

July 28, 2026

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building with Chairman John Beaufort presiding.

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

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Agenda Items

No comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Beaufort shared the sad news that Judy Weimer passed away. Judy is the mother of Dan Weimer, a member of the Planning Committee, the LTMA, and a former Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Supervisor Knupp seconded by Supervisor Verna to approve the minutes of July 14th meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Westmoreland County Planning – re: Zoning Ordinance
- b) Land Bank 2025 Audit Report
- c) Westmoreland County Assoc. of Township Supervisors picnic
- d) Vanessa Zelczak-Waryas - re: Ligonier Beach
- e) SPC – re: CMAQ funding for pedestrian safety project
- f) PennDOT – re: Route 271 speed limit. Speed limit reduction.

There was discussion regarding a letter from the Latrobe Bulletin

A motion was made by Supervisor Resenic that all meetings and work sessions for township business be public and held in the township's board room. Motion died due to lack of second.

MANAGER REPORT – Mr. Strelic emphasized that the agenda for the presentation of reports has been changed. He has also added Ligonier Beach to the report section of the agenda for periodic reports to keep the Board abreast of updates and progress regarding the Ligonier Beach property. He also covered the meeting room media system updates and what still needs to be accomplished.

Engineer report – Mr. Faas indicated progress is continuing with the Carey School Road Pedestrian Bridge project.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Mr. Hudock indicated he had nothing to report.

ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT – Mr. Krouse indicated the Board had his report in front of them. He provided a summary and asked for any questions. Supervisor Knupp had questions as to whom had made application for fireworks permits. Supervisor Beaufort also had questions regarding complaints received.

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Griffith stated that all equipment is up and running. The Chip Seal program has started. The Public Works crew is paving Wednesday on Harvey Road; therefore, a portion will be temporarily closed. The crew will be sweeping the areas chip sealed a week after the vendor completes the work.

FINANCE OFFICER - Mrs. Warfel presented the June Financial reports and the updated Grant Log. There were questions regarding the status of the grant received from the Ligonier Valley Endowment in 2024 for upgrading trails received on the Township's behalf by the Loyalhanna Watershed.

LIGONIER BEACH COMMITTEE – Mr. Strelic stated Chuck Baker, loss control & safety expert from Penn PRIME will be onsite to analyze the property August 13th. He will begin his inspection at 9:00 a.m. Per Solicitor Hudock, providing there is no deliberation all supervisors are welcome to attend and ask questions.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Verma presented the Bill Pay List.

Bill Pay List:

General Fund: \$ 17,867.81

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a) Amending Ordinance 2026-OR-01 to add sunset provisions for conditional uses and special exceptions.

A motion was made by Supervisor Stoner and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to amend Ordinance 2026-R-01. Motion passed unanimously.

- b) Ordinance 2026-OR-02 Community Development Board – No action taken. Held over to next meeting.
- c) Resolution 2026-R-03 Ligonier Valley Police Commission Code of Conduct – No action taken. Held over to the next meeting at the request of Ligonier Borough.
- d) Grant Consultant Agreement – No action taken. Held over until another meeting is held with Mr. Regola.

- e) Ligonier Trail Fund First Commonwealth Signature Cards – No motion needed, already approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Craig Heryford Plan –

A motion was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to approve the Craig Heryford Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

- b) CDBG grant acceptance – ADA accessibility Improvements

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Knupp to accept the CDBG grant funds from Westmoreland County for ADA Accessibility Improvements. Motion passed unanimously.

- c) SPC CMAQ Grant Acceptance – Ligonier Valley High School Pedestrian Safety Project

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Knupp to accept the CMAQ funds from the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

- d) Resolution 2026-R-13: Ligonier Trail Fund

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2026-R-13 by Supervisor Stoner and seconded by Supervisor Knupp to approve Resolution 2026-R-13. Motion passed by a vote of 4-1. Supervisor Resenic voting in the negative.

- e) Resolution 2026-R-14 Act 13 Capital Fund – No action taken. On hold for clarification as to whether it conflicts with Act 13.

- f) Resolution 2026-R-15 Policy & Procedure for Consultant Selection –

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to approve Resolution 2026-R-15. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After the close of the meeting, there was an Executive Session regarding potential litigation. Supervisor Resenic did not participate.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – All other

There were no additional comments from the public.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Stoner commented that he wanted to make it clear he is not opposed to open meetings and cited two definitions from the Sunshine Law.

Supervisor Knupp thanked first grader, Vanessa Zelczak-Waryas, for her letter and concern about Ligonier Beach. He also thanked the public for attending.

Supervisor Beaufort also commented on the letter from first grader, Vanessa Zelczak-Waryas. He was impressed with her commenting on Township business at such a young age. He is intending to contact her.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to adjourn the meeting. All the Board was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Warfel
Finance Officer/Assistant Secretary