

November 10, 2022

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Borough Council was held Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 7pm in the Town Hall with President Matt Smith presiding.

Members Present: Matt Smith, Mariah Fisher, Robert Barron, Jordan Frei. Absent was Judy Hoffer, Nate Sylvester, and Brad Chartier.

Others Present: Secretary-Treasurer Jan Shaw, Street Supervisor Ron Ross, Mayor Ormond "Butch" Bellas, Engineer Ben Faas, Solicitor George Welty, Fire Chief Corey Blystone, Zoning / Code Enforcement Officer Karl Horman. Absent was Police Chief John Berger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mariah Fisher and seconded by Robert Barron to approve the minutes of October 11, 2022 as presented. All of Council was in favor.

BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Jordan Frei and seconded by Mariah Fisher to approve the Bills Payable. The motion carried with all in favor.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Robert Barron and seconded by Jordan Frei to approve the Consent Calendar presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Friendship Park Phase II: Chair Mariah Fisher reported that proposals for Friendship Park Phase II Project Design were due November 3rd. Parks and Recreation Committee has reviewed the proposals received and have recommended to move forward with **Richard Rauso's** proposal @ \$25,295.00 which includes numerous meetings with the Borough, site visits for location, review of the Geotechnical survey, & preparation of initial sketches for site design which also include upgrading the restrooms at Friendship Park to make them ADA compliant. The Borough will have input in determining the master site design as well as the concept plan for the Bike/Skate Park. The Parks and Recreation Committee intends to look for grants as well as community fundraising to help pay for this project. Ultimate goal is to have the project design done and be ready to apply for more grants with the DCNR in April 2023.

A motion was made by Mariah Fisher and seconded by Jordan Frei to accept **Richard Rauso's** proposal for **Friendship Park Phase II**. All of Council was in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Sharon Coronado, Director for LV Library requesting Borough to increase library contribution to \$2,500 for 2023.

A motion was made by Mariah Fisher and seconded by Robert Barron to stick with budgeted contribution in the amount of \$1,200 for 2023 and request the LV Library to make any request for 2024 contribution earlier in the year. The motion carried with all in favor.

Letter received from Colin Frye of Silver Horse Coffee in Donegal PA asking to bring a Coffee Truck to Ligonier & operate in front of a local business but could potentially park anywhere with space.

The request was discussed with Council referring it to the Planning Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS & RECREATION

Mariah Fisher reported that Friendship Park will be winterized this coming Monday, November 14, 2022 and the restrooms will be officially closed for the winter season. Friendship Park will be open on days that it is expected to reach a high of 50 degrees as done every year.

TOWN HALL

N/A

PUBLIC WORKS

Small Water & Sewer Program Grant for W Main Street Storm Sewer Project:

A motion was made by Robert Barron and seconded by Jordan Frei to proceed with application to apply for a grant for West Main Street Storm Sewer Project. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Robert Barron and seconded by Mariah Fisher to advertise to hold a work session with Council for Storm Water Issues in the Borough. The motion carried with all in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairman Jordan Frei reported that the storm water in the Borough gets backed up with leaves. Residents are reminded to keep leaves off the streets and to place them at the curb for pick up.

FINANCE

N/A

PLANNING / PERSONNEL

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Budget 2023: *Secretary-Treasurer along with the Finance Committee has come up with a proposed budget which includes salary and health insurance increases as well as revenue increase. The balanced budget is \$300.76 with no tax increase.*

A motion was made by Mariah Fisher and seconded by Robert Barron to advertise the 2023 budget. All of Council was in favor.

Westmoreland County Transit Authority Local Share Assessment:

A motion was made by Mariah Fisher and seconded by Jordan Frei to agree to the Local Share Assessment amount of \$924 for Westmoreland County Transit Authority. The motion carried with all in favor.

Act 57 Local Tax Collection Law:

Property Tax Waiver Provision- waives penalty under certain conditions:

A motion was made by Jordan Frei and seconded by Mariah Fisher to move forward with Act 57. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMENDATIONS & COMMENTS from OFFICERS and DEPARTMENTS

Solicitor Welty requested an executive session at the end of the meeting with no action to be taken.

Mayor Bellas reported the LVPD now has a 5 year contract. Mayor Bellas also reported that one police vehicle was hit by two deer within a short span of time. Another police vehicle was recently involved in an accident and may be totaled. An investigation showed the accident was not the fault of the officer.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mariah Fisher and seconded by Robert Barron to adjourn the meeting into executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Janette Shaw
Secretary-Treasurer