

June 24, 2026

A special joint meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors and Ligonier Borough Council was held Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in Ligonier Borough's Town Hall with President Jordan Frei presiding.

Supervisors Present: John Beaufort, Dan Resenic, Stephanie Verna, Paul Knupp and Wade Stoner.

Councilmembers Present: Jordan Frei, Carol Barton, Judy Hoffer, John Poznick, Jim Norris, Paul Verostko, Nancy Pleskovitch.

Others Present: Mayor and Police Commissioner Tom Freeman, Police Commissioner James Andrews, Borough and Police Commission Solicitor Mark Sorice, Police Chief Michael Matrunics, Township Manager Michael Strelic, Borough Secretary Jan Shaw, Westmoreland County Deputy Director of Planning Josh Spano, Police Commission alternate Scott Gongaware, Architect Greg Elliott, and Greg Sullenberger.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Agenda Items

none

NEW BUSINESS

New Police Facility

Solicitor Sorice explained the purpose of the meeting.

Chief Matrunics presented equipment carried by officers and patrol vehicles.

Mr. Sorice and Chief Matrunics explained the history of police facilities, and the current operations out of the Ligonier Township municipal building.

Josh Spano presented a county analysis.

Greg Elliott of EADS Engineering provided information and plans for the proposed building.

Scott Gongaware provided financial information related to the proposed building. Mr. Gongaware stated that the full \$5.67 million dollar cost estimate would be paid for by a grant from the R.K. Mellon Foundation. Mr. Gongaware estimates an annual operating deficit (expenses minus rental revenue) of \$31,000.

Greg Sullenberger spoke regarding the need for an improved and relocated police station. Mr. Sullenberger stated that there may be an endowment to cover ongoing operating costs.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Resenic asked the architect about a space for the phlebotomist drawing blood. Mr. Elliott pointed out the increased space and rooms in the proposed new building. Chief Matrunics responded that the proposed floor plan may change based upon the input of officers.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

none

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – All other

Michelle Kent made a \$5,000 pledge to the building's endowment.

Sergeant James Fiscarella thanked everyone on the stage for considering a professional and safe building.

Dawn Kissell thanked the gratitude and generosity of our local families and foundations. Mrs. Kissell further thanked the police and police officers. Mrs. Kissell also commented on improved response times, especially for the schools.

Butch Bellas commented on the effort that went into bringing the proposed building to fruition.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Seeing no other business before the joint working session, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Strelic
Township Manager

Note: these minutes were approved by the Ligonier Township Board of Supervisors. The minutes of Ligonier Borough and the Ligonier Valley Police Commission may differ.