

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Minutes
9 April 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.

From the audience, Linda McDowell expressed the belief that there is a need to revisit the Township's Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Ordinance. She believes that too many people are having a difficult time doing what they want to do, and perhaps this is due to antiquated ordinances.

Scott Matson stated that he is not opposed to the Police Department and questioned whether it costs more to collect the anti-skid than to let it go. Komar responded that the loose gravel left over from the winter needed to be removed from the vicinity of the drains anyway, and the Township needed to buy new material only at the end of the winter season. The savings was substantial.

John Beaufort, Emergency Management Coordinator, questioned the status of an ordinance regarding required posting of house numbers in the Township to assist in emergency response. Solicitor Judith Ciszek responded that the past months have been very busy, particularly with legal issues confronting the Township. The ordinance will be presented at earliest possible timeframe.

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

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

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

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

Zoning Office – Cynthia J Angelo

1. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Binkey to approve a site plan for the expansion of the Sheetz store and SR 711/SR 271 in Oak Grove. The plan is to double the size of the current store, with expanded gasoline service, a car wash to be installed upon completion of the public sewerage system connection to their location, and a drive-up window. Orders will be made by the current keyboard ordering system (as is located inside) rather than speakers at the windows. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Binkey to approve the application subject to receipts of a Highway Occupancy Permit, SEO review, and Holding Tank compliance. Motion carried.

Old business:

1. Supervisors announced once again the Dumpster Day will be held on Saturday, 27 April between the hours of 8 am and noon.

New business:

1. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Binkey to approve the release of a Road Bond for CH&D Enterprises on Peoples Road. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve Resolution 2013-R-09, a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Township to comply with County procedures. Motion carried. The Procedure will be reviewed periodically and the Township will need to update the resolution.

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3. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Binkey to approve Resolution 2013-R-10, an addition to the the Police Policy Manual dealing with the handling of Bio-hazards. The department is currently already complying with most of the provisions, but the change will emphasize strict adherence. Motion carried.
4. Supervisors announced that employment applications will be received by the Township until 15 April to replace a new vacancy on the Road Crew.
5. Vickie Weimer Ransell spoke on behalf of the proposed plan of the Neid family on Foxley Farms. She believes that this kind of innovative approach is needed in the Valley and will help with economic growth, not only for the business but to other servicing businesses as well. The Supervisors were unable to respond as litigation is currently in process.
6. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Binkey to permit the County Sheriff's department to use the Community Room periodically to do background checks for weapons permits. Motion carried.

There being no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Binkey and seconded by Komar to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A Whipkey
Secretary