

Ligonier Township Supervisors  
Minutes  
12 June 2012

The Supervisors of Ligonier Township met in regular session with all three Supervisors present: Chairman Keith A Whipkey, Timothy R Komar, and William C Penrod Jr.

Because an overwhelming majority of the audience was present regarding the proposed resolution in support of efforts opposing portions of the Act 13 (natural gas drilling legislation), this item was moved to the top of the agenda. Wade Thomas spoke in opposition to the resolution. Ann McDougle, Jack Milburn, Bill Danchuck, and Mark Shelton spoke in favor. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve the resolution 2012-R-13, opposing provisions of the Act that pre-empt the municipalities rights to hold Conditional Use hearings prior to issuing a permit to drill. Motion carried. Penrod opposed the resolution. It is noted here that no one spoke in opposition to drilling.

Phoebe Cornell appeared to request that the Supervisors approve her request to hold a 5k and 10k race through portions of the Township – along with police support to ensure safety (to be worked out with Chief Matrunic) in October. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Penrod to approve the request. Motion carried.

Wade Thomas appeared with a complaint regarding the Police Department. Supervisors recommended he file a written complaint, and a review will take place to determine what happened and corrective measures if necessary.

A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Penrod to approve the minutes of the 1 May regular meeting. Motion carried.

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

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

A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Penrod to accept the Police Incident report for April and May. Motion carried.

#### Zoning Office – Cynthia J Turley

1. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Penrod to approve an amended site plan for Forks in on Route 711. Motion carried subject to Zoning Hearing Board approval of the new building. The owner was asked why he tore down the building and rebuilt when he only had prior approval to add an addition to the building. He responded that the State codes did not differentiate between an addition and a new structure, and he was not aware that the Township ordinances differed in this respect.
2. Supervisors tabled a request for an amended site plan for Ligonier Construction in Laughlintown as no one appeared to represent the request.

#### Old business:

1. Supervisors reported that the bid openings for the hiking trail bridge produced only one bidder – Donegal Construction – and the bid exceeded estimates by approximately \$100,000. Representatives of the Township met with Donegal Construction personnel to discuss options available to lower the cost. As these options remain, action on the bid is postponed for now.

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New business:

1. Supervisors set a hearing to accept public comment regarding a proposed amendment to the sign ordinance. The meeting will be held at 6:45 on 10 July.
2. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve the hiring of Staci Barkley as On-Call Receptionist and Zoning Clerk retroactive to 4 June at a pay rate of \$8.00/hour. Motion carried. Penrod abstained from the vote.
3. The Township has received notification from PennDOT that the Zion Church Road Bridge is scour-critical. Roadmaster Komar reported that the bridge is scheduled through Penn DOT for replacement. He will contact Penn DOT to determine what is needed.
4. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Penrod to opt out of sponsorship of the annual hazardous material collection by PA Cleanways in October. Motion carried. It was explained that the event will be held at WCCC and not many residents participate. The cost of sponsorship would have been approximately \$365.
5. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Penrod to approve Resolution 2012-R-12, the financing of a new dump truck through Commercial Bank, for 5 years, at 3.2% interest. Motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve Resolution 2012-R-14, extension of the Act 537, Township sewer plan, through Laughlintown to, but not including Laurel Mountain Borough, at this point. Motion carried. Penrod voted against the Resolution.
7. A motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Komar to approve the UAW union contract from 2013-2015 (provisions to take effect on 1 July). Motion carried. The contract involves a wage freeze in 2013 and 2014 and 2% increase in 2015.
8. Komar reported regarding the tornado that touched down in the Township over the past weekend. He praised the Road Crew, Emergency Services and residents for coming together in time of need to work together.

A motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Whipkey to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A Whipkey  
Secretary