

**Common Council Meeting – Monday, December 12, 2011 – Held at Ligonier City Hall – 7:00 pm – Audio Available**

**Call to order by Mayor Fisel**

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

Present: Council President Ken Schuman, Council members John Pettit, Gary Bishop, John Lutton, Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

Absent: Council Member Karen Richendollar

**Minutes from previous meeting of November 28, 2011**

***Motion to approve by: John Lutton      Seconded by: John Lutton      Vote: All Ayes***

**Citizens Comments**

Name: Ruth Elijah

Comment: Thank you to the street department personnel for their efforts during the recent snow storm. She appreciates the job they did and the help in cleaning up all of the fallen tree branches.

**Unfinished Business**

1. Revised Perry Township Fire Contract

The contract was revised to add the provision to pay Perry Township one half of the Elkhart Township fire contract.

***Motion to approve the revised Perry Township Fire Contract for 2012 by: Gary Bishop***

***Seconded by: John Lutton      Vote: All Ayes***

2. Ordinance 802-2011 – Vicious Dog

The draft from the previous meeting was updated with the requested changes. The language of custodian was also added.

***Motion to pass ordinance 802-11 on the first reading by: Gary Bishop***

***Seconded by: John Lutton      Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 802-11 on the second reading by: Gary Bishop***

***Seconded by: John Lutton      Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to further suspend the rules and pass ordinance 802-11 on the third and final reading by: Gary Bishop***

***Seconded by: John Lutton      Vote: All Ayes***

***Ordinance 802-2011 passed and will be advertised in the Advance-Leader on December 22, 2011, taking effect 30 days from that date.***

3. Ordinance 803-2011 – Local Disaster Emergency Declarations & Travel Advisories

The ordinance was prepared to follow the model ordinance of the county.

***Motion to pass ordinance 803-11 on the first reading by: Ken Schuman***

***Seconded by: Gary Bishop      Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 802-11 on the second reading by: Ken Schuman***

***Seconded by: Gary Bishop      Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to further suspend the rules and pass ordinance 802-11 on the third and final reading by: Ken Schuman***

***Seconded by: Gary Bishop      Vote: All Ayes***

**Ordinance 803-2011 passed and will be advertised in the Advance-Leader on December 22, 2011, taking effect 30 days from that date.**

4. Findings of Fact – Vibration Control

On 11-22-10 Council approved the findings of fact for Vibration Control. However, the paperwork was inadvertently not signed and therefore needs to be signed at this time.

**New Business**

1. Resolution 1212-2011

This resolution moves the funds which approved from the Building and Zoning budget to pay for the Code Enforcement Officer in the Police Department, all within the General Fund. The following is the specific list of transfers:

Fund	Department	Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount
101	General	101007111	101003111	39,491.12
101	General	101007119	101003111	900.00
101	General	101007121	101003111	7590.00
101	General	101007122	101003111	2010.45
101	General	101007124	101003111	2331.60
101	General	101007126	101003111	500.00
101	General	101007221	101003111	1400.00
101	General	101007231	101003111	600.00
101	General	101007312	101003111	130.83

***Motion to approve Resolution 1212-2011 by: John Lutton***

***Seconded by: Gary Bishop***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Claim Registers – APV # 35211 to 35362**

***Motion to approve by: John Lutton***

***Seconded by: Gary Bishop***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

*Police Chief Bryan Shearer:* Bryan thanked the outgoing Council. Appreciate the support and efforts to make Ligonier a better place. Good Luck

*Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver:* Jeremy thanked those who supported the Fire Departments breakfast with Santa on Saturday. Thank you also to the outgoing Council members.

*Street Superintendent Mike Burdette:* Mike also thanked the Council for their support over the years.

Mayor Fisel added that Mike prepared the compost report with the following information:

980 tons of leaves  
1101 tons of brush  
319 tons of grass  
2400 total tons of compost with 100% given away at no cost

*Council Member John Pettit:* John commented that it was a pleasure and privilege to serve Ligonier. Appreciate the support. Advice to incoming Council was that to remember the job is about community and to focus on that, and do what is best, adding that he trusts they will.

*Council Member Gary Bishop:* Gary shared memories of his history working with the City. He enjoyed every second of his involvement in the community. He added the community deserves the best and he believes we will have the best on the next Council. We will still hear from him and he will continue to support the community.

*Council Member Ken Schuman:* Ken expressed thanks to outgoing members. He learned from them and it was a pleasure to work with them. He appreciates the hard work they have put in for the City.

*City Attorney Steve Hagen:* Steve also thanked everyone, adding it was a pleasure to work with a good group that was open minded and forward thinking. He offered his congratulations to the group.

*Council Member John Lutton:* John shared memories of his introduction into Ligonier government. It has been a pleasure serving on City Council for 24 years. There is still much work to be done and he wished the new Council well. He thanked everyone for their support.

*Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn:* Barb thanked the council for their help in transitioning her into the clerk-treasurer position. It was a pleasure to work with them. She learned a lot from them. Good luck in future endeavors.

*Mayor Patty Fisel:*

- The City is currently working on a proposal for a sign update, an unfunded mandate. About 75% of the signs have already been updated.
- The Mayor has requested two appraisals for the property on East Union which Tom Wigent is interested in purchasing.
- The Mayor offered her thanks to each outgoing member of Council as well as to Ken Schuman who will be instrumental to familiarize the new members. She encouraged the new members to use the expertise of the outgoing members, and looks forward to working with them. She offered thanks to City Attorney Steve Hagen stating we couldn't do what we do without him. She offered thanks to Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn for making the sailing smoother and dependable reporting. She thanked the department heads and appreciates everything they do for the City. She also thanked the citizens. She really appreciates their attendance, taking interest, and being a part of the meetings.

#### **Adjournment**

***Motion to adjourn by: John Lutton***

***Seconded by: Gary Bishop***