

August 13, 2024

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building with Chairman Dan Resenic presiding.

Members Present: Dan Resenic, Erik Ross, Stephanie Verna, Scott Matson, and John Beaufort.

Others Present: Township Manager Michael Strelic, Solicitor Dan Hudock, Chief of Police Michael Matronics, Emergency Management Coordinator, Patrick McDowell and Finance Officer Bethany Caldwell.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Matson – No comment

Supervisor Ross – No comment

Supervisor Verna – No comment

Supervisor Beaufort – Read a news article about water scarcity for Settler Road / Old Forbes Road residents. He proposed the Township and LTMA work together to schedule a public meeting with these property owners to gauge their interest in public water.

Supervisor Resenic – Added this topic was discussed at the last LTMA meeting and the LTMA Manager has been working with some of the affected homeowners. He agreed a joint meeting is a good idea.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by Stephanie Verna to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Westmoreland County notification of Township properties on the annual tax upset sale list
2. Westmoreland County 2025 hazard mitigation plan update

REPORTS:

MANAGER

Mr. Strelic reported chip-sealing started today north of Waterford and our vendor will be in Waterford tomorrow, and the Borough the following day. He appreciates the residents' patience while we repair the roads and they can anticipate loose gravel on these roads until August 26 at which time we will be renting more efficient sweepers to reclaim the stone. Until then, please keep it under 35 mph. The Ligonier Beach Study Committee will be holding its kick-off meeting on Monday, September 16; please

note this meeting is not open to the public. And finally, Mr. Strelc reminded the Board he will not be here for their next meeting due to a scheduled vacation.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Hudock reported work continues on a couple code violation issues, there has been some compliance from a Darlington property. Progress at the Hotel Road property has halted, the homeowner refused an inspection so we may need to go back to the judge.

POLICE

Chief Matruncis reported National Night Out was rescheduled due to bad weather, please attend August 20th! Coordinating with the fire department for a mock accident rescue demonstration. Commended Officer Ryan Hall for completing accident reconstruction training with a 92% on his test! Ryan’s skill set will speed up the department’s investigation process. Officer Knepper has been researching website best practices and will be developing a site for the department to improve public relations and transparency.

AUDITOR

Meghan Freidhof, Principal Account from Wessel & Company presented the Township’s 2023 Audit – there were no findings.

TREASURER

Supervisor Verna read the fund balances as of July 31, 2024:

Fund Balances (month end)	July
General Fund	\$ 700,386
General Fund Reserves	\$ 1,280,677
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	\$ 477,972
Capital Fund Reserves	\$ 56,447
Ligonier Beach Park Fund	\$ 122,213
Developer's Fund*	\$ 8,927
*Escrow	\$ 5,125
*Mill Creek Memorial Park	\$ 1,209
*Ligonier Trail	\$ 2,500
*Kids Corner grant	\$ 93
Total Funds	\$ 2,646,622

BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Erik Ross to approve the bills payable as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-R-12 LVPD Charter Amendment:

The proposed amendment to the Charter was revised by the LVPD Commission to address concerns regarding the Commission’s authority to remove commissioners appointed by the charter members.

Supervisor Ross read a statement aloud explaining why he's voting against the amendment: the Charter already outlines the commissioners' roles and responsibility, some of the introduced terms are not clearly defined, and neutral oversight conflicts with a pledge of loyalty.

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by John Beaufort to approve Resolution 2024-R-12, LVPD Charter Amendment. There was a roll call vote, Supervisors Matson, Ross, and Resenic voted nay, and Supervisors Verna and Beaufort voted aye. Motion failed.

Supervisor Resenic said he will never relinquish his right to free speech and may disagree with the Commission at times, if he thinks it's in the community's best interest.

Supervisor Verna noted they serve on different boards and asked Supervisor Resenic why he voted for the amendment at the Commission meeting if he was not going to support it at the Township's meeting.

Supervisor Resenic clarified he voted to send the amendment back to the Township and the Borough for their consideration.

Supervisor Beaufort asked about the Commission's process and their discussions on the topic.

Supervisor Verna explained the Commission's solicitor spoke to the Township's solicitor to clarify the points of concern and made modifications to address those concerns and then it was voted on to send to the charter municipalities.

Supervisor Beaufort asked, what is the Police Commission to do?

Supervisor Ross suggested that they continue using the oath in the Charter agreement and/or follow the oath in the second class township code.

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Leonard Estate Plan:

This request was reviewed and recommended by the Planning Commission, it creates no new non-conformities and cures one non-conformity. Supervisor Verna asked if the lot had public sewage and Mr. Strelic said the existing structures has a septic system in place.

A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by John Beaufort to approve the Paul Leonard Estate Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Volunteer Fire Department response changes:

Wilpen Fire Department's Chief Roberts has requested a change to their company readouts for fire responses to include the specific equipment that is being dispatched.

Waterford Fire Department's Chief Beaufort has requested to stop going to AED calls at Bethlen Homes due to on-site staff having access to AEDs and knowing how to use this equipment.

There was a discussion about Waterford's request and associated liability concerns. The board's consensus was to get a letter from Bethlen Homes acknowledging this change first before approving the request.

A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by Scott Matson to approve Wilpen's Volunteer Fire Department response change request and table Waterford's request. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Beaufort – no comment

Supervisor Verna asked the Public Works Committee to meet ahead of the upcoming Finance Committee meetings so that their plans can be incorporated into the 2025 budget. She asked staff to schedule several meetings now (before the next Board meeting), so that we can advertise once for these budget planning meetings and cancel any meetings that are not needed.

Supervisor Matson thanked the road crew, the firemen, the police, and he wished Mrs. O'Sullivan the best.

Supervisor Ross – no comment

Supervisor Resenic – no comment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Stephanie Veran and seconded by Erik Ross to adjourn the meeting. All of Board was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Caldwell
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Ligonier Township, Westmoreland County, PA
Bill Payments for All Vendors
 July 31 through August 12, 2024

Vendor	Type	Num	Date	Amount
Jul 31 - Aug 12, 24				
Total Service, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	ACH	08/12/2024	187.92
The Harrison Group Inc	Bill Pmt -Check	ACH	07/31/2024	30.00
AA Septic Tank Service	Bill Pmt -Check	26323	08/12/2024	437.50
Aqua Filter Fresh	Bill Pmt -Check	26324	08/12/2024	53.50
Atlas Chiropractic of Ligonier - V	Bill Pmt -Check	26325	08/12/2024	570.00
Cleveland Brothers Equipment, Co. , Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	26326	08/12/2024	171.63
Daniel C. Hudock Attorney at Law	Bill Pmt -Check	26327	08/12/2024	950.00
Fayette Parts Service, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	26328	08/12/2024	217.10
Ferry's Automotive Service Inc	Bill Pmt -Check	26329	08/12/2024	36.00
First Commonwealth Bank	Bill Pmt -Check	26330	08/12/2024	853.33
Glassmere Fuel Service	Bill Pmt -Check	26331	08/12/2024	3,637.61
Good Year	Bill Pmt -Check	26332	08/12/2024	1,912.56
JSB Holding, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	26333	08/12/2024	422.00
Judy Ridgway - v	Bill Pmt -Check	26334	08/12/2024	445.30
Laurel Valley Hardware Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	26335	08/12/2024	269.13
Ligonier Giant Eagle	Bill Pmt -Check	26336	08/12/2024	129.27
LVTech	Bill Pmt -Check	26337	08/12/2024	1,719.31
MEIT	Bill Pmt -Check	26338	08/12/2024	218.60
Monarch Products Co Inc	Bill Pmt -Check	26339	08/12/2024	15,966.00
Napotnik Welding Supplies	Bill Pmt -Check	26340	08/12/2024	16.12
Pennsylvania Municipal Service Co.	Bill Pmt -Check	26341	08/12/2024	2,007.84
Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	26342	08/12/2024	13.40
Pleasant Unity Supply	Bill Pmt -Check	26343	08/12/2024	7,760.00
Royal Oak Retriever, LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	26344	08/12/2024	60.00
Stuck Enterprises	Bill Pmt -Check	26345	08/12/2024	1,098.00
SWIF	Bill Pmt -Check	26346	08/12/2024	1,033.00
The EADS Group	Bill Pmt -Check	26347	08/12/2024	1,514.03
The Harrison Group Inc	Bill Pmt -Check	26348	08/12/2024	400.00
Town & Country Motors	Bill Pmt -Check	26349	08/12/2024	22.00
Tresco Paving Corp	Bill Pmt -Check	26350	08/12/2024	5,479.93
Tricia Levander	Bill Pmt -Check	26351	08/12/2024	1,000.00
UAW LOCAL 204	Bill Pmt -Check	26352	08/12/2024	367.13
ULine	Bill Pmt -Check	26353	08/12/2024	83.13
UniFirst Corporation	Bill Pmt -Check	26354	08/12/2024	389.75
Unifirst First Aid & Safety	Bill Pmt -Check	26355	08/12/2024	81.07
Unity Printing Co., Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	26356	08/12/2024	872.00
Washington National Insurance Company	Bill Pmt -Check	26357	08/12/2024	165.36
West Penn Power 2813	Bill Pmt -Check	26358	08/12/2024	18.67
West Penn Power 6175	Bill Pmt -Check	26359	08/12/2024	128.77
West Penn Power 791	Bill Pmt -Check	26360	08/12/2024	203.86
Western Pennsylvania Teamsters and Employ	Bill Pmt -Check	26361	08/12/2024	18,522.00
Windber Stone LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	26362	08/12/2024	1,185.60
Tresco Paving Corp	Bill Pmt -Check	26363	08/12/2024	609.12
The Harrison Group inc	Bill Pmt -Check	26364	08/12/2024	180.00
Windber Stone LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	26365	08/12/2024	1,466.36
Windber Stone LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	26366	08/12/2024	1,369.72
Jul 31 - Aug 12, 24				74,273.62

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Ligonier Township - Escrow Account
Bill Payments for All Vendors
August 12, 2024

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Aug 12, 24 Jake Miller - V	Bill Pmt -Check	1061	08/12/2024	1,125.00
Aug 12, 24				<u>1,125.00</u>

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