

**Ligonier Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting
July 9, 2013**

The Supervisors of Ligonier Township met in regular session with Timothy Komar, Albert (Mike) Shadron and Grover Binkey present. Supervisor Komar brought the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

During the audience participation portion of the meeting, the following spoke:

Josh Turnbull stated that his business had been robbed and that the police department had two simultaneous calls at the time and he wanted to know what could be done to get more police coverage or add a second officer or car to the force. He stated he was willing to help write a grant application if there were any available to apply for. He feels that the community would feel safer. Chairman Komar said that he should submit a written request.

A motion was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Mike Shadron to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2013 regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Shadron and seconded by Grover Binkey to approve the June Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Mike Shadron to approve the May Treasurer's Report that was tabled in June. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Mike Shadron to accept the Police Incident Report for June 2013. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Mike Shadron to accept the Police Incident Report for May 2013. Motion carried.

Zoning Office - Cynthia J. Angelo

Coal Loaders - Mellon #1 GFCC was deferred to the New Business portion of the meeting

Old Business - There was none

New Business -

A motion was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Mike Shadron to approve Resolution 2013-R-13 approving the Conditional Use for the Coal Loaders Inc Mellon #1 Project with a correction to item L on Page 7/8 of the Resolution. Motion carried. According to the supervisors' resolution, the company will not haul coal when students are being transported to school; not do

any blasting; give township police a 24-hour emergency phone number; provide and maintain pull-offs on Tosh Road; post appropriate road bonds; and be responsible for damage to roads. The company must conduct water testing for private property within 2,000 feet of the project. Coal Loaders will have 24 months to complete the project under the approval. The Grading and Sign Permits were also approved under the Conditional Use Approval.

A motion was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Mike Shadron to approve Resolution# 2013-R-14 authorizing the Chairman to sign the 5-Year PennDOT Winter Maintenance Agreement for the 2013-14 through 2017-18 winter seasons. Motion carried. It was noted that Peoples Road and Owl Hollow Road are the two PennDOT roads that the Township provided winter maintenance.

After public comment was asked for and none received. A motion was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Mike Shadron to appoint Cynthia Angelo as Interim Secretary/Treasurer until further notice. Motion carried. It was noted by Chairman Komar that the transition progress has been taking a little longer than planned. In response to Scott Matson's question, Mr Komar responded that the interim position is not the \$15 per hour Secretary Position that was advertised and that the Township had received 8-10 applications and decided to put the decision to hire on hold until the transition of the accounting system to QuickBooks is complete and the audit is concluded.

After public comment was asked for but also none received, Chairman Komar also stated that Bob Mitchell had asked for a letter acknowledging his retirement effective 8/15/13 that he enjoyed working with the Township employees, the Township Supervisors and the for the public. The Supervisors will vote to release his pension sometime in August.

Chairman Komar responded to Scott Matson that Ligonier Township and Cook Township made blacktop/cold patch together out at the Cook Township building and were not driving to Connellsville to pick it up.

Eleanor Coyne and Linda Charles asked the Board "what is the problem?" after both receiving a Violation Notice from the Township for their Curiosity Shop business in Laughlintown. Chairman Komar stated that the Township had received a written complaint about their business violating the Conditional Use Approval granted to Coyne in January the letter stated that the Supervisors were duped and the site looked like a daily yard sale. Ms Charles was stunned that she would receive a violation notice after the Township had only received one anonymous complaint. Ms Charles went on to say that Supervisor Komar had been to their place of business three times and had hollered at her at least once in front of her customers, which Mr Komar denied, but said he did apologize after she told him she didn't like his tone. He went on to say that she or someone told him she had made arrangements with the Pie Shoppe for customers to use their restrooms. Mrs Charles denied that but then said that Mr Komar visited three times and harassed her. You have one letter but yet you harassed me three times, this isn't a joke, this is my life working my butt off, she said. Mrs Coyne stated she had spent over \$6000 to meet the requirements and be granted approval from the Township and that they are just two women trying to have a small business. Ms Angelo interjected that the zoning violation could be appealed, that she was willing to meet with both Mrs Coyne and Mrs Charles to discuss the ordinance violations. Mr Komar stated that if the Township doesn't enforce what they approve,

then I'm not doing my job. Scott Matson added that there are a lot of illegal businesses operating in the Township while Dave Bridge asked about more details about the violation notice. Chairman Komar stated that he took it personal, because his name was on that approval. Ms Angelo responded that she was directed to issue the violation notice, that she enforces the ordinance and if the supervisors interpreted there was a violation of that approval that they would have to address that. Ms Angelo when questioned answered that she has been willing to meet with people at any time, even has done so while shopping at Giant Eagle. But she was not willing to negotiate or speak for the Supervisors, only to the zoning violations.

Dan Stevens urged the Supervisors to adopt a House and Street Numbering Ordinance for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township. The Township Police Department and other EMS had made the Supervisors aware of the issues of not having the ordinance and that it benefits all.

Scott Matson urged the Supervisors to do something to simplify the zoning process and Dave Bridge added that in 1998 he was approached in a friendly manner about a old bus they were using for storage on his farm, he said that he gladly complied and he wasn't sent a violation notice first, he was contacted in person. Cindy Angelo added that things were easier in the good old days, that no matter what she or the Township does there will always be five people that either don't like how the job is being done or say it's not being done, you can never ever make everyone happy all the time. After the first six months of being the Zoning Officer she realized this and you really can't care what people think or say, you just have to do the job.

Being no further business before the Board, a motion was made at 8:20 pm to adjourn the meeting by Grover Binkey, seconded by Mike Shadron. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Angelo

Interim Secretary