

**Ligonier Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting
November 12, 2013**

The Supervisors of Ligonier Township met in regular session with Timothy R. Komar, Albert H. Shadron and Grover T. Binkey present. Chairman Komar brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

It was announced that the media was recording this meeting.

Timothy Komar announced the appointment of Mark Hamilton as interim solicitor until the reorganization meeting to be held on January 6, 2014.

Wade Thomas asked if the audit was completed yet. Komar stated that it is over 80% done and nearing completion. Drafts have been done but the final report from Wessel & Associates has not been completed yet. Thomas asked if the police computers have been checked as of yet. Komar said that if a formal complaint is filed they would be checked. Kim Thomas asked what the total spent on the investigation is. Komar stated that he did not have an exact amount.

A motion was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Albert Shadron to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Timothy Komar to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2013 special meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Albert Shadron and seconded by Grover Binkey to approve the current month's bills. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Albert Shadron and seconded by Grover Binkey to accept the police incident report for October, 2013. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Albert Shadron to accept the Treasurer's report for October, 2013. Motion carried.

Zoning: Shelly Kaltenbaugh

Kaltenbaugh reported that the zoning office has issued approximately 12 sign permits, 5 violation letters, based on the input from last month, and served one citation. Kaltenbaugh stated that she has done some research on certificates of non-conformity, prepared submitting dates for advertising for the Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission and the Township Supervisors meetings. Kaltenbaugh also reviewed two preliminary development plans and the municipalities planning code for requirements for curative amendment and a creative and new application form for curative amendment.

Old Business:

- 1) Request that was tabled last month from Howard Burke to release a storm water bond was denied. The bond is a storm water bond and not a performance bond. A storm water bond is held in perpetuity and is not released. Mr. Burke is aware of the determination.
- 2) Addressed request from Cynthia Angelo and Keith Whipkey to release their pension funds. Komar stated that it had been researched and was determined that according to the pension fund document the pensions cannot be released but must be transferred to where all current pension money is held until they reach regular retirement age of 62.
- 3) Komar asked John Beaufort for an update on the house numbering ordinance. Mr. Beaufort stated that this will be addressed after January 1, 2014 . Mr. Beaufort stressed that the goal is not to fine residents for non-compliance of numbering their houses. Chief Matronics stated that recently they faced a dangerous situation where the house was not numbered and locating the residence was very difficult.
- 4) Request to release a small flow treatment bond for Edward Berton. Mr. Berton was to request that DEP do the inspection required to release his permit. Once they sign off, the township will be able to release this bond.
- 5) Komar addressed a previous issue regarding guard fence on State Route 2043 (Darlington Road). Komar contacted PennDot and was told they have been informed of the problem and that they intend to group the guard fence work with the work to be done on the single lane section of that road by the old Smith's pool and use the same permits to do all the repairs instead of having to secure more permits. Paul Knupp questioned whether there was a time frame from PennDot. Komar stated it is up to DEP and the permits on the stream.
- 6) Bryan Vogelsang stated that he has completed his investigation on Bethlen Home's storm water issues. He concluded that the storm water issues are contributing to the run off problems and mosquito issues on properties in the neighborhood. He suggested that the supervisors review his report when submitted and make a decision on this issue. Komar stated that this will be addressed at the next meeting.

New Business:

Komar addressed the anti-skid bids. They were as follows:

Ligonier Stone & Lime Company – 6S Anti-skid, 18.05/Ton delivered
AS2 Anti-skid, 18.05/Ton delivered

New Enterprise – 6S Anti-skid, 20.70/Ton delivered
AS2 Anti-skid, 20.70/Ton delivered

Homer Sleek & Sons – 6S Anti-skid, 15.25/Ton delivered
AS2 Anti-skid, 19.25/Ton delivered

1) A motion was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Albert Shadron to accept Ligonier Stone & Lime Company's low bid of 18.05/Ton for AS2 Anti-skid. Motion carried.

2) A motion was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Albert Shadron to accept Homer Sleek & Sons low bid of 15.25/ton for 6S anti-skid. Motion carried.

3) A motion was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Albert Shadron to approve the Hazardous Mitigation Plan, which allows us to apply for possible grant money. Motion carried.

4) A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Grover Binkey to release a road bond for a section of Kissell Springs Road by Ronald Harr. Motion carried.

5) A motion was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Albert Shadron to use liquid fuels money to payoff two Commercial Bank truck loans. Komar explained that during the liquid fuels audit it was brought to their attention that a portion of the liquid fuels funds are being underutilized. The auditor stated that it would be in our best interest to payoff these loans as we are making less than 1% interest on this money and paying 4% and 4.4% on these truck loans. Motion carried.

6) A motion was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Albert Shadron to approve the payoff of a Tax Anticipation Note that was taken out with Standard Bank. The total of the loan is \$200,000.00, plus interest of approximately \$2,500.00. Komar stated that there is over ½ million dollars in one short-term investment and it has been recommended that a portion of that investment be used to payoff this loan instead of making payments. Motion carried.

7) A motion was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Albert Shadron to accept the resignation of Robert Shapiro as a full-time police officer effective November 10, 2013. Officer Shapiro will be available to do accident reconstruction as well as some DOT issues to assist other officers. Motion carried.

8) A motion was made by Albert Shadron and seconded by Timothy Komar to appoint part time Officer Roger Wilson to full-time officer to fill the vacancy left by Robert Shapiro's resignation. Chief Matrunics spoke in support of the need to have four full time officers. He also related the value to the department to maintain Robert Shapiro to do accident reconstruction scenes. Grover Binkey stated that he feels they should wait till the end of the year to appoint him to full time. Motion carried.

Komar stated that he feels that we should cancel our information in the Yellow Pages. We are currently paying \$34.00 a month for this ad. Komar said he feels that since we are already in the government pages there is not a need to be in the yellow pages. A motion was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Timothy Komar. Motion carried.

Komar stated that the budget will be completed shortly and will be a much more accurate budget than in the past. He stated that there will be a work session with the current supervisors and the future supervisors to go over the budget. Komar also stated that a notice was in the newspaper last month stating the township was taking letters of interest for a new solicitor and that the new board will also be involved with this.

A motion was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Albert Shadron to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Hollick
Assistant Secretary