

May 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Borough Council was held Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7pm in the Town Hall with President Matt Smith presiding.

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

Others Present: Secretary-Treasurer Jan Shaw, Street Supervisor Ron Ross, Mayor Ormond "Butch" Bellas, Engineer Jake Bolby, Fire Chief Corey Blystone and Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Karl Horman. Absent was Solicitor George Welty, & Police Chief Mike Matrunics.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jordan Frei and seconded by Mariah Fisher to approve the minutes of April 13, 2023 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Brad Chartier to approve the Bills Payable as presented. The motion carried with all in favor.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Mariah Fisher and seconded by Jordan Frei to approve the Consent Calendar provided. The motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Sorice was present requesting Council's support to seek and secure grants to obtain two **Medal of Honor statues** recognizing Ligonier's Sgt. Alvin P. Carey who sacrificed his life in World War II and Private John Ewing who served in the Civil War.

Sorice asks Council for a letter of support for the Medal of Honor Project grant application.

A motion was made by Mariah Fisher and seconded by Jordan Frei to provide a letter of support to honor the two Ligonier Medal of Honor recipients. The motion carried with all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tar & Chipping Bids:

No bids were received. Street Supervisor Ron Ross reported that tar and chipping will be cancelled for this year and will move on with it next year.

Sidewalk Ordinance:

A motion was made by Mariah Fisher and seconded by Adriel Ginsburg to advertise the Sidewalk Ordinance. All of Council was in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Temporary Sign Permit Application received from **Pioneer PCA** to hang a 3x4 vinyl banner on the front porch of the church from May 21-June 9, 2023 to promote Vacation Bible School.

A motion was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Adriel Ginsburg to approve the banner for **Pioneer PCA** to promote Vacation Bible School. The motion carried with all in favor.

CDBG: Letter received from Westmoreland County regarding Urban County Qualifications and Requirements for the Community Development Block Grant Program; Fiscal Years 2024-2026. The County asks all municipalities to decide if they wish to opt-in or opt-out of the County's Community Development Program for the above mentioned Fiscal Years. The letter states if you opt-in & wish to continue to participate in the County's program; you do not need to take any action.

Both EADS Engineers Ben Faas and Jake Bolby recommended to opt-in.

A motion was made by Jordan Frei and seconded by Mariah Fisher to opt-in & stay enrolled with no action needed. All of Council was in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS & RECREATION

Chair Mariah Fisher reported still working on Friendship Park Phase II. Still searching for grants. Fisher reported that the committee has received some community donations. If anyone is interested in donating to the project; checks can be made payable to Ligonier Borough with Friendship Park Phase II in the memo. Checks can be brought into the Borough office. The committee is in the process of applying for a few grants with July deadline.

TOWN HALL

Chair Judy Hoffer reported that there was an issue with a sump pump in the elevator shaft. The shaft was 4 feet under water with an outlet in it that was under water. The sump pump has been replaced with an added alarm and the outlet has been raised to prevent this issue again.

Hoffer further reported that a dead tree in the courtyard has been replaced by the Public Works crew. It is thought that the tree was struck by lightning.

PUBLIC WORKS

Street Supervisor Ron Ross reported that Dumpster Days went well with sixty some people bringing items.

The dumpster that public works is re-doing for the street sweeper is slowly coming together. The street crew will be out painting lines next week.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Nothing

FINANCE

Nothing

PLANNING /PERSONNEL / SHADE TREE

Matt Smith noted that there are a few Shade Trees on East Main Street that need to come down.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Application for new lighting & generators @ Public Works:

The Grant Application is through The Scott Foundation with total cost of the project \$95,000 with no matches needed. The project would be for new LED lighting, a portable generator and a permanent generator at Public Works.

A motion was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Brad Chartier to apply for the grant. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMENDATIONS & COMMENTS from OFFICERS and DEPARTMENTS

Secretary-Treasurer Jan Shaw reported that the Borough has recently updated their FCC radio license and are good for another 10 years which takes us to April 29, 2033.

Mayor Bellas reminded everyone that this is Motorcycle Awareness Month and to please not shoot their grass clippings out onto the street because it is dangerous for motorcycles.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Jordan Frei and seconded by Mariah Fisher to adjourn the meeting. All of Council was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Janette Shaw
Secretary-Treasurer