

May 26, 2026

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building with Chairman John Beaufort presiding.

Members Present: John Beaufort, Dan Resenic, Paul Knupp and Wade Stoner. Stephanie Verna was absent.

Others Present: Township Manager Michael Strelac, Engineer Ben Faas, Solicitor Dan Hudock, Zoning / Code Enforcement Officer Rick Krouse, Public Works Foreman Lance Griffith, and Finance Officer Beverly Warfel.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Agenda Items

Gail Hugo spoke to the fact that she felt her comments from the April 28th meeting may have been misunderstood. She apologized to the board for any misunderstanding and restated her intent regarding Ligonier Beach.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Knupp thanked the firemen for the turnout for a house that was destroyed by fire yesterday.

Supervisor Beaufort stated that one of the fire companies has handled approximately 136 calls thus far and will probably break 400 calls this year.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Supervisor Stoner and seconded by Supervisor Knupp to approve the minutes of the May 12th meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) DEP: Ligonier Beach Stream Complaint
- b) PennDOT: DEP permit for Two Mile Run bridge improvements
- c) PennDOT: State Police fines

MANAGER REPORT – Mr. Strelac stated that the amplifiers for the meeting room were on backorder therefore we do not yet have an updated speaker system. He also presented upcoming meetings. June 22nd at 2:00 p.m., there will be a meeting regarding the Carey School Road Pedestrian Bridge project between the Borough, the School District and the Township. Additionally, Ligonier Borough Councilmember Pleskovitch would like to schedule a meeting between Borough and Township Administration regarding the need or desire to update the Comprehensive Plan.

ENGINEER REPORT- Mr. Faas reported the Harvey Road Bridge Project has been completed and they are requesting reimbursement from the grant.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Mr. Hudock stated he was in court today for Tax Assessment appeals; there was one appeal for Ligonier Township, Concorida Bethlen Home. He is also working on two code matters.

STAFF REPORTS –

ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT- Mr. Krouse stated that his report is in front of the Board. He answered questions from the board regarding the report.

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Griffith reported that berming is complete; he stated that staff did a good job taking care of the recent storm damage; and that soon staff will begin working on headwalls and pipes. There will be 28 roads during this period where different things will be occurring.

FINANCE – Mrs. Warfel presented the April Financial Summary Budget to Actual and an update to the Grant Log.

TREASURER REPORT – In the absence of Supervisor Verna Township Manager Strelac requested approval of the Bill Pay List:

Bill Pay List:

General Fund: \$ 212,860.19

A motion was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a) Resolution 2026-R-01 Comcast Cable agreement – No action taken. Held over until next meeting.
- b) Ordinance 2026-OR-01 Amending Zoning Code: solar & data centers, fire station, farmers markets, non-conforming lots – No action taken. Held over to next meeting.
- c) Ordinance 2026-OR-02 Community Development Board – After discussion no action was taken. Held over to next meeting.
- d) Resolution 2026-R-03 Ligonier Valley Police Commission Code of Conduct – No action taken. Held over to next meeting.
- e) Fort Ligonier Days Detour – No action taken. Held over to next meeting.
- f) Special Events Permit Revocation: Ligonier Country Market. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Sale or Donation of Ligonier Beach – Discussion was had. No action was taken to move forward with an attempt to sell or donate the property.

b) Sale of Equipment (tow behind broom) –

A motion was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Stoner send to auction the 1980's Sweepster Tow Behind Broom. Motion carried unanimously.

c) CDBG program 2027-2029 –

A motion was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to continue with the County's Community Development Block Grant Program for three more years. Motion passed unanimously.

d) CO-stars Electricity Contract – Mr. Strelic was directed to provide the information needed for evaluation of the Township's electric bills to Scott Hartford of the Penn State CoStars program before moving forward on this issue. To be held over to the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for an Executive Session.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – All other

Tom Stickle commented about the Ligonier Beach project.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Resenic commented on the Ligonier Beach project and his understanding of Mr. Strelic's frustration and concern regarding the continued complaints and possible costs to the Township.

Supervisor Beaufort commented on his willingness to handle some of the complaints about the Ligonier Beach project.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to adjourn the meeting. All the Board was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Warfel
Finance Officer/Assistant Secretary