

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Reorganization Meeting
January 5, 2015

Solicitor Michael Korn called the Reorganization Meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Chairman Wade Thomas, Vice Chairman Paul Knupp, Timothy Komar, D. Scott Matson and Bruce Robinson.

- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Paul Knupp to appoint Wade Thomas Chairman for 2015. Solicitor Michael Korn asked for a roll call vote. Wade Thomas voted yes, Paul Knupp voted yes, Timothy Komar voted yes, D. Scott Matson voted yes and Bruce Robinson voted yes.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to appoint Paul Knupp Vice Chairman for 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Paul Knupp to appoint Bruce Robinson Secretary/Treasurer for 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Scott Matson to accept a letter of resignation from Robert Smithley from the Planning Commission. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Paul Knupp to accept a letter of resignation from Robert Benner as Township Auditor. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Paul Knupp to appoint Roxanne Shadron as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer for 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Paul Knupp to appoint Avolio Law Group as Township Solicitor for 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Paul Knupp to appoint Michael Matrunic as Ligonier Township Police Chief for 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Paul Knupp to appoint Eric Eslary as Ligonier Township Police First Lieutenant for 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Paul Knupp to appoint Amber Noel as part-time Animal Control and Code Enforcement Officer for 2015 at a rate of \$18.05/hr. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to appoint Berkheimer to collect 511 Taxes and Wage and Local Services Taxes if they are able to. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Timothy Komar to appoint First Commonwealth the depository for the General Fund and Developer's Account for 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Bruce Robinson to appoint James Tiberi as Auditor for a one year term expiring December 31, 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Paul Knupp to appoint Commercial National Bank depository for Liquid Fuels Funds and K-9 Account for 2015. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is appointed depository for the State Liquid Fuels Fund for 2015. Bruce Robinson abstained from voting as he serves on the board for Commercial Bank. Motion carried.

- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Paul Knupp to appoint PNC Financial depository for the Police Pension Fund for 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Bruce Robinson designating the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm and the 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:30 pm to be regular meeting nights for the Ligonier Township Supervisors for 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Paul Knupp to appoint Terry Carcella as Zoning Officer and Zoning Administrator for 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Bruce Robinson to appoint Michael D'Arrigo as Sewage Enforcement Officer and the appointment of Mesko Engineering as Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer for 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to eliminate the Roadmaster position for 2015. Supervisor Timothy Komar requested a roll call vote. Wade Thomas voted yes, Paul Knupp voted yes, Bruce Robinson voted yes, Scott Matson voted yes and Timothy Komar voted no. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Bruce Robinson to appoint Glen Kalp to a five year term on the Ligonier Township Municipal Authority beginning 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to appoint Wesley Binkey as interim road crew chief with an increase of \$5.00/hr. until a decision is made on Public Works Position. Timothy Komar voted no. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Bruce Robinson appointing Markosky and Associates Township Engineers for 2015 at a contracted hourly rate. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Paul Knupp to compensate the Planning Commission members at a rate of \$30.00 per meeting to be paid quarterly for 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Paul Knupp to appoint Scott Gongaware to a five year term on the Planning Commission. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Paul Knupp to appoint Kevin McVicker to a four year term on the Planning Commission. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Scott Matson to compensate the Zoning Hearing Board members at a rate of \$30.00 per meeting to be paid quarterly for 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Timothy Komar to appoint Robert Smithley to a three year term on the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Bruce Robinson to appoint Terry Carcella as Chief Administrative Officer of the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan for 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Paul Knupp to appoint Bruce Robinson as Chief Administrative Officer of the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan for 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Paul Knupp that supervisor's stipends be paid quarterly for 2015 and limited in amount to the rate stipulated by the Second Class Township Code. Motion carried. Bruce Robinson and Wade Thomas stated that they will not be accepting any supervisor pay for 2015. Scott Matson stated that he will be donating his stipend to the Ligonier Valley Library, Ligonier Valley Cemetery and the Fire Department.

- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Paul Knupp to appoint John Rhoades as Chairman of the Agricultural Security Program in addition to Lewis Thomas and Alan Smith to serve on the Agricultural Security Program for 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson to appoint Larry Shirey as Chairman of the Vacancy Board for 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Bruce Robinson to appoint Wessel & Company as CPA for 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Paul Knupp establishing the fees for the township services for 2015. **SEE ATTACHED COPY.** Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Scott Matson to appoint Barbara Hollick Open Records Officer for 2015. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar to suspend collection of the Street Light Taxes for 2015. Motion died for lack of a second.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson for the collection of the Street Light Taxes for 2015. Timothy Komar opposed. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bruce Robinson and seconded by Scott Matson for the collection of the Fire Hydrant Taxes for 2015. Timothy Komar opposed. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Scott Matson to appoint Terry Carcella as representative to the Act 32 Westmoreland County Wage Tax Committee. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Bruce Robinson to appoint Paul Fry as the alternate representative to the Act 32 Westmoreland County Wage Tax Committee. Motion carried.

The supervisors went into executive session at 7:17 pm and returned at 7:30 pm. Solicitor Michael Korn verified that he attended the executive session and the topics discussed were in compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Scott Matson to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Hollick