

October 4, 2010

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Borough Council was held Monday, October 4, 2010 in the Town Hall @ 7:00 PM with President Dale Show presiding.

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

Other's Present: Secretary-Treasurer Paul Fry, Mayor Ormond "Butch" Bellas, Engineer Ben Faas, Solicitor George Welty, Police Chief John Berger, and Fire Chief Paul Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kim Shaffer and seconded by Tom Freeman to approve the minutes of September 9, 2010 as presented. All of Council was in favor.

BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Kim Shaffer to approve the bills payable. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A motion was made by Kim Shaffer and seconded by Robert Helterbran to approve the consent calendar as presented. All of Council was in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Iwaniec Family presented portable "Breath Test Device" to Ligonier Borough Police.

An executive session was called for Personnel @ 7:11 PM.

Council returned from executive session @ 7:29 PM with no action taken.

Planning Commission Vacancy:

James McDonnell reported that Terry Murphy expressed interest to fill the Planning Commission Vacancy.

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Kim Shaffer to accept Terry's request to serve with the Planning Commission to fill a term vacated by Barbara Nalle to 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Energy Audit:

Bill Barkley of Johnson Controls was present at Council Meeting. Johnson Controls was the only response the Borough had regarding the Request for Qualifications for the Energy Audit. Bill Barkley discussed the Project Development Agreement and answered questions and concerns regarding the Energy Audit.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the LV Library thanking Council for the \$1,000 allocation to the Library.

A letter was received from the LVMS regarding their annual 5K Race to be held Friday, October 22, 2010 @ 11:00 AM.

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Kim Shaffer to approve the 5K Race October 22, 2010 @ 11:00 AM. All of Council was in favor.

A motion was made by Kim Shaffer and seconded by James McDonnell to activate the Fire Police for the 5K Race October 22, 2010 as well as Trick or Treat October 30th. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS & RECREATION

Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee, Sam Banales reported that the committee is accepting bids for 2011 Diamond Maintenance. Deadline for placing a bid is Friday, December 31, 2010 @ 12 noon.

TOWN HALL

Nothing to report

PUBLIC WORKS

Chairman Tom Freeman noted Public Works is pretty busy with oncoming Fort Ligonier Days preparation.

Leaf pick up will begin Thursday, October 14, 2010 and finish hopefully Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC SAFETY / SHADE TREE

Nothing to report

FINANCE

It was reported that the Town Hall Fund is up 7.9% for the month of September.

The Committee is hoping to have the budget for 2011 presented by November.

PERSONNEL / PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairman of Personnel reported that the committee will be interviewing applicants for the meter attendant position vacated by Julie Knupp.

It was reported that Civil Service Commission member Jack Merchant's term will be up on November 1, 2010. Merchant has agreed to serve another three-year term if Council wishes.

A motion was made by James McDonnell and seconded by Kim Shaffer to extend Jack Merchant's term to another 3 years on the Planning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

General Code Updates:

Paul Fry received the estimated cost to update the General Code book with the newly adopted ordinances and resolutions for 2010 at a price of anywhere from \$7,900 –\$ 8,800.

Secretary-Treasurer Paul Fry was directed to search for other vendors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Welcome went out to new LV Chamber of Commerce Director Carrie Blough.

COMMENDATIONS & COMMENTS from OFFICERS and DEPARTMENTS

Solicitor Welty thanked Zoning Officer Chick Cicconi for assembling the package for the 4 hearings this evening.

Fire Chief Paul Church reported preparing for Fort Ligonier Days as well. Church noted that the Fire Department will also be helping out with Treat or Treat night.

EADS Engineer Ben Faas reported working on GIS funding application.

Police Chief John Berger reported that the Police Department is busy getting ready for Fort Ligonier Days.

Homicide trial will be starting soon.

Mayor Bellas reported that the Borough needs the PennDot Grant that was submitted for pedestrian safety. Mayor Bellas reported high grass in some areas. Letters have been sent out to those residences. Letters have also been sent out to residences that are setting their garbage out without placing it in cans.

Mayor Bellas closed by reporting that there are several residences with low hanging trees over the sidewalks. Sidewalks must be kept clear. Trees are maintained by the property owner.

President Show extended this meeting to Monday, October 11 @ 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A Fry
Secretary-Treasurer
Office Manager