

Ligonier Township Supervisors  
Regular Meeting  
February 12, 2019

The Ligonier Township Supervisors met in regular session at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance opening the meeting. Present were Chair, Wade Thomas; Supervisor Paul Knupp; and Secretary/Treasurer, Stephanie Verna, and Vice Chair, John Beaufort via phone, Supervisor, D. Scott Matson was absent.

### Executive Session

The Supervisors went into executive session prior to the meeting. Solicitor, Michael Korn stated that he were in attendance and items discussed were in compliance with Pennsylvania Sunshine Law and were of personal issues and litigation.

### Public Comment

1. **Jan Milburn, 114 Mountain Rd** – Comprehensive Plan and zoning code are not preserving prime farmland, environment, and public health. Lot sizes, cell towers, and fracking contribute to community development.
2. **Jack Milburn, 114 Mountain Rd** – Ohio gas well explosions and its effects, facts on fracking, does not feel it belongs in Agricultural. There are alternatives, legal alternatives.
3. **Jan Shelton, 824 Forbes Rd** – Gas well blow out in Punxsutawney, PA. Provided fracking study statistics and is concerned about the welfare of life for the younger generations. Fracking is highly industrial and does not belong in Agricultural.
4. **April Jackman Orme Rd** – Gas well blow outs and there effects. Fracking is highly industrial and does not belong in Agricultural or residential neighborhoods.
5. **Mark Shelton, Forbes Rd** - Abandon well sites and who is left clean them up.
6. **Vickie Oles, Mosshaven Way** – Gas well explosions and the effects. First request that setbacks and driller application requirements be based on research data and current experiences of emergency teams that have dealt with gas explosions not obituary figures. Second request to urge a larger zone to accommodate drilling to limit risks for the health and safety of the area and zone it industrial.
7. **Allen Knizner, 606 Old Lincoln Hwy.** – Toxins from gas wells and there effects and their statistics. Fracking is highly industrial and does not belong in Agricultural zones.
8. **Mike McCalpin, 219 Mountain Rd** – Moved to Ligonier two years ago, choosing Ligonier for its natural beauty, property values, and conscientious developments. Adamantly opposed to practice fracking and respectfully ask that you protect Ligonier Valley by not allowing fracking to ruin what draws new residents to the area and keeps current residents from moving away.
9. **Ted Carns III** - Provided a letter to the board of supervisors.
10. **Carol Darr, 114 Kissell Springs Rd** – Her and Jim are very pleased with Public Works attention to Kissell Springs Rd. and other township roads this winter, Thank you very much! However, wonders why she pays county taxes, as PA Dot seems to plow and clear the state roads at their own convenience rather when needed. Closures of Route 30 at Laurel Summit would have been unnecessary if proactive measures were taken. School closure due to untreated roads. “We deserve better and thank you for what you do!”
11. **Annie MacDougall, 270 Jefferson School Rd** – Fracking in Donegal and the effects on area well waters.
12. **Patty Ostrotsky, 143 Ligonier 157 Rd** – Important role of tourism in the valley. Reestablishing productive farms. Fracking can have a negative impact and on the valley. Please keep us save and sound.
13. **Nancy Baith, 1086 Harvey Rd** – Well head explosion and aftermath. Fracking does not belong in Agricultural zones.

14. **Chuck Baith, 1086 Harvey Rd** – Fracking decreases property values. Fracking does not belong in Agricultural zones.
  15. **Tom Conway, 620 Weaver Mill Rd** – Fracking and health threats. Fracking is highly industrial and does not belong in Agricultural areas.
  16. **Patrick Nied, 1097 Gravel Hill Rd** – Water contamination from gas wells and health effects. Religious aspect in the matter.
  17. **Sally Van Ingen, 2271 State Route 381** – Wastewater from fracking and statics on it. Fracking is highly industrial and does not belong in Agricultural zones.
  18. **Julia Ritter, 412 Red Arrow Rd** – Concerned about natural gas from fracking and hazards from it. Fracking only belongs in Industrial Zones and not Agricultural Zones.
  19. **Linda Clark, 113 Nature Run Rd** – Carbon emissions, facts, and statistics. Fracking in no way, shape, or form an Agricultural activity.
- A motion was made by Stephanie Verna and seconded by Paul Knupp to approve the amended minutes of the January 7, 2019 Reorganization meeting and minutes of the January 22, 2019 regular meeting. Motion carried.

### **Supervisor Comments**

**Stephanie Verna** – Thanked everyone for attending the meeting and providing information and welcomed those to stay for the complete meeting and to attend/participate in the Joint Comprehensive Plan meetings to help come together on the issues stated. Understands concerns about setups and impacts. Many things are at a state level and not have the local level where supervisors can address.

**Paul Knupp** – Thanked everyone for attending and comments.

### **Staff Report**

#### **Manager's Report**

Terry informed Clifford Woods Road Bridge project is over budget with an expected completion in March and the original cost was set at \$130,000.00, to date cost is at \$ 145,000.00 with an anticipated final cost of \$215,000.00. Reported Sue Kinsey had a clean audit.

#### **Ligonier Valley Police Department Report:**



## Zoning Report

### **FEBRUARY 12, 2019 SUPERVISOR'S MEETING**

### **JANUARY 2019 ZONING REPORT**

**Respectfully Submitted by Jim Nieuwma  
Zoning/Community Development Officer**

<u>LIEN LETTER INCOME</u>	8	\$	275.00
<u>ZONING PERMITS</u>	4	\$	693.80
<u>PEDDLER PERMITS</u>	0	\$	0.00
<u>RIGHT OF WAY PERMITS</u>	0	\$	0.00
<u>SIGN PERMITS</u>	3	\$	105.00
<u>FIREWORKS PERMITS</u>	0	\$	0.00
<u>OCCUPANCY PERMITS</u>	2	\$	50.00
<u>DRIVEWAY PERMITS</u>	2	\$	25.00
<u>NO-IMPACT HOME BASED BUSINESS</u>	0	\$	0.00
<u>DEMOLITION PERMITS</u>	3	\$	150.00
<u>SEWAGE PERMITS</u>	2	\$	375.00
<u>BUILDING PERMITS/UCC</u>	9	\$	8,559.97
TOTAL INCOME	2018	141/200	\$ 67,625.93
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	2019	8/25	\$ 10,233.77

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Zoning Hearing Board will be Cancelled on February 19, 2019. Recreation Committee met February 11, 2019.

#### **END OF REPORT**

## **Correspondence**

1. DEP Lehigh Hanson Mining Permit
2. Gibson-Thomas Charter 94 Request

Treasurer's Report-Stephanie Verna reported that the General Fund account balance is \$192,332.79 the Act 13 account balance is \$27,303.20, the Liquid Fuels account balance is \$1,358.34 the Developer's account balance is \$15,877.33, Liquid Fuels Investment Account is \$173,968.66, the Equipment Fund \$29,871.98, and the Capital Reserve CD's \$627,735.81 for a total of \$1,068,448.11. No action required.

- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Stephanie Verna to approve payment of February 11, 2019 Bill Payment lists. Motion carried.

## **Old Business - None**

## **New Business**

- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Stephanie Verna to approve 2019 Sable Kennel Animal Control Contract at \$50/m. Motion carried.

Terry provided an informational packet on Land Bank for the supervisors review and the school board has to be on board as well and he will setup a work session with them, one-time cost is \$5,000.00.

- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Stephanie Verna to approve Resolution #09-2019 AIPP Safety Policy of Ligonier Township. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Stephanie Verna and seconded by Paul Knupp to approve Resolution #10-2019 Authorizing Work on Municipal Complex for the Ligonier Township Police Department. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Stephanie Verna and seconded by Paul Knupp to approve Resolution #11-2019 Tax Collector Compensation for 2020 at \$12,000.00/yr. with no rental space at the Municipal Complex. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Stephanie Verna to approve Resolution #12-2019 Alternate Sewage System Design Amendment to ACT 537 Plan of Ligonier Township. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Stephanie Verna to approve Resolution #13-2019 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Policy and Procedure Consultant Selection Agreement. Motion carried.

## **Public Comment - None**

## **Supervisors Comment**

**Supervisor Scott Matson** – Not Present

**Supervisor Paul Knupp** – No Comment

**Supervisor John Beaufort** – Not Present

**Supervisor Stephanie Verna** – No Comment.

**Supervisor Wade Thomas** –No Comment.

- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Stephanie Verna to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Shadron  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

**Ligonier Township, Westmoreland County, PA  
Bill Payments for All Vendors  
February 11, 2019**

Vendor	Type	Num	Date	Amount
<b>Feb 11, 19</b>				
AA Septic Tank Service	Bill Pmt -Check	22488	02/11/2019	190.00
AFLAC	Bill Pmt -Check	22489	02/11/2019	148.30
Andrews Sales & Service	Bill Pmt -Check	22490	02/11/2019	140.00
Aqua Filter Fresh	Bill Pmt -Check	22491	02/11/2019	67.75
Black's Specialty Service	Bill Pmt -Check	22492	02/11/2019	4.50
Brett A. Markle	Bill Pmt -Check	22493	02/11/2019	25.00
Cambria Springs, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	22494	02/11/2019	900.25
Comcast	Bill Pmt -Check	22495	02/11/2019	214.00
Credit Card Dept-First Commonwealth Bank	Bill Pmt -Check	22496	02/11/2019	526.38
Derry Stone and Lime	Bill Pmt -Check	22497	02/11/2019	2,909.70
Export Fuel Co. Inc	Bill Pmt -Check	22498	02/11/2019	4,274.08
Fayette Parts Service, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	22499	02/11/2019	203.29
Groff Tractor and Equipment	Bill Pmt -Check	22500	02/11/2019	130.40
Homer R. Sleek & Sons Inc	Bill Pmt -Check	22501	02/11/2019	3,269.43
Indiana-Westmoreland COG	Bill Pmt -Check	22502	02/11/2019	100.00
James Friscarella	Bill Pmt -Check	22503	02/11/2019	25.00
James Nieusma	Bill Pmt -Check	22504	02/11/2019	45.34
Jonathan Murphy	Bill Pmt -Check	22505	02/11/2019	25.00
Jordan Miller	Bill Pmt -Check	22506	02/11/2019	25.00
JSB Holding, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	22507	02/11/2019	379.00
Laurel Valley Hardware Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	22508	02/11/2019	135.54
Lehigh Hanson Heidelberg Cement Group	Bill Pmt -Check	22509	02/11/2019	830.06
Ligonier Valley Police Department	Bill Pmt -Check	22510	02/11/2019	97,072.50
LVTech	Bill Pmt -Check	22511	02/11/2019	922.30
Michael W Matronics	Bill Pmt -Check	22512	02/11/2019	25.00
NMS Labs	Bill Pmt -Check	22513	02/11/2019	257.00
PennPrime	Bill Pmt -Check	22514	02/11/2019	19,658.00
Pennsylvania Municipal Service Co.	Bill Pmt -Check	22515	02/11/2019	16.81
Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	22516	02/11/2019	64.72
RPC Video	Bill Pmt -Check	22487	02/11/2019	5,099.00
Sable Kennels	Bill Pmt -Check	22517	02/11/2019	50.00
Shawn Knepper	Bill Pmt -Check	22518	02/11/2019	25.00
Spectrum Medical Corporation LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	22519	02/11/2019	70.00
Stellar Fastener & Ind Supply	Bill Pmt -Check	22520	02/11/2019	92.19
SWIF	Bill Pmt -Check	22521	02/11/2019	1,538.00
TENWILS	Bill Pmt -Check	22522	02/11/2019	140.00
Terry Carcella	Bill Pmt -Check	22523	02/11/2019	102.47
The Latrobe Bulletin	Bill Pmt -Check	22524	02/11/2019	101.75
The Markosky Engineering Group, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	22525	02/11/2019	3,863.00
U.S. Municipal	Bill Pmt -Check	22526	02/11/2019	2,497.34
UniFirst Corporation	Bill Pmt -Check	22527	02/11/2019	167.75
Valley Landscaping & Lawn Care	Bill Pmt -Check	22528	02/11/2019	120.00
Verizon Wireless	Bill Pmt -Check	22529	02/11/2019	185.88
Watt's Truck Center, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	22530	02/11/2019	129.25
Wells Fargo	Bill Pmt -Check	22531	02/11/2019	105.90
West Penn Power	Bill Pmt -Check	22532	02/11/2019	1,057.99
Western Pennsylvania Teamsters and Employ	Bill Pmt -Check	22533	02/11/2019	20,265.02
<b>Feb 11, 19</b>				<b>168,194.89</b>

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**Ligonier Township-Liquid Fuels**  
**Bill Payments for All Vendors**  
February 11, 2019

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<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Feb 11, 19 American Rock Salt Company	Bill Pmt -Check	1240	02/11/2019	14,819.74
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Ligonier Township - ACT 13  
Bill Payments for All Vendors  
All Transactions

Vendor	Type	Num	Date	Amount
ADM Welding & Fabrication, LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	1003	02/11/2019	45,298.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>45,298.00</b>

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