

November 12, 2024

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, November 12, 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, and Finance Officer Bethany Caldwell.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dan Stevens commented on the lack of public sewers, Supervisors code of conduct, and Mr. Ross's lawsuit against the police.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Matson – commented on the Township's history.

Supervisor Ross – clarified the charges filed against him were summary harassment, not assault.

Supervisor Beaufort – explained the reason sewage has not expanded is because the Department of Environmental Protection is holding the Township hostage.

Supervisor Verna – suggested that staff post the Township's Code of Conduct on its website.

Supervisor Resenic – addressed Mr. Steven's sewage comments: the DEP throws up roadblocks every way we turn. He invites the public to attend the meetings and try to understand the DEP's doublespeak. The LTMA wants to build a state of the art facility which will be the cheapest option for our rate payers. But the DEP is trying to force us into the Borough's antiquated, overloaded system in a floodway, which will harm the environment.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by John Beaufort to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

REPORTS:

MANAGER

Mr. Strelic reported yesterday was Veteran's Day and three out of ten staff members served – thank you Russ Berkey (Army), Rick Krouse and Mike Shadron (both Navy). In the Supervisors' packets was a code enforcement process flowchart, provided by Code Enforcement Officer Krouse. Mr. Strelic visited the

state's Department of Forestry office in Laughlinton for clarification regarding the process to fine people that start wildfires.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Hudock reported he filed the Beard property code complaint.

POLICE

Chief Matrunics had a schedule conflict, a copy of his monthly report was provided to the Board.

TREASURER

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

Fund Balances (month end)	October
General Fund	\$ 536,839
General Fund Reserves	\$ 736,449
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	\$ 254,473
Capital Fund Reserves	\$ 44,447
Ligonier Beach Park Fund	\$ 113,225
Developer's Fund*	\$ 7,709
*Escrow	\$ 4,000
*Mill Creek Memorial Park	\$ 1,209
*Ligonier Trail	\$ 2,500
Total Funds	\$1,693,142

BILLS PAYABLE

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LVPD Code of Conduct

Held, no action taken.

107 Coyote Lane code violation

Held, no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Burning Prohibition:

There was a discussion about how a ban would be enforced.

A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by John Beaufort to enact the emergency burning ban following the state's guidance. Motion carried unanimously.

Burning Prohibition to remain in effect until repealed by the Board

2025 Budget Advertisement:

Staff have met with the Finance Committee and prepared the 2025 budget; it is ready for the public's inspection. Supervisor Verna encouraged residents to look over the document as it contains the details of how their taxes are being spent. Additionally, Public Works is a big part of the budget and the plan

lists the roads that are going to be chip-sealed next year as well as the longer term schedule so people can see where their tax dollars are going and when work will be done in their area.

A motion was made by Stephanie Verna and seconded by Erik Ross to advertise the 2025 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

2024-R-20 2025 Real Estate Tax Rate:

This resolution is an annual requirement per the second-class township code. Held, to be approved with the 2025 budget. No action taken.

2024-R-21 2025 Fee Schedule:

Nonconformity certificates and a few minor clarifications were added. Held, to be approved with the 2025 budget. No action taken.

2024-R-22 2025 Budget Resolution:

Held, to be approved with the 2025 budget. No action taken.

Allegheny Foundation Request for Funding:

This is a request to cover the grant funding shortfall for the purchase of the 10-ton Dump/Plow truck.

A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by Scott Matson to approve submitting a funding request to the Allegheny Foundation. Motion carried unanimously.

Case Family Plan:

This plan adds land to a small vacant lot, and is recommended by the Planning Commission and was reviewed by the Sewage Enforcement Officer.

A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the Case Family Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Nicely Plan:

This plan moves property lines, and is recommended by the Planning Commission and was reviewed by the Sewage Enforcement Officer.

A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the Linda Nicely Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Turner-Ring Plan:

This plan transfers land to the neighbor that has been maintaining the land, and is recommended by the Planning Commission and was reviewed by the Sewage Enforcement Officer.

A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Erik Ross to approve the Turner-Ring Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Board, Authority, and Commission Volunteers:

All of the 2025 vacancies will be advertised now so that letters of interest may be reviewed prior to the January organization meeting appointments.

A motion was made by Stephanie Verna and seconded by Erik Ross to approve advertising all the 2025 vacancies on the various boards and committees. Motion carried unanimously.

Leonard Settlement:

Mr. Hudock advised the Board not to comment, per the confidentiality clause in the settlement agreement.

A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by Dan Resenic to approve the settlement. Motion carried 4:1, with John Beaufort voting nay.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Melissa Eller – asked how the burn ban will be communicated.

Paul Knupp – has been fighting fires and thanked the board for the burn ban.

Dan Stevens – asked how many other law suits are pending.

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 Scott Matson to adjourn the meeting. All of Board was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Caldwell
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Ligonier Township, Westmoreland County, PA
Bill Payments for All Vendors
November 8, 2024

Vendor	Type	Num	Amount
Nov 8, 24			
Total Service, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	ACH	187.92
Comcast	Bill Pmt -Check	ACH	552.10
AA Septic Tank Service	Bill Pmt -Check	26521	187.50
Andrews Sales & Service LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	26522	101.50
Aqua Filter Fresh	Bill Pmt -Check	26523	53.50
Atlas Chiropractic of Ligonier - V	Bill Pmt -Check	26524	85.00
Black's Specialty Service	Bill Pmt -Check	26525	350.00
Daniel C. Hudock Attorney at Law	Bill Pmt -Check	26526	2,075.00
Dumbauld's Tire Service, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	26527	638.00
Fayette Parts Service, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	26528	408.46
First Commonwealth Bank	Bill Pmt -Check	26529	584.43
Glassmere Fuel Service	Bill Pmt -Check	26530	6,823.66
Good Year	Bill Pmt -Check	26531	2,386.34
Judy Ridgway - v	Bill Pmt -Check	26532	283.10
Laurel Valley Hardware Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	26533	6.79
Ligonier Giant Eagle	Bill Pmt -Check	26534	59.68
LVTech	Bill Pmt -Check	26535	1,779.49
McKlveen Supply	Bill Pmt -Check	26536	448.00
MEIT	Bill Pmt -Check	26537	218.60
Napotnik Welding Supplies	Bill Pmt -Check	26538	16.12
Pennsylvania Municipal Service Co.	Bill Pmt -Check	26539	244.57
Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	26540	28.08
Rolling Hills Industries, Inc	Bill Pmt -Check	26541	422.00
Sonny Miller	Bill Pmt -Check	26542	857.50
The EADS Group	Bill Pmt -Check	26543	6,311.55
Travelers	Bill Pmt -Check	26544	613.00
Tricia Levander	Bill Pmt -Check	26545	1,000.00
UAW LOCAL 204	Bill Pmt -Check	26546	367.13
ULine	Bill Pmt -Check	26547	428.79
UniFirst Corporation	Bill Pmt -Check	26548	276.62
Washington National Insurance Company	Bill Pmt -Check	26549	165.36
West Penn Power 2813	Bill Pmt -Check	26550	34.43
West Penn Power 6175	Bill Pmt -Check	26551	128.77
West Penn Power 791	Bill Pmt -Check	26552	203.86
Western Pennsylvania Teamsters and Employ	Bill Pmt -Check	26553	18,522.00
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Ligonier Township-Liquid Fuels
Bill Payments for All Vendors
November 8, 2024

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nov 8, 24 Compass Minerals America Inc	Bill Pmt -Check	1346	12,594.07
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