

Ligonier Township Supervisors

Minutes

11 January 2011

The Supervisors of Ligonier Township met in regular session at 7pm with the following Supervisors present: Chairman William C Penrod Jr, Keith A Whipkey, and Timothy R Komar.

From the audience, a citizens group including Jan and Jack Milburn read prepared comments (attached) concerning the Marcellus Shale drilling for natural gas, which has become a great concern in this area (and Pennsylvania generally). The group understands that the State permits these drilling operations, but local authorities do have some control, and the perception is that more must be done to regulate the operations into protecting the environment, as well as maintaining the property values and standard of living of neighboring properties. The full texts and statements provided are attached.

A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve the minutes of the 14 December regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Penrod to approve the minutes of the 28 December special meeting. Motion carried.

Following a discussion regarding a change in the Sewerage Enforcement Officer fees for 2011, a motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to rescind motion #38 of the Re-organization meeting held 3 January and recognize the changes made. Primarily, they are an effort to provide residents with a more exact cost for the work to be done. Further, the motion approves the minutes of that meet as revised. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Penrod to approve the Treasurer's report for December. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Penrod to pay the current bills. A bill paid to Tri County Petroleum was questioned and will be researched. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to accept the Police Incident report for December. Motion carried.

Zoning Office – Cynthia J Turley

1. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Penrod to approve a waiver of time for the Bethlen Communities planned residential development. Motion carried. Director Imre Bertalan was in attendance and signed the waiver on behalf of the applicant. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to set the hearing at 7 pm on Tuesday, 1 February. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve a subdivision application for Mary Giesey on Matson Road. Motion carried.

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3. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve a time waiver of 30 days on the subdivision application of Robert Davis on Youngstown Ridge Road. Motion carried.

Old business:

1. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to table appointment to two vacancies on the Recreation Board pending recommendations from that Board. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to appoint Ron Dorazio as Chairman of the Vacancy Board for 2011. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to support a Community Block Development Grant application for Boucher Lane, along with the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County for the purpose of replacing a water line into that plan. Motion carried.

New business:

1. A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to table consideration of a resolution, which would permit officers of the Township to resolve fines for minor Zoning and Code violations on behalf of the Township. Suggested changes from the Supervisors will be incorporated into a new resolution.
2. A motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Komar to release a road bond for Wayne Piper on Chrisner Road. Motion carried.
3. Solicitor Judith Cizek advised the Board that it will be necessary to hold a hearing and pass a revised Flood Plane Ordinance for the Township in February. It was decided that the hearing will take place at 6:30 on Tuesday, 1 February. This meeting will be properly advertised.

A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A Whipkey
Secretary