

October 22, 2024

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building with Chairman Dan Resenic presiding.

Members Present: Dan Resenic, Erik Ross, Scott Matson, and John Beaufort. Stephanie Verna joined the meeting in progress.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

There were no comments from the supervisors.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A **motion** was made by Erik Ross and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mutual Aid's 2024 Fort Ligonier Days report

REPORTS:

MANAGER

Mr. Strelac reported that out of 46 STMP recommendations, there are still two outstanding that should be implemented – revising the ordinance requiring utilities to repair cut roads, and building a salt dome in the back of the municipal complex. Halloween is October 31 – kids will be out trick-or-treating between 6-8 p.m. so please drive safely.

ENGINEER

Mr. Faas submitted a final report for Ramsey Road.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Hudock recommended as a best practice that all code violations pursued in court have board approval. There was a discussion about the enforcement process for the burning ordinance specifically: Should the Code Enforcement Officer be able to issue a one-time warning and/or be able to fine repeat offenders? Mr. Hudock to research and bring suggestions back to the board.

Supervisor Beaufort said people can be fined if they're responsible for starting a brush fire – check with the Department of Forestry for language.

ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Krouse reported that the code violations on Hotel Road are now in compliance.

Supervisor Verna joined the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Griffith reported that seal coat work is done for the year and the crew is back at Hidden Valley and will remain there weather permitting. Public Works is also undercoating vehicles.

FINANCE

The General Fund's budget vs. actuals for the month of September was presented. Mr. Strelie provided a summary of the forecasted year end fund balances.

BILLS PAYABLE

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

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-R-19

This resolution authorizes staff to apply for a PennDOT multi-modal grant for the Ramsey Road bridge repair.

A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by Scott Matson to approve Resolution 2024-R-19. Motion carried unanimously.

107 Coyote Lane code violation

Mr. Krouse reviewed the history of this code violation and provided pictures.

A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Erik Ross authorizing Mr. Hudock to file with the local magistrate in 2 weeks if the 107 Coyote Lane owner does not bring the property back into compliance. Supervisor Matson withdrew his motion and the item was tabled, Mr. Strelie to update the board on the violation's status at the next meeting. No action taken.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional comments from the public.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Matson – commended the crew's work on Kissell Springs by the game lands.

Supervisor Resenic – due to the dry conditions the area is experiencing, be careful burning.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into an executive session at 5:06 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters related to the lawsuit filed by Supervisor Ross against the LVPD, as well as legal strategy related to the Mark Leonard lawsuit. The board resumed the regular meeting at 5:16 p.m.

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 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Caldwell
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer