November 10, 2026

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building with Chairman John Beaufort presiding.

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

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Agenda Items

Bill Pieringer thanked the Township and the Public Works crew for the paving work done in Clifford Estates to help control stormwater.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

There were no comments from the Supervisors.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to approve the minutes of the October 27th meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) DCNR Grant Agreement for Ligonier Trail Rehabilitation – heard McKenna $50,000
b) Cindy Steele George Recreation Board resignation

MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Strelic presented the proposed budget to the Board, which will be up for approval at the December 10th meeting. He noted there is a structural deficit in the budget. It is appropriate for staff to inform the board and the board to inform public. The Township has aging vehicles, and bridges needing repair. He summarized the limitations established by State Law on 2nd Class Townships for revenue. Supervisor Stoner asked how the Township compares to our neighbors regarding taxes. Mr. Strelic stated the Township taxes are lower than 84% of our comparable neighbors. Mr. Strelic noted that Wednesday is Veteran's Day, and that 1/3 of Township staff are Veterans: Rick Krouse (Navy); Mike Shadron (Navy); Russell Berkey (Army).

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Hudock had nothing to report.

POLICE

With Chief Matrunics absent, Mr. Beaufort passed out the police report for review.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Verna Indicated due to technical difficulties the fund balance report for October would be presented at the next meeting. Treasurer Verna presented the bill pay list.

Bill Pay List:

General Fund: $ 51,155.81

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Ordinance 2026-OR-04 No Parking 711 North – It was recommended by Mr. Strelic to remove this item from the agenda at this time. The board agreed.

b) Public Works Laborer – No action taken. Held over to next meeting.

c) Public Works Operation – No action taken. Held over to next meeting.

Discussion was had regarding applications received and current pay rates for these positions.

d) Expiring terms (Planning; ZHB; Recreation Boards; LTMA; LVPD) – No action taken. Held over to January 4th organization meeting.

e) Resolution 2026-R-20 – LSA Statewide Grant Application – 5-ton dump/plow truck

A motion was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Verna to approve Resolution 2026-R-20. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Resolution 2026-R-21 – LSA Statewide Grant Application – Salt Storage Facility

A motion was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to approve Resolution 2026-R-21. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Resolution 2026-R-22 – 2027 Fee Schedule - No action taken. On hold to next meeting.

c) Resolution 2026-R-23 – 2027 Real Estate Tax Rate – No action taken. On hold to next meeting.

d) Resolution 2026-R-24 – 2027 Budget

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to advertise the budget. Motion carried unanimously.

e) Ordinance 2026-O-05 Chapter 71: Peddling and Soliciting

A motion was made by Supervisor Stoner and seconded by Supervisor Knupp to advertise Ordinance 2026-O-05. Motion carried unanimously.

f) False Fire Alarms – Discussion was had and the Board requested staff to prepare an ordinance regulating false fire alarms. No vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – All other

There were no additional comments from the public.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Verna commented on the proposed budget. She noted that the deficit in upcoming years is due to the transfer of funds to the Capital Fund. She is hoping the Township continues to have success in securing grants to help cover costs. She noted in the operating budget one of the biggest issues is the growing cost of health care. We are going to consider how we can approach health care costs to ensure the work force is receiving a good benefit while the Township receives the maximum value. She further noted that the proposed budget is conservative.

Supervisor Knupp asked Mr. Strelic about the report from Mr. Baker regarding any hazards at Ligonier Beach. Both Mr. Strelic and Supervisor Beaufort will be contacting Mr. Baker again requesting the report. Supervisor Knupp also recognized our veterans: Rick Krouse, Mike Shadron and Buss Berkey. It was noted that the Veterans Day Service will be Wednesday (tomorrow) at 11 a.m. on the Diamond.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to adjourn the meeting. All the Board was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Warfel
Finance Officer/Assistant Secretary