

July 14, 2016

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Borough Council was held Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 7PM in the Ligonier Town Hall with James McDonnell presiding.

Members Present: James McDonnell, Judy Hoffer, Chick Cicconi, Matt Smith, Pat Scanlon and Terry Murphy.

Others Present: Secretary-Treasurer Paul Fry, Mayor Ormond "Butch" Bellas, Engineer Ben Faas & Greg Elliot, Solicitor George Welty, Police Chief John Berger, Fire Chief Steve Barron and Augustus "Gus" Breegle.

Newly appointed Council Gus Breegle was sworn in by Mayor Bellas and took the Oath of Office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Pat Scanlon and seconded by Matt Smith to approve the minutes of June 9 and 29, 2016. All of Council was in favor.

BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Terry Murphy to approve the Bills Payable. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Pat Scanlon and seconded by Matt Smith to approve the Consent Calendar. All of Council was in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Joint Comprehensive Plan / Agreement:

McDonnell announced that the Borough has received a grant request from the Allegheny Foundation to participate in the joint municipal comprehensive plan between the Borough and the Township. Chick Cicconi and the planning committee will participate extensively with whomever designated by township. Rick Tercello of EADS is the director of the joint municipal comprehensive plan. Anyone with any questions or concerns are to contact either Chick Cicconi, Pat Scanlon or Terry Murphy.

McDonnell noted some changes in the committee groups with the addition of new Council Gus Breegle due to the resignation of Robert Helterbran last month. Gus Breegle will chair the Public Works Committee. Pat Scanlon will chair Public Safety as well as Planning Committee. Chick Cicconi will assume chair with the Planning Committee.

McDonnell stated that he has notified the Township of the progress on the Borough's financial part of the Comprehensive Plan.

A motion was made by Chick Cicconi and seconded by Terry Murphy to initiate the intergovernmental agreement in connection with the Joint Comprehensive Plan with the Township and authorize the officers to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

Borough Election Polls

McDonnell reported that the Election Board has denied Richard Flickinger's request on behalf of the Borough to consolidate voting polls. The Election Bureau pointed out that based on the 2010 census the Borough had 1,573 residents of which 1,243 were registered voters. Apparently the law is in order to consolidate these precincts you are allowed to have a maximum of 1,200 residents to get that consideration. The Borough has 1,243 therefore we do not qualify. McDonnell believes Richard Flickinger will ask for a hearing.

Animal Control Document:

A motion was made by Pat Scanlon and seconded by Chick Cicconi to proceed with agreement with Camo Kennels for the remaining months of this year. The motion carried with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Westmoreland County Food Bank, Inc. to request consideration by Borough Council to light the Bandstand on Diamond ORANGE during the month of September in observation of Hunger Action Month.

No action taken until further information is received.

Letter received from the LV Chamber of Commerce requesting permission to schedule a performance from the Seton Hill University Pipe Band September 25, 2016 on the Bandstand or Town Hall Auditorium in case of inclement weather.

A motion was made by Matt Smith and seconded by Judy Hoffer to approve the request from the LV Chamber. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS & RECREATION

Chairman Matt Smith reported that Friendship Park will be closing Sunday evening August 24, 2016 for demolition. Demolition begins Monday morning August 25, 2016.

Smith reported that the 3rd and final tree planting is tentatively scheduled for November 5th, 2016.

TOWN HALL

Judy Hoffer, Town Hall Chair reported that she was notified that the 4 windows which will be replaced at Town Hall have arrived. It will be scheduled as soon as possible to replace.

PUBLIC WORKS

Chairman Pat Scanlon reported that the Public Works crew has just recently finished up seal coating in cooperation with Ligonier Township. The public works has cut back borough right of ways as well as mowing at the parks.

PUBLIC SAFETY / PERSONNEL

N/A

FINANCE

Chairman Terry Murphy reported that the Guyasuta Fund for Town Hall had a positive return of 2% this month. Parking and vehicle income is up from last year. Next month health insurance costs will be determined.

PLANNING

Chick Cicconi reported that the Planning Committee met on Monday to discuss sidewalk cafe ordinance. The committee will also be active on the comprehensive plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2016-3 Fort Ligonier Days

This resolution establishes the 2016 dates for the festival and establishes the fee schedule for Fort Ligonier Days sales permits based on the provision of ordinance #556 Adopted April 11, 2013. Sales permit for 2016 will be set at \$150.00 established for each total sales area not to exceed 100 square feet. An approved site is established as 10 feet by 10 feet. An additional late fee of \$100 is established for any permit request submitted after August 15, 2016. The official dates of the festival are established as October 14, 15 & 16, 2016.

A motion was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Matt Smith to adopt Resolution for the 2016 Fort Ligonier Days. The motion carried with all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob Higgins was introduced. Higgins is an Eagle Scout looking for a project at the basketball court to refurbish the basketball hoops August 12-14th, 2016. Higgins plans to sand the hoops as well as pressure wash and apply a rust resistant metal paint. Two wooden benches will be added to each end of the court.

A motion was made by Pat Scanlon and seconded by Judy Hoffer to approve the Eagle Scout project. All of Council was in favor.

Borough resident Rosemarie Evans was present at the meeting and questioned the parking in the Borough primarily concerning the East / West sides. Evans added that Parking on Summit Avenue is on the North side

and feels it should be on the South side. Evans wishes the parking on Summit Avenue would be changed to the South side to conform to all the other East / West streets in the Borough.

It was stated that the Public Works and Streets Committee will look into and report back on the matter.

Marsha & Rich Hudock from Walnut Street were present with concerns of speeding primarily before 8:00 am and after 4:00 pm.

Public Safety committee will review and look into this matter.

COMMENDATIONS and COMMENTS from OFFICERS & DEPARTMENTS

Engineer Greg Elliot of EADS is working on Highway occupancy permit for Penn Dot with the Diamond project. Direction is needed from Penn Dot regarding extent of paving required for Diamond. EADS is also working on stormwater management for the Diamond Project in accordance of the Borough's ordinances. Elliot explained that the resolution of these items is needed in order to finalize the cost estimate for the construction grant or grants soon to be applied for.

EADS is looking to solicit bids in January or February and begin construction in April of 2017.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief John Berger welcomed Gus Breegle to serving on Council.

Mayor Ormond "Butch" Bellas stated that he is looking into a radar speed device to control speeding.

President James McDonnell made note that the next meeting of the Ligonier Borough Council will be held Thursday August 11th at 7:00 PM.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Pat Scanlon and seconded by Matt Smith to adjourn into executive session for litigation with no action to be taken. All of Council was in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A Fry
Secretary-Treasurer
Office Manager