

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Minutes
14 June 2011

The Supervisors of Ligonier Township met in regular session with all three Supervisors present: Chairman William C Penrod Jr, Keith A Whipkey, and Timothy R Komar.

From the audience, Robert Perry asked what the status was with Nicely Road. There has been considerable hauling of stone from a property serviced by that road. There has been working and noise around the clock causing concern among the neighbors. Komar responded that Ligonier Construction and Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County trucks have been using this road for various local projects. He said that the hauling is completed and that Ligonier Construction will repair and repave the road – probably this Friday (as that is the day they tend to do paving projects).

A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve the minutes of the 10 May regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve the minutes of the 17 May special meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Penrod to approve the Treasurer's report for May. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve payment of current bills with 2 corrections to charged general ledger accounts. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to accept the Police Incident report for May. Motion carried.

Zoning Office – Cynthia J Turley

1. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve a site plan for Watson Concrete on SR 271 in Oak Grove with the following provisions: (1) approval of a 5' x 2' sign with no lighting; (2) hours of operation to be limited to 7 am to 6 pm on Monday through Saturday; (3) limit to one full-time and one part-time employee; (4) sales are to be limited to retail sale of general aggregate, sand, and natural stone; (5) receipt from David Hunter, neighbor, of a waiver of the zoning ordinance requirement for property screening in a residential area; (6) use of holding tank as approved by the Supervisors in 2010. Motion carried.
2. A hearing date of 12 July at 6 pm was established for public comment and consideration of a Conditional Use for Ligonier Construction in Laughlintown.
3. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to grant a Modification for the property of David Zampatti in order to allow him to subdivide two parcels from his property. Modification accepted the argument of the applicant that, to draw property lines that give a minimum frontage of one property of 300 feet, the effect would be to create a hardship regarding the location of improvements on the properties. Motion carried. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve the subdivisions as submitted. Motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Penrod to table until the January reorganization meeting the setting of a fee for the issuance of floodplain letters by the Zoning Officer. Motion carried.

Old business:

1. A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to table a request by Brian Carey and Jack Herbert of deed transfer taxes paid to the Township for a real estate transaction that was later voided by the County. It is unknown at this point whether other entities receiving a portion of this fee are returning the money. In addition, it is unknown whether the County will refund the money and deduct from future receipts to the Township. Motion carried.

New business:

1. A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar for the Township to opt out of sponsorship of the annual hazmat cleanup by PA Cleanways because the one-day collection has been moved to Valley High School in New Kensington. Participation by Township residents has been minimal in the past when the location was much closer. It is doubtful residents will travel that far. The site will be re-addressed by PA Cleanways next year, and the Supervisors can re-examine the status of future sponsorship then. Motion carried.
2. Komar announced that Township workman's compensation provider Penn Prime has awarded a second grant to the Township this year. This amount of \$2,000 will be used to purchase an air purifier for the shop.
3. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to table setting of a date to consider the mandatory connection ordinance for Township residents to connect to the public sewer service being installed in the Township pending a review of the provisions by the Supervisors. Motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to approve Resolution 2011-R-07, and accept payment by Bethlen Communities of real estate taxes due for the years 2007 and 2008. Motion carried.
5. Rose Stepnick, of the Zoning Hearing Board, requested that her Board be permitted to require applicants to submit professionally prepared plans for actions requested of the Board. The documentation currently being provided is inadequate. The Supervisors responded that the members of the ZHB have the authority to set the requirements for documentation provided and advised the ZHB to adopt standards similar to those required by the Planning Commission and Supervisors if that is their wish.
6. Stepnick also informed that a bike rally is being planned for 25 June between the hours of 1 pm and 3 pm to benefit the new hiking/biking trail.
7. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Penrod to establish a written policy for the Township that insurance coverage be required from any contractors doing work for the Township. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Penrod to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith A Whipkey
Secretary