Penn Prime Verification Statements for Safety Committee and Seat Belt Policy. Motion carried
- A motion was made by Scott Maston and seconded by Gary Thistlethwaite to approve Equipment List for Public Works to post for disposal sale on Municibid. Motion carried

Supervisors Comments

Supervisor Scott Matson – No comment.

Supervisor Paul Knupp – Thanked Terry for his tremendous work and dedication as well as Chief. Roxanne Shadron for her tremendous job very dedicated. The road crew for their job spot paving. Please keep the Lt. Eric Eslary Family in your thoughts.

Supervisor Bruce Robinson – No comment.

Supervisor Gary Thistlewaite – No comment.

A motion was made by Gary Thistlewaite and seconded by Scott Matson to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Shadron
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer