

May 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Borough Council was held Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall with James McDonnell presiding.

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

Others Present: Secretary-Treasurer Paul Fry, Mayor Ormond "Butch" Bellas, Engineer Ben Faas, Solicitor George Welty, Police Chief John Berger, Fire Chief Steve Barron, Zoning Officer Rick Schwab. Absent was Code Enforcement Officer Rick Bell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gus Breegle and seconded by Terry Murphy to approve the minutes of April 13, 2017 as presented. All of Council was in favor.

BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Chick Cicconi and seconded by Pat Scanlon to approve the Bills Payable. All of Council was in favor.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Pat Scanlon and seconded by Matt Smith to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Code Violations: Code Enforcement Officer Rick Bell was not present to give and update on several issues regarding code violations but it was discussed that the next step would be to go to the magistrate's office.

CORRESPONDENCE

Temporary Sign Permit request was received from Pioneer PCA to place a 3' x 4' vinyl banner from the front porch of the church to promote Vacation Bible School May 19-June 23, 2017.

A motion was made by Pat Scanlon and seconded by Judy Hoffer to approve the request from Pioneer Church to erect a 3' x 4' banner on the dates mentioned above. The motion carried with all in favor.

Request form LV Chamber of Commerce to use the Diamond July 21 & 22, 2017 for Summer in Ligonier. Requested also is to bag the first 2 meters on the North side of East Main Street for the Ice Vendor and the first four meters on North Fairfield Street by the YMCA for the horse and carriage vendor. The Chamber requests permission for the downtown merchants to hold sidewalk sales during this weekend as well.

A motion was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Chick Cicconi to approve the requests from the LV Chamber for Summer in Ligonier July 21 & 22, 2017. The motion carried 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS & RECREATION / SHADE TREE

Chairman Matt Smith reported that individuals have been getting into Friendship Park after dark. Smith received a quote for a new fence at Friendship Park for \$1,638.

A motion was made by Matt Smith and seconded by Pat Scanlon to purchase a new fence in the amount of \$1,638 for Friendship Park. All of Council was in favor.

TOWN HALL

Town Hall Chair Judy Hoffer reported that the committee is still waiting for a start date for a few windows to be replaced at Town Hall. The committee has been assured that the price will be the same as windows replaced last year.

PUBLIC WORKS

Chairman Gus Breegle reported that Public Works has been busy cutting grass at the parks with all the rain recently. Catch basins have been repaired at the bottom of South Market Street and one at North Dice and West Church Street as well as one on Bunger Street.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Pat Scanlon, Public Safety Chairman asked to have officer Johnathan Murphy taken off probation status effective May 16, 2017.

A motion was made by Pat Scanlon and seconded by Matt Smith to remove Officer Johnathan Murphy from probation status. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE

Chairman Terry Murphy reported looking for new revenue sources. Town Hall fund up 2.4%.

PLANNING / PERSONNEL

Chairman Chick Cicconi expressed the need to adjust the Planning Commission terms of the members.

A motion was made by Chick Cicconi to appoint Jack Fry to a 4-year term, Peggy Shepler to a 3-year term, Dave Wasemann for a 2-year term, Jeff Markle to a 1-year term and Chick Cicconi to one year term.

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Hearing Board Vacancy

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Chick Cicconi to appoint Jim Kistler of 318 East Main Street to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board. All of Council was in favor.

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Pat Scanlon to appoint Robert Bell as 2nd alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Texie Waddell was present from the Westmoreland County Food Bank, Inc. providing information about the Food Bank's Outreach and Expansion Project focused on the Ligonier area during 2017 and 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Yeager was present at Council meeting to discuss his storm drain water line. Mr. Yeager wishes to replace his line which is about 275 feet. EADS Engineer Ben Faas stated that an 18" storm drain pipe would approximately be \$25 a foot. Yeager stated that he received a price of \$9.70 a foot from Randy Smithley and \$11.50 per foot from Stone & Company in Greensburg.

President McDonnell asked Engineer Ben Faas to confirm the numbers received for the project. McDonnell told Yeager that someone would be in contact with him regarding the actual cost.

Faas asked if the project would be done in house. Secretary-Treasurer Paul Fry said that he would say no but that liquid fuels fund could be investigated for storm repair.

President McDonnell announced the need to adjourn into executive session for litigation and personnel with no determinations to be made at the end of the tonight's meeting.

COMMENDATIONS & COMMENTS from OFFICERS & DEPARTMENTS

Engineer Ben Faas reported working on the easement for the Fort.

Storm water review has been completed on Church Street.

EADS is looking into the possibility of a meeting regarding storm water requirements for the Tennis Courts.

Faas noted that he would contact Mr. Yeager's contractors to confirm prices.

Faas added MAWC was in contact with EADS regarding bond issue for street openings. An ordinance review is requested by EADS.

Police Chief John Berger reported that he along with officer Krissy Fiok and Chief Matrunics, Lt. Wilson of Ligonier Township attended a question and answer session with 1st graders at RK Mellon.

Chief Berger stated the need to review the rules for sub sales around the Diamond as individuals have been seen running out into the street.

Mayor Bellas reminded everyone to keep their high grass mowed.

President McDonnell recognized Ed Vargo and daughter Ali present at the Council meeting. McDonnell added that the next meeting of the Ligonier Borough Council will be held Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 7PM.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Pat Scanlon and seconded by Terry Murphy to adjourn into executive session for litigation and personnel. All of Council was in favor.

The motion concluded the meeting @ 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A Fry
Secretary-Treasurer
Office Manager