

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting
December 9, 2014

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

Wade Thomas asked the Supervisors to consider setting aside \$10,000.00 of the Act 13 money to use for campaigning to bring gas company businesses to Ligonier.

- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014 public meeting. Motion carried.

Manager Terry Carcella stated that there was a malfunction with the Township holding tank that has been fixed by the township road crew. He asked that anyone interested in serving on any of the township boards and commissions to submit a letter of interest. He reported that the township has received \$3,069.06 in state police fines. Timothy Komar announced that the Craig family sent a thank you to the township road crew for installing a pipe for them at the end of their driveway. Terry Carcella reported that a letter of thanks had been received from the Ligonier Valley School District stating their appreciation for Lt. Eric Eslary and Blek's assistance in a K-9 drug search at the High School and Middle School.

Zoning Office – Terry Carcella reported that the zoning office issued a total of eight permits during the month of November with a total construction cost of \$1,560,695.00, in addition to four other permits.

Police Department – Chief Michael Matrunic gave a report on fines received through the police department: K-9 unit, \$22,318.00, Clerk of Courts, \$5,004.86, Police Reports, \$1,095.00, District Court Fines, \$21,450.80, Taser donation, \$3,150.00, Fort Ligonier Days Reimbursement, \$2,105.82, Aggressive Driving Grant, \$2,927.92, other restitutions, \$763.27, other miscellaneous donations, \$150.00 and the Attorney General's Office, \$8,595.00. These total \$67,560.67. There is one pending reimbursement that a grant was applied for in the amount of \$2,137.21. This grant is for vests and is a 50/50 grant where the township police department pays half and the federal government pays half. He also announced that there have been several thefts in the township and sheds seem to be targeted. There are also scams occurring with phone calls asking for money to be sent because someone you know is in trouble. He announced that there is a drug rehab center interested in buying the Laurel Valley High School. He stated that this will be discussed at a meeting at the high school on Monday.

Treasurer's Report – Terry Carcella stated that the General Fund Account has \$498,014.50, Act 13 Account has \$151,888.25, K-9 Account has \$25,372.22, Liquid Fuels Account has \$2,084.79 and the Developer's Account has \$38,750.00 for a total of \$716,109.76.

- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Timothy Komar to approve the Financial Statement for November. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to pay the bills as presented, with the exception of Check #18828. Komar requested that this be checked to make sure it wasn't already paid. Motion carried.

No report from the Engineer's office.

No report from the Solicitor's office.

Old Business

- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Paul Knupp to approve Resolution 2014-R-18 regarding the F.O.P Contract. Scott Matson opposed. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the Young Lungs at Play policy statement. Motion carried.

New Business

- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Timothy Komar to approve Resolution 2014-R-20 renaming Iris Road to Bakobils Farm Road. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Timothy Komar to allow the Girl Scouts use of the meeting room for distribution of Girl Scout cookies in February. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar to approve a request by the Kiwanis Club to donate \$500.00 to provide Christmas treats for the children. The motion died for lack of a second.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Timothy Komar to approve Resolution 2014-R-21 appointing Roxanne Shadron as administrator for the Berkheimer Account. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to table a motion to approve a quote from TUDI to address the outside lights at the township building. Paul Knupp voted against tabling the motion. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Timothy Komar to approve a yearly contract with Vita-Charge to provide technical support for the township's computer system. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to approve Resolution 2014-R-22 to start the process for a curative amendment. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Timothy Komar to approve Resolution 2014-R-23 addressing Act 13 money distribution. Motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 7:32 pm to address personnel issues and litigation. The meeting resumed at 7:44 pm. Solicitor Michael Kornis stated that he was in attendance at the executive session and certified that topics discussed were in compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

Supervisor Timothy Komar stated that a grant application has been received through the Dirt and Gravel Roads Program and he hopes to receive a \$25,000.00 grant to do berm repairs in addition to other projects. He reminded residents that on-street parking will not be tolerated during the winter months. He stated that he would like to put the township's name on the Federal Surplus list to purchase two new tandem axle tractors at a cost of \$4,500.00 each.

- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Paul Knupp to move forward with the purchase of two new tandem axle tractors through the Federal Surplus program. Scott Matson opposed. Motion carried.

Supervisor Scott Matson thanked Terry Carcella for the job he's doing.

Supervisor Paul Knupp thanked Tim Komar and the road department for their help with several recent leaks that occurred. He stated that the Municipal Authority reimburses the township when this help is provided. He said he's happy to see the young people at the meeting and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Hollick
Assistant Secretary