July 14, 2011

A special meeting of the Ligonier Borough Council was held Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 6:45 PM in the Town Hall with Dale Show presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a **Conditional Use Hearing for Malinda Smidga and Lynn Thomas** to open a bakery @ 337 Rear W Main Street, Ligonier PA.

337 Rear W Main Street is listed as Tax Map #16-1-15-0-032 and located in the Village Residential District.

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

Others present: Secretary-Treasurer Paul Fry, Mayor Ormond "Butch" Bellas, and Solicitor George Welty.

Solicitor Welty stated that there are 3 existing dwellings on the property and 7 parking spaces. Solicitor Welty questioned if any truck exceeding 11, 000 pounds of gross weight or one rated Class 5 or above be regularly parked on the property? The answer was no.

Court reporter swore in Malinda Smidga and Lynn Thomas.

The applicants stated that they are asking Council's permission to open up a gourmet bakery specializing in customized homemade gourmet bagels, cream cheeses, butters, cake tops, and homemade cup cakes.
The applicants stated that they currently have their home food processing licenses now but are trying to obtain commercial business licenses to put a commercial oven in the existing dwelling to bake and sell on the property to the public. It was noted as well that they must also meet PA State Fire Code.
The hours of operation are intended for 7 AM to 3:30-4:00 PM in the afternoon seven days a week.
Smidga and Thomas will be checking with Zoning Officer Chick Cicconi for signage approval.

Smidga and Thomas will be the only two employees.

Zoning Officer Chick Cicconi stated that the Planning Commission recommended council approval.

Solicitor Welty made note that the Conditional Use Hearing this evening has been properly advertised.
No comments were voiced from the public.

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Tom Freeman to approve the Conditional Use for Malinda Smidga and Lynn Thomas. All were in favor.

The Conditional Use Hearing closed at 6:58 PM.