

April 14, 2016

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Borough Council was held Thursday, April 14, 2016 @ 7:00 PM in the Ligonier Town Hall with James McDonnell presiding.

Members Present: James McDonnell, Judy Hoffer, Robert Helterbran, Chick Cicconi, Matt Smith, Pat Scanlon, & Terry Murphy.

Others Present: Secretary-Treasurer Paul Fry, Mayor Ormond "Butch" Bellas, Solicitor George Welty, Police Chief John Berger, Engineer Ben Faas. Absent was Fire Chief Steve Barron, Zoning Officer Rick Schwab and Code Enforcement Officer Rick Bell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chick Cicconi and seconded by Terry Murphy to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2016. All of Council was in favor.

BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Pat Scanlon and seconded by Robert Helterbran to approve the Bills Payable as presented. All were in favor.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Robert Helterbran and seconded by Matt Smith to approve the Consent Calendar as also presented. The motion carried unanimously.

President McDonnell called for a brief executive session for personnel and litigation @ 7:02 PM. Council returned from executive session @ 7:52 PM with no action taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Joint Comprehensive Plan / Agreement

Council decided to defer until the May 2016 meeting.

A motion was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Terry Murphy to table the topic until next month's meeting. All were in favor.

Stormwater Ordinance #563

Solicitor Welty noted that a summary of the Ordinance was properly advertised and the ordinance was then taken to the Westmoreland County Law Library. EADS Engineer Ben Faas briefly summarized the Stormwater Ordinance #563.

A motion was made by Chick Cicconi and seconded by Pat Scanlon to adopt Stormwater Management Ordinance #563. All of Council was in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Cari Frei with Friendship Park asking permission to hold an ice cream eating contest on the Diamond sponsored by Ligonier Creamery Friday, May 20th from 3-4 PM. No traffic will need to be blocked. Requested is use of Bandstand and the 4 walkways leading up to the bandstand. There will be up to 10 teams of 3 paying \$25 to enter. The Creamery will match the teams' collections.

Another fund raiser requested by Friendship Park is a "Movie in the Park" on July 8th. A company would be brought in to set up a movie screen on the softball field. People would be able to put blankets down in the park, tennis and basketball courts.

A motion was made by Matt Smith and seconded by Pat Scanlon to approve the requests. Garbage from both events must be cleaned up and there must not be any games scheduled for the softball field. The motion carried unanimously.

Notice received from Dr. Pete Pacienza requesting to close Fairfield Street in front of the fire department on June 11, 2016 from 7AM to 5PM for the fire department's annual auction.

A motion was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Terry Murphy to approve the request to close Fairfield Street for the Ligonier Fire Department's annual auction June 11, 2016 from 7AM to 5PM. All were in favor.

Request received from LV Chamber asking permission to bag meters on the Diamond and first two blocks of East & West Main Streets for the Chamber's Antiques on the Diamond June 4th and August 27, 2016.

A motion was made by Pat Scanlon and seconded by Robert Helterbran to bag meters for Antiques on the Diamond on the requested dates. The motion carried with all in favor.

Request received from the LV Chamber asking permission to use the Bandstand and to block off the Northeast quadrant of the Diamond to traffic for Sunday Evening Band Concerts, May 29, through August 28th. Also requested is to bag the first four meters on the north side of East Main Street for the Laurel Highlands Auto Club members to display their classic cars during the concerts.

A motion was made by Chick Cicconi and seconded by Matt Smith to approve the request from the LV Chamber for the Band Concerts. All were in favor.

A temporary sign permit application was received from LV Library to hang a vinyl 12 square foot banner above the front door of the Library on May 2-6, 2016 to advertise "Novel Art" Library Exhibition.

A motion was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Pat Scanlon to approve the banner request for LV Library Novel Art. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS & RECREATION / SHADE TREE

Matt Smith, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee reported that the Friendship Park rebuild dates have been changed to August 17-21, 2016. Friendship Park will be closed beginning late July to prepare for the rebuild. Fundraising is going well.

Public Works has been getting ready for tree planting on April 30, 2016. Volunteers are needed to plant approximately 35 trees.

TOWN HALL

Judy Hoffer reported that TMR Roofing was at Town Hall and fixed the last of the 3 valleys. A first coat of seal was put on the bell tower and TMR roofing will return to finish.

Town Hall committee has looked into maintenance on the Town Hall windows with 4 selected to replace.

PUBLIC WORKS

Pat Scanlon reported that the Public Works has received their new mower. Line painting is to be completed weather permitting. The restrooms at Friendship Park have been painted. The parks have been cleaned up as well.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ PERSONNEL

Chick Cicconi attended a seminar at WCCC regarding public safety / emergency management. John Berger attended a drug awareness meeting at the Town Hall and noted that drug awareness will be returning to Town Hall.

FINANCE

Councilman Terry Murphy reported that the Borough finances took a hit this month with expenses. Repairs were made on the street sweeper. Funds were shared with Ligonier Township. The expense for the street sweeper repair mainly came from Liquid Fuels. Murphy noted the Borough also had the purchase of the new mower. Town Hall fund was the biggest hit with the roof repairs on the valleys.

Murphy reported revenue increase in parking and traffic violations.

PLANNING

Robert Helterbran reported having a meeting Tuesday. The committee worked on the surveys received. The committee decided to turn the project over to the Town Hall staff to put on a spread sheet.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2016-2

A resolution supporting the Further Development of Laurel Mountain Ski Area.

A motion was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Pat Scanlon to adopt the resolution in support of the development of Laurel Mountain Ski Area.

PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

COMMENDATIONS & COMMENTS

SECRETARY-TREASURER PUBLIC WORKS

Paul Fry congratulated Susan Grunstra as new executive director of the Ligonier Valley Chamber of Commerce.

EADS Engineer Ben Faas thanked Council for adopting the ordinance for the stormwater management.

Engineer Greg Elliot presented an agreement for final design per funding of the Diamond project.

A motion was made by Robert Helterbran and seconded by Pat Scanlon to authorize Council President, James McDonnell to sign the agreement upon favorable review from Solicitor Welty and Secretary-Treasurer Paul Fry. All of Council was in favor.

Police Chief John Berger reported that he has received traffic complaints on the 200 block of North Walnut Street. Police have been patrolling the area.

Chief Berger stated that he is looking forward to a second drug awareness meeting.

Mayor Ormond "Butch" Bellas thanked Council for adopting the resolution in support of the development of Laurel Mountain Ski Area.

Mayor Bellas noted that officer Ken Burke is doing well.

President James McDonnell stated that the petition sheets to have one election site in the Borough as opposed to two are still available in the Borough office as well as the tax office for signatures.

McDonnell added that dog and cat issues are still ongoing with owners not cleaning up after them.

McDonnell thanked everyone for their work.

McDonnell added that the next Borough Council meeting will be May 12, 2016 @ 6:30 PM for a Public Hearing for the Zoning Ordinance before the regularly scheduled Council meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Pat Scanlon and seconded by Robert Helterbran to adjourn the meeting. All of Council was in favor. The meeting was adjourned @ 8:37 PM

Respectfully submitted

Paul A Fry
Secretary-Treasurer
Office Manager