

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Minutes
13 December 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.

There being no comment from the audience, a motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Whipkey to approve the minutes of the 1 November special meeting. Motion carried. Komar abstained from voting because he did not attend the meeting.

A motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Whipkey to approve the minutes of the 1 November regular meeting. Motion carried. Komar abstained from voting as he did not attend the meeting.

A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve the minutes of the 15 November special meeting. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to approve payment of the current bills. Motion carried.

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

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Zoning Office – Cynthia J Turley

1. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve Resolution 2011-R-14, denying a site plan for Darl Dodson for an antique shop on Route 30 in Laughlintown. The reason for the denial was that the handicapped accessible entrance to the building encroached on the Township right-of-way to Center Street. The Supervisors believed that the layout presented an unacceptable risk of injury to those handicapped individuals entering the building – particularly in winter conditions. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to approve the amended subdivision for Bethlen Communities. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to accept an irregularly shaped new parcel (marked unbuildable) for Tom Frye on Clifford Woods Road. Motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve the subdivision request for Tom Frye, which creates the irregular lot. Motion carried.
5. A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to approve a site plan for Laurel Mountain Ski Slope with the following conditions attached: a contract for pumping the holding tanks must be in place, a storm water maintenance agreement acceptable to the Township must be executed, Chapter 102 (NPDES permit) and Chapter 105 (Wetland disturbance permit) must be obtained, a grading permit must be issued by the Township, alternate future parking must be in place, and the SEO must inspect the final sewerage plan. Motion carried.

Old business:

1. Supervisors reminded that Berkheimer and Associates will take over collection of Wage Taxes in 2012. This is part of a County-wide requirement. Also, Supervisors expect to act on an Ordinance at the 27 December special meeting to appoint Berkheimer collector of the Local Services Tax as well.
2. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve a subdivision, based on a modification approved in May, 2007, for Donald Seaborn. Motion carried.

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New business:

1. A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to approve Resolution 2011-R-15, waiving police contributions to their pension fund for 2012. The most recent actuarial report indicated that the plan is overfunded currently. Motion carried.
2. Supervisors announced that Ordinance 2011-OR-6 will be considered at a special meeting at 8 am on Tuesday, 27 December, to establish a mandatory connection for participants of the Boucher Lane waterline plan being installed by the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County.
3. Supervisors announced that they will consider adoption of the final 2012 budget at the 27 December special meeting as well.
4. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve Resolution 2011-R-13, establishing a procedure for selection of professional services for the pension plans should changes occur in the future. Motion carried.
5. Supervisors announced that vacancies to the Township Municipal Authority, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, and Recreation Board will be considered at the 3 January re-organization meeting. Anyone interested in serving on one of these boards is requested to send their qualifications to the Supervisors no later than 2 January 2012.
6. Rose Stepnick, Chair for the Ligonier Valley Hiking/Biking Trail reported that sufficient grant money has been pledged to assure that the bridge over Mill Creek (behind Weller Field) will be constructed in 2012.
7. Komar reported that the DEP permits have finally been obtained to improve Mill Creek in North Ligonier. The funding, approximately \$130,000, will come from Community Block Development grants courtesy of the Westmoreland County Planning Department and County Commissioners.
8. Komar reported that the Township once again qualified for a 5% reduction in Workers Comp premiums for 2012 because of the active involvement of the Safety Committee.

A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Penrod to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A Whipkey
Secretary