

A special meeting of the Ligonier Borough Council was held Thursday, January 14, 2010 @ 6:30 PM in the Town Hall with Vice President James McDonnell presiding and for the purpose to conduct a public hearing regarding a request for a liquor license by Ivy's Café with the regularly schedule meeting to follow.

Members Present: Dale Show (came in late), James McDonnell, Kim Shaffer, Robert Helterbran, Robert Bell, Sam Banales, Tom Freeman.

Others Present: Secretary-Treasurer Office Manager Paul Fry, Mayor Ormond "Butch" Bellas, Engineer Ben Faas, Solicitor George Welty, Police Chief John Berger, Fire Chief Paul Church, Court Reporter Bonnie Bell, Casa owner Larry Stickney, Janice Carlin and Attorney Greg Nickels.

LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING – CASA CHAPALA – Larry Stickney & Janice Carlin

Solicitor George Welty explained the Public Hearing being held is to consider the transfer of the existing Restaurant Liquor License owned by Di's Pizza Grill, Inc. of New Alexandria, Westmoreland County PA to Casa Chapala V LLC a PA limited liability company to premises within the borough of Ligonier with an address of 122 North Market St., Ligonier Borough, Westmoreland County, PA.

Attorney for Casa Chapala, Mr. Greg Nickels stated that Council's approval is needed for this transfer by accepting Resolution No. 2010 – 1.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Solicitor Welty noted that was no one in attendance for public comment other than Rachel Roehrig of the LV Chamber and a reporter from the Latrobe Bulletin. No comments received.

Solicitor Welty read Resolution 2010-1 to all attending.

MOTION TO CLOSE HEARING

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Tom Freeman to close the hearing.

SPECIAL MEETING

President Show immediately convened a special meeting to act on Resolution 2010-1.

A motion was made Kim Shaffer and seconded by Robert Helterbran to approve Resolution 2010-1 for transfer of a liquor license owned by Di's Pizza Grill to Casa Chapala. All were in favor.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Kim Shaffer and seconded by Robert Bell to adjourn the special meeting. All of council was in favor. The meeting adjourned @ 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Fry
Secretary-Treasurer
Office Manager

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Borough Council was held Thursday, January 14, 2010 in the Town Hall @ 7:00 PM with President Dale Show presiding.

Members Present: Dale Show, James McDonnell, Kim Shaffer, Robert Helterbran, Robert Bell, Sam Banales, Tom Freeman.

Others Present: Secretary-Treasurer Office Manager Paul Fry, Mayor Ormond "Butch" Bellas, Solicitor George Welty, Fire Chief Paul Church.

Absent was Engineer Ben Faas, and Police Chief John Berger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Tom Freeman and seconded by Sam Banales to approve the minutes of December 10, 2009 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Robert Bell and seconded by Kim Shaffer to approve the Bills Payable as presented. All of council was in favor.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Tom Freeman and seconded by Sam Banales to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Shade Tree Commission Vacancy:

A letter of interest was received from Joe Avolio of Wellington Alley to serve on the Shade Tree Commission.

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Robert Helterbran to accept Joe Avolio's request to serve on the Shade Tree Commission till 9-15-12. The motion carried 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from PennState Dance Marathon THON asking permission to solicit donations January 23, 2010 during Ice Fest for pediatric cancer. It is requested to set up two tables one by Town Hall steps and the other by LV Library with literature and canister for donations.

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Tom Freeman to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation Chairman Sam Banales reported only receiving one bid for the Diamond care from Hillview Landscaping in the amount of \$9,450.

A motion was made by Sam Banales and seconded by Kim Shaffer to accept the bid from Hillview Landscaping for the 2010 Diamond care in the amount of \$9,450.00. All of council was in favor.

TOWN HALL

N/A

PUBLIC WORKS

Chairman Tom Freeman reported a busy month for the Public Works crew with all the recent snowfall. Salt supply is coming in soon. Freeman reported minor repairs on the vehicles.

PUBLIC SAFETY / SHADE TREE

Public Safety: N/A

Shade Tree: A meeting will be held next week to discuss tree trimming.

FINANCE

Finance Chairman Robert Bell reported that the Town Hall Fund had a 23% increase in 2009 to \$3.7 million.

NEW BUSINESS**Ordinances:**

- #262 Real Estate Transfer Tax 1%
- #328 Wage Tax .5%
- #329 Per Capita Tax \$5.00
- #361 Amusement Tax 5%
- #368 Occupation Privilege Tax \$5.00

A motion was made by Robert Bell and seconded by Kim Shaffer to re-enact Ordinances #262, #328, #329, #361 and #368. All of Council was in favor.

Depositories for Borough Funds

Mellon Bank
Citizens Bank
Commercial Bank
First National Bank
PNC Bank
Standard Bank
First Commonwealth Bank

A motion was made by Robert Bell and seconded by James McDonnell to re-approve the above referenced banks for Borough Funds. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Services

Re-Appoint PA Municipal Service to collect ACT 511 Taxes
PNC Advisors for Police Pension Fund
Guyasuta Investment Advisors for Town Hall and P&R Funds

A motion was made by Robert Bell and seconded by James McDonnell to appoint the institutions referenced above for Borough Financial Services in 2010. All were in favor.

PERSONNEL / PLANNING COMMISSION**Planning Commission:**

James McDonnell reported that the Planning Commission is getting close and will soon be bringing the Zoning Ordinance before Council.

Personnel:

James McDonnell reported that the Personnel Committee along with discussions with the Finance Committee are recommending the six non-union borough employees; Paul Fry, John Berger, Jan Shaw, Carole Henderson, Toni Ulery and Julie Knupp receive .50 per hour wage increase for the 2010 calendar year.

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Robert Bell for a .50 per hour raise to non-union borough employees; Paul Fry, John Berger, Jan Shaw, Carole Henderson, Toni Ulery, Julie Knupp. All of Council was in favor.

APPOINTMENTS

Auditor – (Richard L. Patterson)
Solicitor – (George Welty)
Engineer – (EADS)
Chief of Police – (John Berger)
Fire Chief – (Paul Church)
Secretary-Treasurer / Public Works (Paul Fry)
Planning Commission Counsel – (Richard Flickinger)
Zoning Board Counsel – (David DeRose)
Zoning Officer – (Chick Cicconi)
UCC Appeals Board Counsel – (Mark Sorice)

A motion was made by Kim Shaffer and seconded by James McDonnell to approve the above referenced appointments. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rachel Roehrig of the LV Chamber thanked council for their Ice Fest contribution.

COMMENDATIONS & COMMENTS from OFFICERS and DEPARTMENTS

Councilman Robert Bell commented on earlier council meetings years prior that were covered by at least five newspapers, while meetings now are typically covered by one paper.

Secretary-Treasurer Paul Fry thanked Council for the raise. Fry praised the Borough crew for their hard work with the recent snow.

Fire Chief Paul Church gave his year-end report for 2009.

Mayor Bellas reported that letters are going out to several individuals regarding snow removal from sidewalks.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Kim Shaffer and Sam Banales to adjourn the meeting. All of Council was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Fry
Secretary-Treasurer
Office Manager