

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting
January 13, 2015

The Ligonier Township Supervisors met in regular session at 7:00 pm. Secretary Bruce Robinson took roll call. Present were Chairman Wade Thomas, Timothy R. Komar, D. Scott Matson and Bruce Robinson. Vice Chairman Paul Knupp was absent.

Solicitor Michael Korn announced that public comment would be limited in time to 45 minutes with each person allotted 3 minutes to speak.

- 1) Roger West asked for economic support and relationships with the residents.
- 2) Dave Kromel stated his disgust at the elimination of Timothy Komar's job as Roadmaster and thanked Mr. Komar for his thirty-three years of service to the township.
- 3) Don Mead opposed Resolution-2015-R-2 eliminating Mr. Komar's job as Roadmaster and requested that Mr. Komar be reinstated immediately.
- 4) Mark Shelton spoke of his concerns with the Marcellus Shale well sites.
- 5) Alan Smith spoke against the Marcellus Shale.
Correction to #5 – Alan Smith stated that to deny fracking to anybody that you are taking their mineral rights.
- 6) Stephanie Verna expressed concerns about fracking and the impact it will have on our infrastructure and public safety.
- 7) Dan Verna – stated he is a boy scout and is concerned about the results fracking will have on the environment.
- 8) Janice Shelton expressed her concerns about the Marcellus Shale's effect on the environment and effects on resident's health.
- 9) Jennifer Gorley showed the supervisors a container of water from her well that was very murky and said that it goes between clear to being black after fracking occurred in her area and contaminated her well. She stated that she now has neurological conditions and medical issues related to the fracking that occurred within 4000 feet of their well.
- 10) Susan Huba shared some information to be considered before fracking.
- 11) Dennis Robitaille spoke against fracking coming to Ligonier Township.
- 12) Rosaline Robitaille spoke against fracking coming to Ligonier Township.
- 13) Gary Menoher made several comments and gave information on fracking.
- 14) Rebecca Booher spoke against fracking coming to Ligonier Township.
- 15) Jack Milburn spoke against fracking coming to Ligonier Township.
- 16) Jan Milburn spoke against fracking coming to Ligonier Township.
- 17) Vicky Oles spoke against fracking coming to Ligonier Township and the costs involved.
- 18) Monte Murty encouraged the Supervisors to get control of their message.

The Supervisors went into executive session at 7:51 pm and reconvened at 8:17 pm. Solicitor Michael Korn certified that the topics discussed in executive session were in compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Timothy Komar to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting. Motion carried. Wade Thomas abstained as he was not present at this meeting.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014 public meeting. Motion carried. Wade Thomas abstained as he was not present at this meeting.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 reorganization meeting. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

Terry Carcella reported that currently there are six plow drivers and they continue to operate efficiently. Work continues on the Zoning Ordinance and Map and when it is completed will be posted on line and the public will be notified. The Planning Commission will meet tomorrow, January 14, for a work shop. He stated that the township hopes to sign an agreement with the Regional Police Study on January 21, 2015 and work continues on the Public Works Study with both of these being funded by DCED at no cost to the township.

Correspondence

Terry Carcella reported that a letter was received from Adam Cogan stating that he is pro to drilling and wants his neighborhood to be an appropriate site.

A 150-day letter was received from the United Auto Worker's regarding contract negotiation.

Zoning Office – no report

Police Report – no report

Treasurer's Report – Terry Carcella stated that the General Fund Account balance is \$236,249.78, the Act 13 Account balance is \$151,868.25, the K-9 Account balance is \$27,807.22, the Liquid Fuels Account balance is \$2,084.81 and the Developer's Account balance is \$14,000.00 for a total of \$432,010.06.

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the Financial Statement for December. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Bruce Robinson to pay the bi-monthly bills as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business

- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Bruce Robinson to appoint Timothy Komar and Paul Knupp to attend the PSATS Convention. Motion carried. Timothy Komar abstained.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to table the motion addressing the driveway lights at the Municipal Building. Motion carried.

Chairman Wade Thomas assigned committees for each department in the township. Scott Matson and Bruce Robinson, Personnel Committee – Bruce Robinson and Paul Knupp, Office – Paul Knupp and Timothy Komar, Public Safety – Scott Matson and Paul Knupp, Road Department – Paul Knupp and Wade Thomas, Building – Timothy Komar and Scott Matson, Recreation Committee.

New Business

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to approve Resolution 2015-R-01. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to approve Resolution 2015-R-02. Chairman Wade Thomas called for a roll call vote. Scott Matson voted yes, Bruce Robinson voted yes, Wade Thomas voted yes and Timothy Komar voted no. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Bruce Robinson to eliminate membership with Sam's Club. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Bruce Robinson to approve Resolution 2015-R-03. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to approve attendance by the township manager to the Professional Municipal Manager's Conference in Carlisle on January 23, 2015 at a cost of \$85.00 plus expenses. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Bruce Robinson to approve bonding the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to change the bank signature cards. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to approve Option #3 addressing the township time clock at a cost of \$126.65/month. Timothy Komar opposed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Supervisor Timothy Komar stated that the last two years have been a bunch of gloomy days. Trust in local government has been violated and it takes a long time to get that back. He said he signed the petition for two additional supervisors as the voters should decide what goes on in this world. He said he knew that some people felt the position of Road master is antiquated. He has worked in Ligonier Township for 33 years and has been honored to help the residents as much as possible. He and the road crew have always gone above and beyond and said it is about more than just a paycheck. He has been here to serve the public, which he believes is what his job has been about. He thanked everyone who allowed him to work for Ligonier Township and said that whatever the future brings, whether or not he is involved, he enjoyed his stay.

Supervisor Scott Matson made a motion to put the van on hold for the part-time animal control officer but rescinded the motion.

Supervisor Bruce Robinson – none

Supervisor Wade Thomas - none

- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Hollick