

February 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Borough Council was held Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Ligonier Town Hall with James McDonnell presiding.

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

Others Present: Secretary-Treasurer Paul Fry, Engineer Greg Elliott, Solicitor George Welty, Police Chief John Berger, Fire Chief Steve Barron, and Zoning Officer Rick Schwab.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Matt Smith and seconded by Gus Breegle to approve the minutes of January 12, 2017 as presented. 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 as also presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Pat Scanlon and seconded by Matt Smith to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried with all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from the LV Chamber requesting permission to use the Town Hall courtyard for registration for the 8th annual Soups On event Saturday, March 25, 2017. Also requested is additional trash cans to be placed around the Diamond.

A motion was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Gus Breegle to approve the request from the LV Chamber of Commerce above. All of Council was in favor.

Use of Diamond & facilities received from the VFW Post 734 to hold Memorial Day service Monday, May 29, 2017 @ 11:00 AM. Also requested is PA system and Podium as well as police protection for traffic control. (The VFW will hold the service at Donaldson Memorial Ball Park should Diamond renovations prevent the service from being held there.)

A motion was made by Pat Scanlon and seconded by Judy Hoffer to approve the request and to activate the fire police for the service as well. All of Council was in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS & RECREATION / SHADE TREE

N/A

TOWN HALL

Judy Hoffer reported that once the weather breaks, more windows will be replaced in the Town Hall. Hoffer reported that the boilers and air handlers were serviced with no problems found.

PUBLIC WORKS

Chairman Gus Breegle reported that the Public Works crew has received the new Dump truck and that it is in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A motion was made by Pat Scanlon and seconded by Terry Murphy to approve the police policy manual. All were in favor.

It was reported that the new radios will be in soon.

McDonnell suggested that newly elected Emergency Management Coordinator Gene Stouffer should come to a meeting soon and go over the Emergency Management Plan with all.

FINANCE

Finance Chairman Terry Murphy reported that Parking Meter revenue is up for January. The Town Hall Fund is earning 0.8%.

PLANNING / PERSONNEL

Chairman Chick Cicconi reported that the Planning Commission is in the works for April. Cicconi added that he has a few individuals interested in serving. Anyone interested is asked to talk to any council member.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

COMMENDATIONS & COMMENTS from OFFICERS & DEPARTMENTS

President McDonnell stated that he would like to have an executive meeting for personnel at the end of the meeting with no action expected to be taken.

Solicitor Welty stated that the draft planning commission ordinance has been written up for March meeting.

Engineer Greg Elliott reported that the Diamond Project is out for bid. Eight general contractors are interested. All of which are reviewing the drawings. Bids will be due Monday, February 27th, 2017. Next Friday, February 17th there will be a pre-bid meeting at 9:00 AM in the Town Hall.

Chief Berger reported that the new radios should be in tomorrow. Chief Berger also reported that he and two other members took part in busting a meth lab within our school district.

Mayor Bellas congratulated Chief Berger for his part in breaking up a meth lab. Bellas also reminded all to shovel their sidewalks.

Council woman Judy Hoffer thanked anonymous person who shoveled East Church Street.

President McDonnell gave an update on combined voting districts in Ligonier Borough. Residents received a letter from the election bureau notifying them of the centralized voting station at Town Hall that will be in operation in this year's election process along with their new registration card. McDonnell thanked Richard Flickinger for his efforts in this matter.

McDonnell again stated the need for an executive session for personnel with no action to be taken.

McDonnell thanked everyone for their hard work.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Pat Scanlon to adjourn into executive session for personnel. All of Council was in favor. Council adjourned into executive session at 7:17 PM.

This motion concluded the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Paul A Fry
Secretary-Treasurer
Office Manager