Ligonier Township Supervisors Regular Meeting October 14, 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 Komar.

Public comment for agenda items: None

- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Paul Knupp to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting. Timothy Komar abstained as he was not in attendance at the meeting. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Paul Knupp to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2014 public meeting. Timothy Komar abstained as he was not in attendance at the meeting. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2014 special meeting. Motion carried.

Manager's Report -

Township Manager Terry Carcella reported that work is continuing on the budget process for next year. Work continues on the Zoning and Land Use Ordinance and hopes to have a draft copy as soon as possible. Several projects are scheduled to move the township forward.

Correspondence:

The Ligonier Valley Library sent a letter of acknowledgment and thanks for the donation of \$1,500.00.

A request was sent from Penn State Extension to participate in their "Young Lungs at Play" program. Terry Carcella recommended that the supervisors take no action on a resolution addressing this at this time.

Terry Carcella recommended attendance at a webinar offered by PSATS on October 23, 2014 addressing retirement benefits. He stated that he would attend this.

Zoning Officer: (Zoning Officer not present) Terry Carcella reported that there was no meeting of the Planning Commission as both items on the agenda were tabled. Items on their agenda on October 21, 2014 to be considered are:

- 1) 2014-5-SUB Alan B. Smith and Carol L. Smith 51-06-00-0-053
- 2) 2014-2-LD Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

3) 2014-6-SUB Steven V. Smith and Deborah L. Smith 51-18-11-0-011

4) 2016-1-CU Cingular Wireless PCS/LCC DBA AT&T 51-17-00-0-132

The Zoning Hearing Board met on September 23, 2014 and approved the application of Ligonier Trucking to allow the construction of a 5500 square foot building. On October 8, 2014, the Zoning Hearing Board heard the variance applications of Cingular wireless PCS/LCC DBA AT&T, granting variances to allow the construction of a 150 foot monopole.

Police Report: Chief Michael Matrunics thanked the board for their approval to assist Ligonier Borough during Ft. Ligonier Days. He stated that the police department will be participating in the Buckle Up Program on October 20 thru October 24 and participating in the Aggressive Driving Program on October 22 thru November 22. These are funded through grant money.

Treasurer's Report: Terry Carcella reported that the General Fund account has \$1,130,749.60, the State Liquid Fuels account has \$74,573.04, the Developer Account has \$23,574.00, the K-9 Account has \$26,642.15, the Wilpen Playground account has \$1,915.08 and the Act 13 Impact Fee account has \$151,868.25.

- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to dispense the Foreign Fire Insurance money. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to donate \$6,900.00 to the three township fire companies. Motion carried.

Engineers Report: Dorothy Boring stated that they are working with the zoning officer on the development and conditional use applications that have been submitted.

Solicitor's Report: None

New Business:

- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to approve moving the Township Employees Insurance to the Teamster's Unit as long as they can meet the criteria mentioned. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to approve releasing Edward Berton's small flow treatment bond in the amount of \$2,500.00. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Timothy Komar to approve signing a Letter of Intent with DCED for regional police study and efficiency study of the public works department. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to approve Resolution 2014-R-16 addressing the Supervisors oversight of the Non Uniform Pension Plan. Motion carried.

- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to approve Resolution 2014-R-17 addressing the Uniform Pension Plan. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Timothy Komar to hire Roxanne Shadron as Finance/Administrative Assistant. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to advertise for a seasonal plow driver. Motion carried.

Chairman Paul Knupp announced that they would open Propane Bids and Anti-Skid Bids. One bid was received from Luther P. Miller for propane. Timothy Komar stated that their bid amount was \$1.55/gallon, delivered, based on a 7700 gallon usage for 2013. This bid was advertised legally and notice sent to several companies.

A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Timothy Komar to accept Luther P.
 Miller's bid of \$1.55/gallon for propane. Motion carried.

Anti-Skid bids were as follows:

Homer Sleek & Sons: 6S - \$16.75/Ton, delivered

AS2 - \$20.25/Ton, delivered

New Enterprise: 6S - \$23.30/Ton, delivered

AS2 - \$23.30/Ton, delivered

Ligonier Stone & Lime Company: 6S – No bid

AS2 – 19.50/Ton, delivered

- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to accept Homer Sleek & Sons low bid of \$16.75/Ton, delivered, for 6S Anti-skid. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to accept Ligonier Stone
 & Lime Company's low bid of \$19.50/Ton, delivered, for AS2 Anti-skid. Motion carried.

The Supervisors went into executive session at 7:28 pm and returned at 7:45 pm.

Supervisor's comments:

Supervisor Timothy Komar stated that the road crew finished painting the Rhoades Farm Bridge and reported that it has been inspected and the engineers' are very impressed with the work done by the road crew. A 2001 Ford F-450 Dump truck will be listed on Asset Auction to be sold. He reminded residents not to blow their leaves in the ditches as this causes problems.

Supervisor Scott Matson expressed his thanks for the nice job done on the bridge. He also thanked Bruce Robinson and Paul Knupp for being volunteers this year. He announced that he plans to donate his supervisor's stipend for 2015 to the Fire Departments (\$1,500.00), Ligonier Valley Library (\$500.00) and Ligonier Valley Cemeteries (\$500.00).

Supervisor Paul Knupp recognized Ligonier Township Police Officer Amber Noel for receiving an accommodation from the FBI for her work on a Ligonier Borough investigation case. He will be

attending a seminar on October 23, 2014 given by the DEP on Elected Officials regarding key contact officials.

Public Comment:

Charles Shadron asked about legal fees. Terry Carcella stated that these are ongoing fees that have to be paid. He asked about the terminated employees and where this stands. Terry Carcella stated that they have no comments on any personnel issues. He asked if the bridge on Zion Church Road will be fixed soon. Timothy Komar told him that the bridge is still on the list to be addressed and that \$50,000.00 is dedicated to that bridge in the Act 13 money.

Rae Ann Tronetti expressed her concerns with a political sign that is placed at the entrance to the township building. She stated that it is causing a visibility problem when trying to access Route 711. She requested that this sign be removed from its current position so that it does not cause a public safety issue.

Dave Bridge asked why it was not advertised that the Zoning Hearing Board needed a second alternative and when this was decided. Terry Carcella stated that they need two alternatives for this board. He felt they needed to have someone in that position as soon as possible because training is going to become available. Timothy Komar stated that the person appointed for the second alternative had asked if there was a position and that is how he was aware of the opening.

• A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Hollick Assistant Secretary