

Call to order by Mayor Fisel

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: Council President Ken Schuman, Council members Chris Fought, Becky Gray, Kelly Ware, and Julia Bell
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of February 27, 2012

Motion to approve by: Ken Schuman

Seconded by: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments

Name & Address: Jerry Donley, Ligonier

Comment: Thanks to the Fire and Street department personnel for cleaning the sidewalks and streets in expectation of the visit from the Lincolnway group.

Name & Address: Norma Donley, Ligonier

Comment: Thanks to the Goshen Street Department for the donation of the Lincolnway Highway signs to Ligonier.

Permission is requested to put the larger sign up at Woodlawn Park near the skate park and the two smaller ones back to back near at the Pettit Park property.

Motion to allow the signs to be put up as requested at Woodlawn Park and Pettit Park by: Ken Schuman

Seconded by: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Name & Address: John Pettit, Ligonier

Comment: Inquired as to the progress on the Discovery Express building. Mayor Fisel commented that the parties are getting the fence put up and hope to have the equipment available to take the building down in the near future.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

1. Geniff Properties LLC – CF-1/PP

2. AME Swiss Machining LLC – CF1/PP

As Geniff and AME are both represented by Blake Geer, Mayor Fisel asked council to consider both tax abatement compliance forms together.

Motion to approve the CF-1/PP for both Geniff Properties LLC and AME Swiss Machining by: Ken Schuman

Seconded by: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

3. AME Swiss Machining LLC – Request for Tax Abatement

Request for personal property tax abatement in the amount of \$1,000,000 was approved by the Redevelopment Commission and recommended for 10 years to the City Council. Findings were conducted by City Attorney Steve Hagen.

Motion to adopt the findings by: Ken Schuman

Seconded by: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Resolution 31212B was presented, which would personal tax abatement in the amount of \$1,000,000 for 10 years to AME Swiss Machining LLC.

Motion to approve resolution 31212B by: Ken Schuman
Seconded by: Julia Bell **Vote: All Ayes**

4. Guardian Automotive Products Inc. – Request for Tax Abatement

Request for personal property tax abatement in the amount of \$4,986,000 and real property tax abatement in the amount of \$3,063,000 was approved by the Redevelopment Commission and recommended for 10 years to the City Council. Findings for personal property and real property were conducted by City Attorney Steve Hagen.

Motion to adopt the real property findings by: Chris Fought
Seconded by: Ken Schuman **Vote: All Ayes**

Motion to adopt the personal property findings by: Chris Fought
Seconded by: Ken Schuman **Vote: All Ayes**

Resolution 31212A was presented which would approve both the personal property abatement on \$4,986,000 and the real property abatement on \$3,063,000 for 10 years. It was also noted that Guardian would be donating 10% of their savings to LEAP of Noble County to help educate the community.

Motion to approve resolution 31212A by: Ken Schuman
Seconded by: Chris Fought **Vote: All Ayes**

5. City Redistricting Requirement

The City is required to redistrict based on the 2010 Census by December 31, 2012. It was noted that as a city of the third class, all council seats may be at-large rather than based on districts. It was felt it may be beneficial to the City to look into this change.

Motion to pursue a change to at-large seats for all council positions by: Ken Schuman
Seconded by: Kelly Ware **Vote: All Ayes**

Claim Registers – APV # 36001 through 36079

Motion to approve by: Ken Schuman **Seconded by: Chris Fought** **Vote: All Ayes**

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver: The County is narrow banding radios at the end of the month. All radios will be converted in time. The department did well on their fundraiser, They were able to purchase new equipment which they will have in their booth at Showcase Ligonier on March 24.

Council Member Kelly Ware: Kelly toured the WWTP and was impressed. She also commented on the great job and turn out at the State of the City address and informational fair.

Council Member Chris Fought: Chris commented that a resident asked if it would be possible for an all clear after a tornado warning. Fire Chief Weaver stated that they are not given all clear by the weather service due to liability issues. He suggested the resident purchase a battery operated weather radio.

Chris also stated he has been questioned about the move of City Hall to the second floor of the police station because concerned residents want to be sure that the existing City Hall not be torn down. The Mayor replied the current plan is to allow the fire department to take over the City Hall portion of the building for their offices.

Mayor Patty Fisel: The RDA and RDC both met and will be refinancing their bonds. This is what prompted the move of City Hall to the police building as the savings on the refinancing can be used towards this project. The original intent was for City Hall to be in the building and the timing is right now to follow through. Triad Engineering was authorized to do the design for the project.

The fire department is currently looking into costs for roof repair to the building as well as automatic door openers for the truck bays.

A meeting is scheduled for March 15 at 6:30 with residents of the north side who will be affected by the sewer separation project. Letters went out today inviting them to attend. City Engineer Rick Pharis and department heads will be on hand to answer resident's questions and concerns.

The Mayor thanked the City of Goshen for the Lincolnway Highway signs.

The new City Employee Handbook first draft has been received. A meeting is set with HR Unlimited to go over changes. A draft will be available for council review soon.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by: Ken Schuman

Seconded by: Chris Fought