

July 10, 2014

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Borough Council was held Thursday, July 10, 2014 @ 7:00 PM in the Town Hall with Robert Helterbran presiding.

Members present: Robert Helterbran, James McDonnell, Sam St Clair, Judy Hoffer, Matt Smith, Pat Scanlon, and Mike Bieterman.

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion** was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Pat Scanlon to approve the minutes of June 12, 2014 as presented. All were in favor.

#### **BILLS PAYABLE**

**A motion** was made by Pat Scanlon and seconded by Judy Hoffer to approve the Bills Payable as also presented. All of Council was in favor.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A motion** was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Sam St Clair to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

N/A

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from Carol Zornan of 245 West Main Street Ligonier requesting Council to consider making the newly created parking space in front of her house a Handicap Space for her mother who lives with her and is handicapped.

**A motion** was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Pat Scanlon to approve the request from Carol Zornan. All were in favor.

A letter was received from Steve and Sandy Pniewski asking Council for a handicapped parking space in front of their house @ 119 W. Loyalhanna St. because he is handicapped.

**A motion** was made by Sam St Clair and seconded by Judy Hoffer to approve the request for a handicapped spot @ 119 W. Loyalhanna St. All of Council was in favor.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Chairman James McDonnell reported that we should be seeing the replacements for the Diamond Box Wood Hedges any time soon.

It was reported that there are some great ideas coming from the community for the fix up of Friendship Park.

#### **TOWN HALL**

Judy Hoffer reported that a meeting was held by the Town Hall Committee in regards to the Town Hall Facility Rental Requests of the Auditorium and Community Room.

**A motion** was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Pat Scanlon to deny application for use of the Community Room to Darlington Fire Department for a Vendor Show. The motion carried 7-0.

**A motion** was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by James McDonnell to deny use of the Community Room for profit organization, Lifeline Screening, for a blood lab. The motion carried 7-0.

Judy Hoffer stated that the committee will get together to revamp rules and regulations for rentals of the Town Hall.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Pat Scanlon, Chairman of Public Works Committee reported that the line painting is finished and public works is preparing for seal coating August 6-7, 2014

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY / SHADE TREE**

Chairman Matt Smith reported that tree trimming and tree planting will be finished soon.

Matt Smith urged everyone to donate to the local Fire Companies who run on our support.

A resolution (in support of Senate Bill 1340 and House Bill 1272) was presented for Radar Guns to be used by local municipalities.

**A motion** was made by Sam St Clair and seconded by Matt Smith to adopt the resolution. The motion carried 7-0.

#### **FINANCE**

N/A

#### **PERSONNEL / PLANNING COMMITTEE**

N/A

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Tom Hunter-Property Subdivision:**

Ross Surveyor Joe Davis was present on behalf of Tom Hunter of Hunter Enterprises, Inc. with property at the lower end of town on the corners of Cedar Street, Walnut Street and Grimm Alley. Davis explained the subdivision plans are to create three lots from a 14,957 sq. foot parcel. Lot 1 is a vacant lot and lots 2 & 3 have garage apartments on them. Davis stated that the Zoning Hearing Board has granted the request for a variance on May 29, 2014.

**A motion** was made by Pat Scanlon and seconded by Judy Hoffer to approve the subdivision as requested. The motion carried 7-0.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Catherine Crawford stated that she wants one-way street Cherry Alley monitored as people have been traveling both ways on it. Chief Berger stated that it will be monitored.

Richard Flickinger asked Council what the procedure was for updates to the Zoning Ordinance. Council to look into.

Councilman James McDonnell asked Council if anyone has heard of any complaints of noise on West Main Street.

No one had heard of any complaints.

Public Works Director passed out a list of streets to be seal coated weather permitting August 6, 2014 @ 6 AM with August 7<sup>th</sup> as a rain date.

Solicitor George Welty thanked Chief John Berger for his service today in an incident.

EADS Engineer Ben Faas informed Council on a sign maintenance and inventory program now required of municipalities by the Federal Highway Administration to update for directories. Faas informed Council that EADS has interns available this summer to help the Borough with this. Faas stated that an authorization is needed from the Borough. Paul Fry stated that there are excess funds in the Borough's Geographic Information System (GIS) grant money to assist with the task. The project would be close to \$2,500 for approximately 100 hours to update roughly 650 directional borough signs.

**A motion** was made by Pat Scanlon and seconded by James McDonnell to authorize EADS to inventory the Borough's directional signs. All of Council was in favor.

Chief Berger asked media to make the public aware of a scam in neighboring communities in which individuals come to a person's front door and say they represent maybe an electrical company while another individual goes to the back door and robs them. Berger advised if individuals come to your house ask to see a permit. If they do not have a permit, close the door and inform them you are calling the police.

Mayor Ormond "Butch" Bellas thanked Council for approving the resolution for radar guns. Mayor Bellas also reminded everyone that their garbage should be in cans with lids on.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**A motion** was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Pat Scanlon to adjourn. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned @ 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary-Treasurer  
Office Manager