

October 8, 2012

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Borough Council was held Monday, October 8, 2012 @ 7:00 PM in the Ligonier Town Hall with President Robert Helterbran presiding.

Members present: Robert Helterbran, Kim Shaffer, James McDonnell, Tom Freeman, and Sam St. Clair. Absent were Judy Hoffer and Robert Bell.

Others present: Secretary-Treasurer Paul Fry, Mayor Ormond "Butch" Bellas, EADS Engineer Jake Bolby, Solicitor George Welty, Police Chief John Berger, and Ligonier Hose Co. #1 representative Chris Stouffer.

Presentation of Plaques

Chief Berger thanked Charlie Stahl for his many years of service to the Borough as a police officer.

Mayor Bellas awarded Charlie Stahl with a plaque from Ligonier Borough.

Council President Robert Helterbran acknowledged Kirk Haldeman, one of the two gentlemen whose heroic efforts most likely saved the lives of many of the patrons of Fat Daddy's bar during the fatal shooting July 11, 2011.

Mayor Bellas presented a plaque to Mr. Kirk Haldeman .

The other gentleman, Michael Ledgard was not able to be present this evening and will be honored at next month's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Tom Freeman to approve the minutes of September 13, 2012 as presented. All of Council was in favor.

BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Tom Freeman and seconded by Sam St. Clair to approve the Bills Payable as also presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Kim Shaffer and seconded by James McDonnell to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. All were in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter and map received from Tammie Saxton, 5k Coordinator of the LV Middle School regarding their annual 5K Race to be held Friday, October 19, 2012 from 11am-12 noon.

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Sam St. Clair to approve the 5K Race to be held Friday October 19th, 2012 from 11am to 12 noon. All of Council was in favor.

A motion was made by Kim Shaffer and seconded by James McDonnell to activate the fire police October 19, 2012. All were in favor.

A thank you letter was received from Janet Hudson of the LV Library thanking Council for the 2012 allocation of \$1,000 to the Library.

Notice was received from Mark Williams from FedEx Express asking permission to place a small package drop box at the corner of West Main and Walnut Streets as their contract is being terminated with the post office.

A motion was made by Kim Shaffer and seconded by James McDonnell to table the topic until next meeting in November when further information is received. All of Council was in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS & RECREATION

N/A

TOWN HALL

Chairman Sam St. Clair informed that TMR Roofing will be doing minor repairs this week. It was noted that more repairs need to be addressed next year.

PUBLIC WORKS

N/A

PUBLIC SAFETY / SHADE TREE

N/A

FINANCE

James McDonnell reported that budget discussions are in the works.

PERSONNEL / PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairman James McDonnell reported that the committee is working on union discussions and are waiting to receive additional data that will have an impact on the contracts and agreements.

McDonnell reported that there is not a lot going on with the Planning Commission. Any input on ordinances; changes, suggestions, deletions are to be turned in to the planning commission in writing.

Solicitor Welty added that changes in the Zoning Ordinance will require a public hearing.

Council went into executive session @ 7:20 PM for arbitration.

Council returned from executive session @ 7:32 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

A presentation of Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor by Kristen Poerschke was given.

Poerschke stated that 20 municipalities are part of the 70 mile stretch. All municipalities must pass the ordinance or have a PennDot approved amendment to their existing ordinance for it to be named as a PA scenic byway. The Ligonier Borough would be approving the amendment to be able to make Ligonier Borough a part of the scenic byway. Once named as scenic byway the state does some advertising to bring tourists to travel the scenic byways around the state.

Poerschke explained that the Lincoln Highway is trying to preserve the scenic byway ordinance. As Ligonier Borough already has a strict sign ordinance, Lincoln Highway is to come up with a draft of a state supported amendment and come back to Council for adoption.

CHARLES SAUL

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Kim Shaffer to ratify Charles Saul's appointment as Ligonier Borough's arbitrator. All of Council was in favor.

FORT LIGONIER DAYS VENDORS

LV Chamber Director Holly Mowry presented to Council four additional Fort Days Vendor applicants received since last month's meeting. One is for Keslar's lot and three for the YMCA.

A motion was made by Kim Shaffer and seconded by Tom Freeman to approve the additional vendors for Fort Ligonier Days. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

COMMENDATIONS and COMMENTS from OFFICERS and DEPARTMENTS

Ligonier Hose Co. #1 representative Chris Stouffer reported that the fire company is preparing for Fort Ligonier Days. Stouffer reported 5 other fire departments will be helping to provide protection for the borough during Fort Ligonier Days celebration.

As the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator, Chris Stouffer reported his emergency action plan is in place.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief John Berger thanked Council and Mayor for approval of the plaques.

MAYOR

Mayor Bellas reported that his request to PennDot for a stop sign @ West Main and Fairfield was denied.

May Bellas announce that Trick or Treat in the Borough will be October 31st from 6-8pm with the Merchants trick or treat from 5-6pm.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Kim Shaffer to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A Fry
Secretary-Treasurer
Office Manager