

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Minutes
12 March 2013

The Supervisors of Ligonier Township met in regular session with all three Supervisors present: Chairman Keith A Whipkey, Timothy R Komar, and Grover T Binkey.

Ed Moran, representing the Ligonier Valley School District, spoke from the audience in appreciation of the great job the local police departments are doing in helping prevent possible violence in the schools coming from outside. This is in response to the increase in tragedies occurring throughout the country in the past few years. The assistance of the Township Police includes maintaining the safety of the school environment and use of K9s in drug searches.

Zoning issues were moved to the top of the agenda to convenience the majority of the audience.

A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Binkey to approve a subdivision request with the condition that utilities be marked on the plan prior to being signed by the Supervisors. Motion carried.

Solicitor, Judith Cizek convened an advertised public hearing, to take testimony regarding a conditional use request by Loyalhanna Watershed for their property at the McConnaughey farm on Old Route 30 West. A court reporter was present to take testimony Present to represent the LW was Executive Director, Susan Huba, and engineer Timothy Fyock. The intent of the request is to preserve the farm as much as possible while converting the farmhouse and barn into office and meeting rooms. These facilities will not be rented out but will be used by like-minded organizations, Trout Unlimited, Westmoreland Conservation District, Ligonier Township Trail Board, and others. Typically, events will occur during the day, but a modification was requested to alter the lighting of the parking lot pathways and similar areas using directional lighting and, in the opinion of LW, to keep the property more farm-like. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Binkey to close testimony at 7:58 pm. Motion carried. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Binkey to approve the modification. Motion carried. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Binkey subject to a number of conditions to be attached to these minutes, to approve Resolution 2013-R-08, approval of the conditional use. Motion carried. The hearing was adjourned at 8:07 pm, by motion of Komar and second by Binkey. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Binkey and seconded by Komar to approve the minutes of the 12 February meeting. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Binkey and seconded by Komar to pay the current bills. Motion carried.

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

Old business:

1. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Binkey to approve Resolution 2013-R-07, an inter-municipal agreement with Latrobe Borough. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Binkey to accept the resignation of Scott Matson from the Planning Commission with 2 years remaining on his term. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to accept the resignation of Rob Angelo from Alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board and appoint him to the remaining 2 years of Matson's term. Motion carried.

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3. A vacancy continues to exist to fill a vacancy on the Municipal Authority. Interested persons should submit a resume or letter of interest to the Supervisors. Supervisors are now looking for an alternate to the ZHB to replace Angelo.
4. Supervisors continue to seek residents interested in receiving free fill or wood chips made available through road crew projects during the summer.

New business:

1. Supervisors announced that Rich Patterson CPA will not perform audits for the Township beyond the 2012 audit. Whipkey and Ciszek are researching requirements in hiring new auditor for 2013.
2. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Binkey to appoint Steve Kozar as Assistance Emergency Management Director for the Township replacing Ron Dorazio. Motion carried.
3. The Township announced that Spring Dumpster Day will be Saturday, 27 April from 8 am to noon. All past fees, charges, and acceptable drop off items will continue as in the past.
4. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Binkey to amend the 2012 and 2013 budgets to reflect Act 13 Gas Well money. A total of \$56,768 was received by the Township too late in 2012 to use. A capital account was established on page 3 of the budget and can be held until a permitted use is identified for the funds. The 2013 budget changes only to the extent that the \$56,768 continues to be shown in the capital account fund. Estimated 2013 receipts of about \$15,000 was already provided for an expects to be spent during the current year. Motion carried.
5. Rose Stepnick announced that the bridge over Mill Creek behind Weller Field will be delivered this week to connect Ligonier Borough to the Ligonier Valley Hiking Trail.
6. Komar announced that road crews will be cleaning up remnants of anti-skid spread on Township roads beginning next week.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Binkey and seconded by Komar to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A Whipkey
Secretary