

September 24, 2024

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building with Chairman Dan Resenic presiding.

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

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Barth Getto – commented on a Cherokee Road code complaint

Karen Beard – commented on a Cherokee Road code complaint

Rae Graham – commented on a Cherokee Road code complaint

Tamara Springer – commented on a Cherokee Road code complaint

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Beaufort – no comment

Supervisor Verna – asked about the history of the Cherokee Road complaints and if additional complaints have been received.

Supervisor Ross – no comment

Supervisor Resenic – no comment

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Stephanie Verna and seconded by Erik Ross to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by Stephanie Verna to amend the agenda to include Resolution 2024-R-18, LSA SAMA Pass-through Grant Amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

MANAGER

Mr. Strelac reported it is budget season and the finance committee met. Ramsey Road Bridge remains closed, there is an on-site meeting scheduled October 1. The Ligonier Beach Study committee held its kick-off meeting last week. The township received one complaint regarding its chip-sealing work on Red Arrow. Meanwhile, there were several complaints regarding PennDOT's tar and chipping process. The Township was able to tar and chip 14 miles, at \$17k a mile. In comparison to last year's contract, the aggregate used was better quality.

ENGINEER

Mr. Faas reported PennDOT's multi-modal grant program opened yesterday and will be open for approximately two months. Harvey Road bridge inspection was completed.

Supervisor Verna – asked about Township's multi-modal application history and the program's parameters.

Supervisor Beaufort – asked if we could apply for a grant to work on Ramsey Road Bridge.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Hudock didn't have anything to report.

ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Krouse reported two complaints were resolved and have been removed from the list. The High School baseball field permits were approved and the project is moving forward. The Cherokee Lane property is the first code complaint he took in April 2023. While there has been some progress on Cherokee, it has been very slow. There was a discussion about the ordinance violation specifics.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Griffith reported stormwater projects are wrapping up and paving season is almost over. There was an emergency job on Piper Road that went well today. Starting October 7, the crew's shift will change to 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

FINANCE

The General Fund's budget vs. actual report for the month of August was presented.

BILLS PAYABLE

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

NEW BUSINESS

LVPD Code of Conduct:

The LVPD Commission requested feedback on the Code of Conduct. Mr. Hudock presented a modified version of the Township's Code of Conduct (Resolution 2021-R-11). The Board to review it and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

Cherokee Lane Complaint:

A motion was made by Dan Resenic and seconded by Erik Ross to approve the filing of a code violation complaint in the Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas against Dennis Beard, Karen Beard, Dorothy Stiffey, and/or any other owners or tenants of the properties known as 608 and 620 Cherokee Lane, who are responsible for the current ordinance violations related to the condition of the property. There was a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2024-R-17, Quaker Sales 2024 Road Authorization:

Documents the roads there were chip-sealed in 2024 for the Township's records.

A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by John Beaufort to approve Resolution 2024-R-17. Motion carried unanimously.

2025 CDBG Applications:

Township staff are preparing a CDBG application asking for \$136k for Harvey Road bridge repairs.

A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by Stephanie Verna to approve the CDBG application for Harvey Road bridge repairs. Motion carried unanimously.

Trick or Treat Hours:

The Borough has approved Halloween Trick-or-Treat from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 31.

A motion was made by Stephanie Verna and seconded by John Beaufort to approve Halloween trick-or-treat from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 31. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Events Permit: Witches Bike Brigade

A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by Stephanie Verna to approve the Witches Bike Brigade special event permit. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2024-R-18, LSA SAMA Pass-through Grant Amendment

This Resolution amends 2024-R-16, increasing the grant amount per SAMA's revised engineering quote.

A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by Stephanie Verna to approve Resolution 2024-R-18. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional comments from the public.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

There were no additional comments from the Supervisors.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by Stephanie Verna to adjourn the meeting. All of the board was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Caldwell
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Ligonier Township, Westmoreland County, PA Bill Payments for All Vendors September 23, 2024

Vendor	Type	Num	Amount
Sep 23, 24			
Total Service, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	ACH	187.92
West Penn Power	Bill Pmt -Check	ACH	622.01
Comcast	Bill Pmt -Check	ACH	552.10
AA Septic Tank Service	Bill Pmt -Check	26421	187.50
Advent Communications	Bill Pmt -Check	26422	809.81
Apex Companies LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	26423	1,690.00
Appalachian Fluid Power Inc	Bill Pmt -Check	26424	308.24
Bolger Brothers, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	26425	569.66
Darlington Volunteer Fire Co.	Bill Pmt -Check	26426	15,000.00
Douglas Kurtz	Bill Pmt -Check	26427	30.00
Fayette Parts Service, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	26428	848.15
Glassmere Fuel Service	Bill Pmt -Check	26429	6,838.89
Good Year	Bill Pmt -Check	26430	1,979.32
Idle Park Volunteer Fire Relief Associati	Bill Pmt -Check	26431	16,783.82
Jim Stewart	Bill Pmt -Check	26432	30.00
Lance Griffith	Bill Pmt -Check	26433	14.56
Laurel Valley Hardware Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	26434	152.30
Ligonier Giant Eagle	Bill Pmt -Check	26435	41.69
Ligonier Township VFD #1	Bill Pmt -Check	26436	15,000.00
Ligonier Twp VFD # 1 Relief Association	Bill Pmt -Check	26437	16,783.82
Ligonier Valley Library	Bill Pmt -Check	26438	1,500.00
Luther P. Miller	Bill Pmt -Check	26439	48.00
Maust Excavating INC	Bill Pmt -Check	26440	400.00
Monarch Products Co Inc	Bill Pmt -Check	26441	7,983.00
MoTrim Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	26442	782.13
Northwestern Mutual	Bill Pmt -Check	26443	12,380.06
Quaker Sales Corporation	Bill Pmt -Check	26444	7,628.56
Ramsey Excavating, LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	26445	5,760.00
Royal Oak Retriever, LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	26446	60.00
Tresco Paving Corp	Bill Pmt -Check	26447	11,462.95
UAW LOCAL 204	Bill Pmt -Check	26448	367.13
UniFirst Corporation	Bill Pmt -Check	26449	229.45
Washington National Insurance Company	Bill Pmt -Check	26450	165.36
Watt's Truck Center, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	26451	352.10
Wilpen Co of Ligonier Twp	Bill Pmt -Check	26452	15,000.00
Wilpen Volunteer Firefighters Relief Asso	Bill Pmt -Check	26453	16,783.82
Windber Stone LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	26454	2,462.99
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Ligonier Township-Liquid Fuels
Bill Payments for All Vendors
September 23, 2024

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sep 23, 24 Quaker Sales Corporation	Bill Pmt -Check	1344	232,776.12
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Ligonier Township - ACT 13
Bill Payments for All Vendors
September 23, 2024

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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El Grande Industries, Inc	Bill Pmt -Check	1030	12,000.00
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