

April 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Borough Council was held Thursday, April 11, 2019 @ 7:00 PM in the Town Hall with James St. Clair presiding.

Members Present: James St. Clair, Matt Smith, James McDonnell, Mariah Fisher, Judy Hoffer, Jeff Craig and Terry Murphy.

Others Present: Secretary-Treasurer Jan Shaw, Street Supervisor Ron Ross, Mayor Ormond "Butch" Bellas, Solicitor George Welty, Police Chief John Berger, and Zoning Officer Rick Schwab. Absent was Engineer Ben Faas, Fire Chief Steve Barron, and Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Knepper.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Judy Hoffer to approve the minutes as presented for March 14, 2019. All of Council was in favor.

BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Mariah Fisher to approve the Bills Payable as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Jeff Craig and seconded by Mariah Fisher to approve the consent calendar for March 2019. The motion carried with all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kelli Brisbane, Director of Corporate Engagement & Events from Westmoreland Cultural Trust was present to provide more information for the Art in the Alley project titled "Wings Across Westmoreland".

The "Wings" are printed on a metal print and are held in place with metal screws. The "Wings" are removable. It is also asked to place a small plaque with the "Wings" to give the artist credit. The "Wings" will be there for as long as wanted.

If Council permits Westmoreland Cultural Trust to proceed with the project in the Borough, Westmoreland Cultural Trust must then seek permission from a property owner to approve the placement of the "Wings" on their building.

Council decided to come up with some ideas of placement for the "Wings".

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the LV Chamber of Commerce requesting permission to bag the following meters May 11, 2019 for Wine Walk Event to help with logistics;

- 1 meter in front of the Holiday Home Store
- 1 meter near Crumpets Tea Shop
- 1 meter in front of the Ligonier Tavern and Table
- 1 meter near Connections Café

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Mariah Fisher to approve the above listed meters be bagged May 11, 2019 for the LV Chamber's Wine Walk Event. All of Council was in favor.

A letter was received from the LV Chamber of Commerce requesting permission to block off the Northeast quadrant of the Diamond to traffic for Sunday Evening Band Concerts, May 26-August 25, 2019. Also requested is the first four meters on the north side of East Main Street

be bagged for Laurel Highlands Antique Auto Club members to display their classic cars during the concerts.

Chief Berger said he would look into getting the permission from Penn Dot.

A motion was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Mariah Fisher to approve the band concert detour for the Diamond.

A Banner application was received from Donna Lenzi, owner of Everyday Therapeutics Massage @ 146 N. St. Clair Street to place a vinyl banner on the building from April 12 – July 2019 to advertise moving.

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Judy Hoffer to approve the request as long as within the parameters permitted. All of Council was in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS & RECREATION

Chairman James McDonnell reported that there has been no activity as far as the tennis court project presented at a previous meeting.

It was reported that Ron Ross and public works crew will be replacing two new doors at the restrooms at Friendship Park. The restrooms are now open for the season as well.

McDonnell reported that all the Christmas tree lights are now down from the trees on the Diamond.

It was reported that there are several chips on the new curb of the Diamond.

TOWN HALL

Judy Hoffer reported that a new vacuum cleaner has been purchased for Town Hall.

PUBLIC WORKS

Chairman Terry Murphy reported that nothing has yet been heard from the Grant that was applied for public works.

College Alley is in need to be repaved from Main Street to Bunger. This was in the works with Paul Fry but had yet to be completed. Sam St. Clair added that this came about at the end of paving season and time ran out. Street Supervisor Ron Ross reported the repaving will be at a price of \$5,800. College Alley is also scheduled to be tarred and chipped this year it was noted.

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Terry Murphy to repave College Alley. The motion carried with all in favor.

Terry Murphy reported after removing the Belgian Block from Lot A we are willing to sell at \$2.00 a block or a scoop for \$100 and open to the Borough residents for delivery.

Solicitor Welty noted that it does not need to be advertised because it is valued at less than \$2,000.

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Terry Murphy to approve the sale of the Belgian Block. The motion carried with all in favor.

Street Supervisor Ron Ross reported waiting for bids for the Municipal Parking Lot for the retaining wall.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairman Jeff Craig presented a copy of a draft ordinance regarding billing property owner's insurance companies for emergency and nonemergency services for the Ligonier Hose Co. #1. This ordinance would give the fire departments statutory authority to bill insurance companies to recover the costs.

The plan is for all four volunteer fire departments (Ligonier Borough, Waterford, Wilpen and Darlington) in the valley to come together with this. Jeff Craig has spoken with John Beaufort, Ligonier Township Supervisor and the Township is considering the same type of ordinance. One claim would be consolidated and filed by any or all of the above fire departments involved in the incident.

A motion was made by Jeff Craig and seconded by Mariah Fisher to advertise the proposed ordinance. All of Council was in favor.

National Night Out

Mariah Fisher reported on an annual community building campaign to promote relationship between the police and the community. It's an opportunity for the public to meet our force. It was felt that since this is the first year of the Ligonier Valley Police Department that this was a great year to start it off. It will be August 6, 2019 from 5:30 to 8:30 PM with not only the police department but the local fire departments as well as along with the EMS team. It is hoped to have vehicles available for the public to see and officers to speak with and a demonstration with Canine Kilo. Details are still being planned.

Mariah would like to hold the event in Lot A and shut down Fairfield Street, Church Street and Bank Alley.

A motion was made by Mariah Fisher and seconded by James McDonnell to hold the event on August 6, 2019 in Lot A and close Fairfield Street, Bank Alley and Church Street. The motion carried with all of Council in favor.

FINANCE

N/A

PLANNING / PERSONNEL

Chairman Matt Smith reported that trees have been taken down to make room for handicap access. The trees were in bad shape and causing an uneven walkway and tripping hazard. It was reported that the Planning Commission did not meet this month.

The Joint Comprehensive Plan will be changing their meeting day. Looking for volunteers to serve on the Joint Comprehensive Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Flickinger questioned the public right of way next to his property and how to keep people from going onto his grass. Solicitor Welty is to look into the matter.

Ron Ross, Streets Supervisor thanked the American Legion for the flag donation for the Diamond. Ross reported that it will be put up as soon as possible.

Tar and chip bids came back @ \$1.337 a square yard. Ross noted that we are probably looking at \$13,000 square yards this year for tar and chip.

Mayor Ormond Bellas read a proclamation for Earth Day, April 22, 2019.

MOTON TO ADJOURN

A **motion** was made by Mariah Fisher and seconded by Matt Smith to adjourn the meeting. All of Council was in favor. The meeting was adjourned @ 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Shaw
Secretary-Treasurer