April 12, 2012

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Borough Council was held Thursday, April 12, 2012 @ 7:00 PM in the Town Hall with Robert Helterbran presiding.

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

Others present: Secretary-Treasurer Paul Fry, Mayor Ormond "Butch" Bellas, Solicitor George Welty, Police Chief John Berger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sam St Clair and seconded by James McDonnell to approve the minutes of Ligonier Borough Council meeting of March 8, 2012 and March 13, 2012 special meeting. All of Council was in favor.

BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Robert Bell and seconded by Tom Freeman to approve the Bills Payable as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Kim Shaffer and seconded by Judy Hoffer to approve the consent calendar as presented. All were in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Request from Valley Players to close West Main Street from 10AM to 4PM Saturday, June 2, 2012 for a car show and car cruise.
A discussion ensued.
A motion was made by Tom Freeman and seconded by Robert Bell to detour West Main Street from Fairfield to College Alley Saturday, June 2, 2012 for the car show and car cruise 10 AM to 4PM. All of Council was in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Request was received from the Ligonier Hose Co. No. #1 to close N. Fairfield Street between Bank Alley and W. Church Street from 9AM to 5PM Saturday, June 9, 2012 for the Fire Department's annual auction.

A motion was made by Kim Shaffer and seconded by Robert Bell to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously.

Request was received from the LV Chamber for Use of the Diamond and Bandstand June 9, 2012 for an appraiser for Antiques on the Diamond 8AM to 3PM. An application for Temporary Signs is requested as well for the Chamber June 9, 2012.

A motion was made by Kim Shaffer and seconded by Judy Hoffer to approve the request by the LV Chamber. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS & RECREATION

N/A

TOWN HALL
N/A

PUBLIC WORKS
N/A

PUBLIC SAFETY / SHADE TREE
N/A

FINANCE
Chairman Robert Bell reported that the Town Hall Fund has been doing fairly well so far this year. The end of March the fund was up to 4.2 million.

PERSONNEL / PLANNING COMMISSION
Chairman of the Personnel Committee, James McDonnell recognized Chick Cicconi as the Chamber's choice for Man of the Year.

Planning Commission is working on a new zoning form with an application. McDonnell reported that the Planning Commission sent to Council their feelings on the RV situation.

RV Ordinance:
Solicitor Welty discussed the proposed RV ordinance. Welty stated that the ordinance would be an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Welty added that the Code provides that if we have an amendment, we are to advertise and have a public hearing.

A motion was made by Tom Freeman and seconded by Sam St. Clair to abolish the draft ordinance. The motion carried 4-3 with Robert Bell, James McDonnell and Robert Helterbran opposing.

McDonnell called for a brief executive session for personnel at the end of the meeting with no action to be taken.

NEW BUSINESS
None

PUBLIC COMMENT
Cheryl Tennant read a letter pertaining to the National Day of Prayer May 3rd, 2012 and thanked Council for their support.

COMMENDATIONS & COMMENTS from OFFICERS and DEPARTMENTS
Eads engineer Ben Faas reported that the Armory project is up and running.

Mayor Bellas reported a problem with dumpsters on the streets. Under section 94 of the Borough Code this is prohibited without permission from the Mayor. Mayor will be calling waste haulers of the currently placed dumpsters.

Mayor Bellas expressed his disappointment in council not passing the RV ordinance because he feels it is a preventative measure.

Bellas congratulated Chick Cicconi on receiving the Person of the Year Award from the LV Chamber.

A discussion ensued on dumpsters placed on the streets. Under section 94-9 of the Borough Code Refuse Haulers pay a permit fee to the Borough of $250 per year.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

President Helterbran reported that Council will retire to an executive session for personnel with no action to be taken.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul A Fry
Secretary-Treasurer
Office Manager