

February 11, 2025

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building with Chairman Erik Ross presiding and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Supervisors Erik Ross, Dan Resenic, Stephanie Verna, and D. Scott Matson.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC -

Deborah Messer – commented requesting transparency and accountability with possible ethics conflict of interest by Erik Ross serving as a member of LVPD Commission.

Greg Sullenberger – commented he is available to answer questions regarding the possibility of a new police building.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS -

Supervisor Matson inquired as to where a new police building may be located. Mr. Sullenberger responded.

Supervisor Ross indicated his attorney is in communication with the state ethics board with regard to what Ms. Messer addressed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -

A motion was made by Dan Resenic and seconded by D. Scott Matson to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE -

- a) Westmoreland County Association of Township Supervisors Convention
- b) Mutual Aid Call Numbers
- c) Letter from a Country Market Vendor who is unhappy with the market.

REPORTS:

MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Strelac reported that the Ligonier Beach study is going forward without the pool component. He also introduced the new Finance Officer, Beverly Warfel.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr Hudock reported that he is working on a code issue related to a property on Old Route 30 that has a structure that is collapsing. The Beard complaint is ongoing with additional pictures of the property being obtained. Mr. Hudock also indicated that the injunction with the Police Commission is resolved since they appointed a township resident at the meeting held at 5pm on February 11, 2025

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Verna

- a) Fund Balances for January month end:

Fund Balances (month end)	January 2025
General Fund	\$ 470,181
General Fund Reserves	\$ 1,336,772
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	\$ 216,171
Capital Fund Reserves	\$ 44,447
Ligonier Beach Park Fund	\$ 98,187
Developer's Fund*	\$ 60,498
*Fire Insurance Escrow	\$ 40,539
*Escrow	\$ 15,250
*Mill Creek Memorial Park	\$ 1,209
*Ligonier Trail	\$ 2,500
*Community Garden	\$ 1,000
Total Funds	\$ 2,226,256

- b) CD’s reinvested
- c) She is requesting the Board be provided an additional report monthly – “Performance by Month Budget to Actual”
- d) Approval of the Bill Pay List:
 General Fund - \$55,133.48
 Liquid Fuels Fund - \$53,905.88

BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Stephanie Verna and seconded by D. Scott Matson to approve the Bills Payable List as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

Robert Jackovitz Subdivision Plan

Township Manager Michael Strelic explained the subdivision. It was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, reviewed by the sewage enforcement officer, and no nonconformities are being created.

A motion was made by D. Scott Matson and seconded by Dan Resenic to approve the Robert Jackovitz Subdivision Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS -

Emergency Generator Grant Application: A request, including estimates, was brought before the Board for signing and submitting a Grant Application to the Scott Foundation for the purchase of a new Generator. Recommendation was made to submit for the purchase of a Propane Generator.

A motion was made by Dan Resenic and seconded by Stephanie Verna to approve signing and submitting a grant application to the Scott Foundation for the purchase of a Propane Generator. The motion was carried unanimously.

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

A motion was made by D. Scott Matson and seconded by Dan Resenic to appoint Beverly Warfel as the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

LTMA Board Member

Supervisor Dan Resenic noted that Gerard Rendine had missed 8 of the previous 16 LTMA board meetings.

A motion was made by D. Scott Matson and seconded by Dan Resenic to remove Gerard Rendine from the Ligonier Township Municipal Authority due to three consecutive unexcused meeting absences. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dan Resenic and seconded by D. Scott Matson to appoint John Beaufort to the Ligonier Township Municipal Authority, to fill an unexpired term to expire 12/31/2028. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – All other

Pat McDowell spoke to the generator addressing the board regarding his desire for the Board to cover any excess costs above the grant so that the purchase may transpire.

Christiana Show questioned who covers the cost of the deductible for the insurance settlement regarding the lawsuit.

Chris Hefner was curious as to where the geographic center of the Township was located? This was for the purpose of considering where a new police building should be located.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS –

Supervisor Verna responded to Chris Hefners inquiry explaining that the Borough is not the geographic center of the township and is east and slightly south of the geographic center. She

further indicated that future development has been a consideration when deciding on a physical location, noting current efforts related to expanding sewage services to areas in the northern part of the township could result in more population or commercial business in that part of the township in the future.

MOTION TO ADJOURN -

A motion was made by Dan Resenic and seconded by D. Scott Matson to adjourn the meeting. All of the board was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Warfel
Assistant Secretary/Finance Officer