

February 24, 2026

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building with Chairman John Beaufort presiding.

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

Others Present: Township Manager Michael Strelic, Solicitor Dan Hudock, Engineer Ben Faas, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Krouse, Public Works Foreman Lance Griffith and Finance Officer Beverly Warfel.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Agenda Items

There were no comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Beaufort would like to see the Township get serious about a PA system and projection/video systems. The other supervisors were in favor. He would also like to get a township logo mounted on the wall in the meeting room. All supervisors were in favor of taking action to investigate the possibility and costs.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Knupp to approve the minutes of the February 10th meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- a) WCATS County Convention – March 13th – several supervisors and Mr. Strelic will be attending.
- b) Leah McCall re: recycling – Stephanie Verna will reach out to Leah to encourage her to pursue her passion for recycling and present to the Board her findings.
- c) Loyalhanna Watershed – Update from the Watershed perspective regarding lease negotiations with the Ligonier Country Market.

REPORTS:

MANAGER REPORT – Mr. Strelic noted his summary of the power surge. There was no change to the update report he presented in January.

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to seek out another electrical contractor to replace the surge protector system. The motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER REPORT – Mr. Faas reported on the status of the seal coat project and Harvey Road Bridge project. Harvey Road Bridge will be closing Wednesday, February 25.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Mr. Hudock expressed that he is working on an agreement with property owners for installation of a stormwater pipe to solve the Mill Road water and ice issues. He next

stated that Bethlen Concordia filed a tax exemption appeal for their villa homes. He will be attending a conference regarding the exemption and will follow the lead of the school district. Additionally, there is a hearing the end of next month regarding the Beard property. His final comment was in regard to the judgment from a 2024 Hotel Road code violation which was finally paid. He is now free to clear the judgment through the court with Board assent.

STAFF REPORTS –

- a) Zoning / Code Enforcement – Mr. Krouse expressed his pleasure to be before the Board. He stated Mr. Hudock had already mentioned the highlights of the month.
- b) Public Works – Mr. Griffith updated the board on the status of salt. The salt ordered on 1/23 still has not been delivered. There is sufficient salt for only two more good storms. Discussion followed with the Board.
- c) Finance Officer – Mrs. Warfel presented her report summarizing the last month’s accounting and where the Township is to budget for this past month and year to date. She provided two versions of the report, one from QuickBooks and the other the Excel spreadsheet created last year for this express purpose, asking the Board which they would prefer or should she continue to supply both.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Verna presented the bill pay lists.

- a) Approval of bill pay lists
 - General Fund: \$ 149,929.82
 - Ligonier Beach: \$ 8,785.00
 - Liquid Fuels: \$ 5,932.03

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a) Resolution 2026-R-01 – Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement – No action taken. Cohen Law to reach out to Comcast again. Held over until next meeting.
- b) Ordinance 2026-OR-01 – Amending Zoning Code at Solar – No action taken. Planning Commission to make more recommendations at their next meeting. Held over until next meeting.
- c) Resolution 2026-R-03 – Ligonier Valley Police Commission Code of Conduct – No action taken. Discussions will occur at the next LVPD meeting. Held over until next meeting.
- d) Fort Ligonier Days detour – No action taken. Mr. Strelac to coordinate meetings. Held over until next meeting
- e) Public works Laborer –

A motion was made by Supervisor Resenic and seconded by Supervisor Verna to hire Clinton Columbus as a public works laborer, subject to all applicable background checks. Mr. Strelac noted that he has already passed the background check. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Resolution 2026-R-04 – Document Destruction

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Knupp to approve Resolution 2026-R-04. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Recreation Board meeting time –

A motion was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to approve the change of the Recreation Board meeting time to 6:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

c) 2026 Dumpster Day date and fees –

A motion was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Verna to set the Dumpster Day date for Saturday, April 25, the time from 8:00 a.m. to noon, and the fees as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

d) Grants update – Presented by Finance Officer Beverly Warfel. Supervisor Verna requested that the updated grant list be included monthly with Finance Officer Warfel's other reports.

e) Code Violations Update – Executive Session to discuss legal strategy related to code violation litigation. No action was taken

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – All other items

Because the Board was headed into Executive Session and no action would be taken subsequent to the session, Chairman Beaufort asked for Public Comment. There were no comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. to discuss legal strategy related to code violation litigation. The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:17 p.m.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISOR

There was discussion among the supervisors regarding the status of the contract for a dog catcher.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to adjourn the meeting. All of the board was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Warfel
Assistant Secretary/Finance Officer