

October 14, 2025

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building with Vice-Chairman Dan Resenic presiding.

Members Present: John Beaufort, Dan Resenic, Stephanie Verna, and John Fraser. Erick Ross was absent.

Others Present: Township Manager Michael Strelac, Solicitor Dan Hudock, and Finance Officer Beverly Warfel.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Agenda Items

Wade Stoner – stated that he attended a meeting last night at the American Legion. He indicated he appreciated the report provided by Officer Dorazio to the Legion regarding the SWAT team.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Mr. Beaufort commented on the great job done by the police and fire companies during Fort Ligonier Days while handling emergencies over the weekend as well.

Mr. Fraser indicated that earlier this summer he and Mr. Beaufort worked with representatives from Idlewild, the police department, Borough and others regarding traffic plan for Ligonier Days. He feels that the plan that was carried out worked well for traffic.

Mr. Resenic spoke to the traffic during Fort Ligonier Days. He indicated that no matter how good a plan may be there are always those who ignore direction and do what they intend to do. This was the only drawback to the weekend traffic.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A **motion** was made by Supervisor Fraser and seconded by Supervisor Beaufort to approve the minutes of both the September 22nd and 23rd meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- a) Cohen Law Group franchise fee audit report was received regarding the Comcast Franchise Agreement.

REPORTS:

MANAGER REPORT – Mr. Strelac noted there was a rough start to the week. Police officer Welsh passed away from cancer and Tim Leonard's daughter-in-law, Angela Leonard also passed away due to cancer. Mr. Strelac also noted that the Bill Pay list was much larger than normal due to the 10-ton dump truck arriving 11 months late and the tractor arriving 4 months early.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Mr. Hudock stated that the pre-trial conference for the property on Cherokee Lane was completed. Rick will revisit the property since the property owners have taken out some truck loads. The trial has been scheduled for March 26th and 27th.

POLICE REPORT- Chief Matrunics' report was read by Vice Chairman Resenic as Chief Matrunics was unable to attend.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Verna presented the Treasurer's Report.

a) Fund balances for September

Fund Balances (month end)	August 2025	September 2025
General Fund	\$ 414,705	\$ 368,828
General Fund Reserves	\$ 1,664,245	\$ 1,666,317
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	\$ 518,409	\$ 185,595
Capital Fund Reserves	\$ 66,638	\$ 654,102
Ligonier Beach Park Fund	\$ 75,558	\$ 71,612
Developer's Fund*	\$ 70,598	\$ 70,219
*Fire Insurance Escrow	\$ 40,539	\$ 40,539
*Escrow	\$ 15,250	\$ 15,250
*Hydrogreen, LLC	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
*LVSD Capital Project	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
*Mill Creek Memorial Park	\$ 1,209	\$ 1,209
*Community Garden	\$ 1,100	\$ 721
*Ligonier Trail	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Total Funds	\$ 2,810,153	\$ 3,016,674

b) Approval of bill pay lists

General Fund: \$ 317,528.65

Capital Fund: \$ 392,509.00

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

a) Conditional Use: Becer property Principal Solar Energy System – The Board broke for an executive session for quasi-judicial deliberations regarding the Becer farm project conditional use at 7:15 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Fraser stated that during executive session the solicitor reviewed his suggestions for the conditional use. The board asked for revision of the conditional use which Mr. Hudock will complete before the next meeting. The board will vote at the 4:30 meeting on October 28th.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Zoning Ordinance discussion – There needs to be a review of the zoning ordinance with regard to the zoning for solar farms.

A motion was made by Supervisor Resenic and seconded by Supervisor Fraser to request suggestions from the Planning Commission regarding wording for a change to the Zoning Ordinance with regard to solar farms.

- b) Christian Vittone plan – Splitting a property at the end of Baywood. No nonconformities are being created. The sewage enforcement officer has reviewed and gave his approval. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Supervisor Beaufort and seconded by Supervisor Fraser to approve the Christian Vittone plan. The motion carried unanimously.

- c) 576 Old Lincoln Highway – The zoning/code enforcement officer, Mr. Krouse reached out once again to the owners of record regarding the property in question. The Board was updated as to the status of the property.

No action taken, held until the November meeting

- d) Coyote Lane – A Code violation was brought to the Township January 2024. Since being sited the owner is dumping more debris on the property. Mr. Strelac advises the Township to take the matter to County Court. The Township has given the property owner a year and the owner has made the problem worse.

A motion was made by Supervisor Fraser and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to approve the filing of a code violation complaint in the Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas against Judith Bucci, Anthony Bucci, and/or any other owners or tenants of the property known as 107 Coyote Lane, who are responsible for the current ordinance violations related to the condition of the property. The motion carried unanimously.

- e) Holding Tank inspection designee –
No action taken. On hold until discussed with LTMA.

- f) Resolution 2025-R-13 Comcast Cable franchise agreement –
No action taken. On hold pending any questions from the Supervisors to be forwarded to Comcast via the Cohen Law Group.

- g) Resolution 2025-R-14 LVPD Commissioner Code of Conduct. Mr. Strelac does not recommend approving the wording of the current Code approved by the Borough. According to Supervisor Fraser, the product as presented by the Borough allows anyone to immediately disqualify an individual from serving on the commission by filing an ethics complaint.

A motion was made by Supervisor Fraser and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to table Resolution 2025-R-14 LVPD Commissioner Code of Conduct due to the fact that the resolution as passed by the Borough is not advisable nor workable. The motion passed unanimously.

h) Ligonier Valley Police Commission budget –
No action taken. The Commission did not pass the 2026 LVPD budget, therefore this item was tabled.

i) Public Works Foreman – At 8:02 p.m. the Board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The Board came out of Executive Session and reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

A motion was made by Supervisor Resenic and seconded by Supervisor Fraser to approve a raise of \$4,160, to an annual salary of \$78,240 effective October 15, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Executive Sessions were entered during the progress of the meeting that covered -

- The solar Conditional Use for the purposes of quasi-judicial deliberations.
- The Public Works Foreman, for personnel matters

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – All other items

There were no additional comments from the public.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISOR

There were no additional comments from the supervisors.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Supervisor Fraser and seconded by Supervisor Verna to adjourn the meeting. All of the board was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Warfel
Assistant Secretary/Finance Officer