

**April 28, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building with Chairman John Beaufort presiding.

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

**Others Present:** Township Manager Michael Strelac, Engineer Ben Faas, Solicitor Dan Hudock, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Rick Krouse, Public Works Foreman Lance Griffith, and LTMA Manager Anthony Griffith.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Agenda Items**

Judy Ebberts, speaking on behalf of Waterford VFD, stated that the fire company did not request to be placed back on the agenda and that the company would be willing to work on a text amendment.

Jack Milburn spoke regarding data centers.

Jan Milburn spoke regarding data centers.

Gail Hugo spoke on behalf of Green Acres Lane, regarding the Ligonier Beach property and master plan study.

Scott Gongaware spoke regarding the Waterford VFD rezoning.

**COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS**

Supervisor Stoner questioned the solicitor regarding the Waterford VFD rezoning matter. Solicitor Hudock responded that voting down the Waterford VFD rezoning would prohibit rezoning those parcels for one year.

Supervisor Stoner further commented on the Ligonier Beach property.

Supervisor Verna commented on the Ligonier Beach property, and expressed her appreciation to the volunteers and the Township's public works crew for the cleanup.

Supervisor Knupp thanked Jack and Jan Milburn for their concerns about data centers. Supervisor Knupp further commented on zoning fire stations and farmers markets.

Supervisor Resenic commented on Ligonier Beach. Supervisor Resenic further commented on possibly extending sewage.

Supervisor Beaufort commented on Ligonier Beach. Supervisor Beaufort further commented on the Waterford VFD rezoning agenda item.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**A motion** was made by Supervisor Resenic and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to amend the minutes of the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting with changes requested by Secretary Stoner (change “pipeline” to “drain pipe,” add Supervisor Hudock’s explanation after Waterford rezoning, add that the DCNR grant application for Ligonier Beach was “tabled until the next meeting based on the upcoming meeting this Friday with the regional DCNR representative”). Motion carried.

**A motion** was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Verna to approve the amended minutes of the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**A motion** was made by Supervisor Stoner and seconded by Supervisor Verna to approve the minutes from the April 14<sup>th</sup> public hearing. Motion carried unanimously

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Scott Gongaware re: Waterford VFD rezoning

### **REPORTS:**

**MANAGER REPORT** – Mr. Strelac gave an update on the annual Dumpster Day event, and further provided recommendations for public comment.

**ENGINEER REPORT** – Mr. Faas spoke regarding the Harvey Road bridge project, which is almost finished. Mr. Faas also discussed the Carey School Road bridge project, and the grant application for trail improvements.

**SOLICITOR REPORT** – Mr. Hudock provided updates on Cherokee Lane, Coyote Lane, and Byers Lane code complaints.

### **STAFF REPORTS:**

**ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT**- Mr. Krouse indicated that his report was in front of the Supervisors, and further reported that he has been busy. Supervisors asked questions about the reported zoning activity in March.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – Mr. Griffith reported that sweeping is completed, and grading may start next week, weather permitting.

**FINANCE OFFICER**- In the absence of Mrs. Warfel, Mr. Strelac presented the grant update and the budget to actual report.

**TREASURER REPORT** – Treasurer Verna requested approval of the Bill Pay Lists:

General Fund: \$155,752.51

Escrow Fund: \$38,720.00

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** –

a) Waterford VFD rezoning (A to C-1)

**A motion** was made by Supervisor Resenic and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to deny rezoning the requested parcels to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial. The motion carried 3-0-2, with Supervisors Resenic, Verna, Stoner voting yes, and Supervisors Beaufort and Knupp abstaining.

**A motion** was made by Supervisor Beaufort to request the Planning Commission add fire companies to Agriculture, and look at two other fire companies. Motion failed due to lack of second.

**A motion** was made by Supervisor Stoner and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to request the Planning Commission look at the best option to zone fire companies. Motion carried unanimously.

**A motion** was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to request the Planning Commission look at seeing where the Township could put farmers markets, definitions, and appropriate sizes. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Resolution 2026-R-01 Comcast Cable Agreement – No action taken. Mr. Strelac to reach out to Cohen Law Group. Held over to next meeting.

c) Ordinance 2026-OR-01 Amending Zoning Code: solar & data centers – No action taken. Held over to next meeting.

d) Resolution 2026-R-03 Ligonier Valley Police Commission Code of Conduct – No action taken. Held over to next meeting.

e) Fort Ligonier Days Detour – No action taken. Held over to next meeting.

f) Sale of Equipment

**A motion** was made by Supervisor Stoner and seconded by Supervisor Knupp to approve selling the 2008 F-550 dump/plow truck for \$4,500.00. Motion passed unanimously.

**A motion** was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to approve selling the 1987 deckover trailer for \$2,600.00. Motion passed unanimously.

g) Mark Spitzer Plan

**A motion** was made by Supervisor Stoner and seconded by Supervisor Verna to approve the Mark Spitzer Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

h) Resolution 2026-R-05 DCNR Grant Application Ligonier Trail

**A motion** was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to approve Resolution 2026-R-05. Motion passed unanimously.

i) Resolution 2026-R-09 DCNR Grant Application Ligonier Beach. No action was taken.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

a) Act 537 Sewage Facility Plan Update/Expansion

**A motion** was made by Supervisor Resenic and seconded by Supervisor Verna to approve a Phase 1 Sewage Special Study to include Oak Grove, Clifford Estates, Waterford, and Colonial Acres. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Board Room Audio/Visual Upgrades

**A motion** was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to accept the quote from Gregory Cveykus for audio and visual upgrades to the Board room and to get the work started. Motion passed unanimously.

c) Community Development / Ligonier Beach Committee. No action was taken. Held so the Township Manager can create a draft ordinance for a Community Development Committee.

d) PennDOT Multimodal Grant Agreement Ramsey Road Bridge

**A motion** to enter into a grant agreement with PennDOT for the Ramsey Road Bridge Project was made by Supervisor Stoner and seconded by Supervisor Resenic. The motion carried unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

none

### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – All other**

Terrell Funk commented on the Ligonier Beach property. Mr. Funk enumerated a number of safety concerns at the property.

Dan Weimer commented on economic development initiatives in the comprehensive plan.

### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS**

Supervisor Resenic commented on a text amendment for the Waterford VFD.

Supervisor Stoner commended the public works department for their work.

Supervisor Beaufort thanked residents for coming to the meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**A motion** was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to adjourn the meeting. All of the board was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Strelie  
Township Manager