

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting
July 8, 2014

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

Public Comment: None

- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Timothy Komar to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2014 public meeting. Motion carried.

Zoning Office:

Zoning Officer Shelly Kaltenbaugh stated that the zoning office has received numerous inquiries about zoning permits for new structures, accessory structures, swimming pools and fences. She also reported that an inspection has been done at Sheetz regarding the rain garden that has been filling with water. She stated that she met last week with their engineer, our engineer and the Westmoreland County Conservation District and they discussed redesigning the rain garden to correct the problem. The Township's recommendation is that they purchase a pump and they have been pumping the water out of the proposed rain garden so there will not be water gathering there.

Police Department:

Chief Michael Matrunic reported that through August 31 the Township is signed up and approved through the state for additional money to provide traffic patrol in Ligonier Township, mainly on State Route 271, State Route 711 and State Route 30 areas. He stated that as of now \$1,000.00 will be provided and probably another \$1,000.00 for seat belt enforcement. He stated that this will increase police patrol and the number of citations issued.

Treasurers Report:

Rae Ann Tronetti reported that the cash balance is holding steady from last month to this month at approximately \$1,500,000.00. She stated that taxes are minimal at this time of the year with the bulk of collection coming in during the months of March, April and May. There was a small loss of \$9,700.00 for the month of June. She stated that this will be covered when the amusement taxes and earned income taxes come thru. A grant of approximately \$4,500.00 was received from the Pittsburgh Foundation that is to be used for K-9 purposes.

- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the Financial Statement for June. Motion carried.

Engineer's Report:

Brian Vogelsang reported that his office has been providing structure design and permitting consultation support for the Harvey Road Bridges. He also stated that the first Bridge is now reopened and work will start on the second bridge as soon as the permitting is secured. They have reviewed the mitigation plan that was put together for Bethlen Home regarding storm water and ground water issues. They also did a review of the report that was put together by Benchmark Engineering for Bethlen Homes.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Scott Avolio explained the motion before the board to adopt a resolution regarding the highway management of the retro reflectivity minimum levels required by the federal highway administration. He stated that this resolution will allow the township to use combination methods where they review the signs for their reflectivity and replace those that don't meet the requirements with approved signs. This would be in compliance with the Federal Highway Administrations Manual known as the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Device.

- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Paul Knupp to adopt a resolution establishing and implementing an assessment or management method to maintain regulatory and warning sign retro reflectivity at the minimum levels as established by the Federal Highway Administration. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to authorize the solicitor to review the township seatbelt policy and draft a resolution to update the policy to be in compliance with Ligonier Township's insurer risk management guidelines. Motion carried.
- A motion to approve the reallocation of \$1,500.00 from the Township General Fund to the Ligonier Township Recreation Board died for lack of a motion.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Paul Knupp to approve a request to include Marietta Road in the PennDot Winter Maintenance Contract. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Timothy Komar and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the contractor for Bethlen Home to tie the existing eight inch pipe that comes out onto Carey School Road, as well as the new installation in the storm water facility, into the storm water system on Carey School Road. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments:

Supervisor Timothy Komar stated that the Bridge on Harvey Road that was closed for work is now reopened as of today's date. The second bridge on Harvey Road, located near Watkins store, will be closed in the next week for repairs. He stated that the Ligonier Township Road Crew did a great job and the cost was minimized by doing it in house. He will have an accounting of costs that were incurred for this project at the next meeting. He also stated that on Wednesday, July 23, at 3:00 pm, PennDot would be at the Township Building for a public viewing of plans for five bridges that they feel are structurally deficient in Ligonier Township. The bridges being discussed are on Wilpen Road, the bridge above Sheetz, the bridge on Route 259 and two bridges in Rector. The Supervisors will meet with them from 3:00 pm till 4:00pm and the meeting will be open to the public from 4:00 pm till 5:00 pm.

Supervisor Scott Matson:

No Comments

Supervisor Paul Knupp:

Supervisor Knupp stated that examples of signs for houses and a listing of businesses where they can be purchased are available at the Ligonier Township Municipal Building. He thanked the Township Road Department for the great job they did on the Harvey Road Bridge. He thanked Mike Shadron in addition to other employees of the road department, for their help with a water break and stated that their pay for the time incurred would come from the Municipal Authority and not taxpayers. He also announced that the American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive on Friday, July 25, 2014, from 11:00 am till 5:00 pm at the Ligonier Township Municipal Building.

- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Timothy Komar to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Hollick
Assistant Secretary