

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Minutes
9 October 2012

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

There being no one in the audience to bring new business before the Board, a motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Whipkey to approve the minutes of the 11 September regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Whipkey to approve minutes of the first special meeting held on 2 October. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Whipkey to approve minutes of the second special meeting held on 2 October. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Whipkey to approve minutes of the third special meeting held on 2 October. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Zoning Office – Cynthia J Turley

1. A motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Whipkey to approve a subdivision for John and Phil Shaffer on Settler Road. Motion carried.
2. A conditional use was presented to Mr Darl Dodson regarding his request for an antique shop in Laughlintown. The approval was given at the 2 October meeting, subject to conditions. Mr Dodson protested the condition requiring him to pay for damage to Township vehicles that may result if the court-permitted sidewalk is built above grade level. Mr Dodson assured that it won't be built higher than grade. Whipkey agreed the Supervisors might re-visit this condition once the sidewalk construction is concluded.
3. Whipkey reported that a conditional use request for Ramsey Machine was subsequently expanded beyond the 2 October scheduled public hearing to accommodate neighbors wishing to testify, who could not be present at a morning meeting. Richard Flickinger, Attorney for Ramsey, requested at the 2 October meeting that the presentation, therefore, be postponed until the evening meeting – to be held at 7 pm on Wednesday, 17 October. The machine shop had already been granted a variance or special exception to operate multiple businesses on one parcel.

Old business:

1. The official Halloween celebration will occur in the Township from 6 pm to 9 pm on Wednesday, 31 October. During that time, additional police will be on duty to provide additional safety during those times. Other celebrating will not be prohibited.

New business:

1. It was announced that Supervisor Penrod has submitted a resignation from the Supervisor position effective 3 January 2013. In order to minimize disruption to state-required re-organization, the Supervisors will accept letters of interest and resumes for the position until the end of October.

(2)

The appointment of a successor cannot be officially made until the resignation becomes effective, so the goal of the search is to find a tentative replacement, who can be brought up to speed on the budget issues of the Township and also assist in planning for the Re-organizational meeting, required by law to be held on Monday, 7 January. The appointment will not become official until the resignation becomes effective, and a special meeting will be held for the purpose at that time.

2. Supervisors announced that the Township has been recognized by Penn Prime, workman's compensation providers with an award, in the form of a plaque, for the work of the Township's safety committee. Whipkey commented that the committee meets monthly and has resulted in fewer claims being filed.
3. A motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Whipkey to approve the extension of the contract with Hoffman Kennels, in Delmont, to provide dog control services to the Township for 2013. Motion carried.
4. Rose Stepnick appeared from the audience to report that diesel fumes have been rampant in her neighborhood in Darlington due to engines left running for extended periods of time in the vicinity. She presented State laws prohibiting such activity and requested it be given to the Police department for future enforcement.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Whipkey to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A Whipkey
Secretary