Ligonier Township Supervisors Regular Meeting October 15, 2013

The Supervisors of Ligonier Township met in regular session with Timothy R. Komar, Albert H. Shadron and Grover T. Binkey present. Chairman Komar brought the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

It was announced that the media was recording this meeting.

Public Comment: Not recorded

A motion was made by Albert Shadron and seconded by Timothy Komar to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Albert Shadron to approve the current month's bills. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Albert Shadron and seconded by Grover Binkey to accept the police incident report for September, 2013. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Albert Shadron and seconded by Grover Binkey to accept the Treasurer's report for September, 2013. Motion carried.

Zoning: Shelly Kaltenbaugh

Nothing before the board

Old Business:

Addressed a formal request from Howard Burke to release a bond being held for Ligonier Self-Storage. Komar stated that it was unclear whether this was a Performance Bond or a Storm Water Management Bond but was determined that it is a Storm Water Management Bond and is not to be refunded. Mr. Burke requested information clarifying the difference between a Performance Bond and a Storm Water Management Bond and asked to be on the agenda for the November 12, 2013 meeting. A motion was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Albert Shadron to table a motion on this request. Motion carried.

Komar addressed a complaint from last month's meeting by Robert Fiok regarding excessive storm water from Bethlen Home. He stated that he had met with our engineer and they are researching the original storm water plan to see what maintenance practices need to be made. Komar stated there are issues and they will be addressed and corrected.

Komar stated that the Township is waiting to hear back from PennDot in regards to the guard rail issues in Darlington. Komar stated that he will talk to Senator White's office if

PennDot does not get back to him about this matter. Komar said PennDot is aware of the situation and it is unacceptable.

John Beaufort stated that he had spoken to the Fire Companies and the Ambulance personnel about the house numbering ordinance. This is still being worked on and will be on the agenda for an update next month.

Komar stated that a quote from Higbee Insurance that was tabled from last month's meeting because of improper paper work has been taken care of and there is only an increase of \$173.00 because of the new vehicle. He said that the township is very much about being competitive and bidding out our insurance but no one will touch bidding our insurance until a pending lawsuit, resulting from a wreck that occurred on Darlington Hill several years ago, is settled.

New Business -

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A request from Edward Berton to release a small flow sewage treatment plant bond in the amount of \$2,500.00. Komar stated that this bond is issued to cover the system in case it fails it is then used to make the necessary corrections. He stated that Mr. Berton has tied into the sanitary sewer system in Darlington. Komar requested a motion to release the bond, minus the inspection fees. A motion was made Grover Binkey to release the bond, minus inspection fees, and seconded by Albert Shadron. Motion carried

Komar stated that the township has received a contract from Hoffman Kennels. He requested that the township check into securing other offers. Binkey agreed that we should check into this.

Komar stated that repairs to the Zion Church Road Bridge have fallen through the cracks. This was an 80% Federal, 15% State and 5% local commitment to replace this bridge. In the last 8 years the project has had six PennDot project managers and then fell through the cracks. According to the law, if we default and the bridge does not go on the tip list and we do it ourselves the federal government can request \$30,000.00 back from us that's gone. Komar asked for a motion to commit \$50,000.00 of our Act 13 money to this project A motion to commit \$50,000.00 to complete the bridge was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Albert Shadron. Motion carried.

Addressed a request from Jason Young and Jeremiah Wagner to be appointed to the Recreation Board. A motion to accept their applications was made by Grover Binkey and seconded by Albert Shadron. Motion carried.

A request by the Ligonier Valley Library for a donation of \$1,500.00 was brought before the board. Shadron made a motion that this and all future donations be tabled until the audit is completed. Grover Binkey seconded. Motion carried.

A request by Stephen Smithley to fill a vacancy on the Ligonier Township Municipal Authority. A motion was made by Shadron and seconded by Binkey. Motion carried.

Komar stated that we will be posting the various boards and their terms on the web site. Anyone showing interest in the boards are asked to submit their Letter of Interest.

Komar suggested that the township take Letters of Interest and resumes' for solicitor for 2014.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:29 pm by Albert Shadron and seconded by Timothy Komar. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Hollick Assistant Secretary