

March 8, 2018

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Borough Council was held Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall with Sam St. Clair presiding.

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

**Others Present:** Secretary-Treasurer Paul Fry, Mayor Ormond "Butch" Bellas, Engineer(s) Greg Elliott, Ben Faas, Solicitor George Welty, Police Chief John Berger, Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Knepper. Absent was Fire Chief Steve Barron, and Zoning Officer Rick Schwab.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion** was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Terry Murphy to approve the minutes of February 8, 2018 as presented. All of Council was in favor.

#### **BILLS PAYABLE**

**A motion** was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Mariah Fisher to approve the Bills Payable. The motion carried with all in favor.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Solicitor Welty reminded everyone that public comment will be received only from Ligonier Borough residents or taxpayers.

**Dog Noise Ordinance:** Councilman Jeff Craig explained his research from other borough's and stated that the committee's view is to stay with the current ordinance with no change to the existing ordinance.

Margie Jenke of 222 West Church Street spoke against the decision.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **PARKS & RECREATION**

Parks & Recreation chair Mariah Fisher reported that the fencing has gone up around the Diamond. No construction has started as yet. Mariah referred everyone to the [medium.com/@diamondrenaissance15658](https://medium.com/@diamondrenaissance15658) website for updates.

##### **TOWN HALL**

Judy Hoffer reported that the new chiller / air conditioning for the Town Hall is being manufactured and is hoped to be installed in April.

The Town Hall committee will be discussing which 4 windows will be replaced next in the Town Hall.

Darr Construction has begun work on the boilers in the Town Hall basement as well as electrical work for the Diamond Project.

Public Works Chairman Terry Murphy reported that the Public Works crew has still been plowing and salting. Murphy reported that he has been contacted by the LV Chamber to discuss parking issues during the Diamond project. A meeting has been set up for tomorrow.

Jeff Craig, Chairman for Public Safety reported that the committee has approved a narcotics training for Chief Berger and Officer Charles Welsch in April for 2.5 days.

James McDonnell, Chairman of Finance Committee reported that we are a few months into the budget and reminded all members to conduct their financial affairs affecting the budget within the parameters laid out.

McDonnell added that the Finance committee met with First Energy for a presentation on the advanced technology out there to save on kilo watt usage as well as rebates to look into with Act 129 to save energy.

Matt Smith, Chairman for Planning / Personnel reported that the Planning Commission had a recent meeting. A hearing has been set up for April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm here at the Town Hall for Theresa and Scott Salancy to occupy a building located at 110 South Fairfield Street for a Mixed Use Residential /Non-Residential in the C-1 District.

Smith also reported that he attended the Joint Comprehensive meeting last evening and stated that there was a lot of good feedback received.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard Flickinger of 422 Summit Ave. commended Jeff Craig and the Public Safety Committee on their dog ordinance work and research.

Flickinger asked Council how many of them think one Government is a good idea in regards to the Joint Comprehensive Plan.

Councilman Jeff Craig responded that he feels that it could happen but is not saying that it should happen.

Councilman Sam St. Clair feels that if Mr. Mellon had not have passed away when he did that it may have already happened. Time, and the people representing down the road will decide.

Terry Murphy agreed with Sam St. Clair.

### **COMMENDATIONS and COMMENTS from OFFICERS and DEPARTMENTS**

Secretary-Treasurer Paul Fry reported that after about 60 days of trial and error in trying to get new software installed in some of the old digital electronic parking meters; they have been updated as of Monday of this week. All meters throughout any parking lot or on the street will now accept a nickel for 6 minutes, a dime for 12 minutes and a quarter for half hour. Fry concluded that all meters on the street still have the free 15 minutes however the meters must run down to zero time left before you can push for the additional free 15 minutes.

Engineer Ben Faas reported that he has been asked to attend the next planning commission meeting regarding storm water.

Engineer Greg Elliott reported on the new fence for the Diamond Project and that a protective fence wrap will be installed around the fence within a few weeks.

Elliott added that Penn dot has requested a meeting to go over paperwork procedures with the contractor which will be held next Tuesday at 9am.

Mayor Bellas reported receiving comments from several merchants regarding construction workers taking up a lot of parking in the municipal parking lot. The merchants are wondering if either the construction workers could park in the Fort lot or the merchants themselves using their permits.

Paul Fry stated that the construction workers are not supposed to be in Lot A. Once the project is moving along with a lot of workers they will be asked to park in Lot B. They are also not supposed to be parking all day long at the job trailer.

President Sam St. Clair hoped that things will smooth out for the construction. St. Clair feels all in all the project will be a good thing.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**A motion** was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Matt Smith to adjourn. All of Council was in favor. The meeting adjourned @ 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A Fry  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Office Manager