

July 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building with Chairman Erik Ross presiding.

Members Present: Erik Ross, John Beaufort, Dan Resenic, Stephanie Verna, and John Fraser.

Others Present: Township Manager Michael Strelic, Solicitor Dan Hudock, Police Chief Michael Matrunics, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Rick Krouse, and Finance Officer Beverly Warfel.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Agenda Items

No comments from the Public.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

No comments from supervisors.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A **motion** was made by Supervisor Resenic and seconded by Supervisor Fraser to approve the minutes from the June 24th meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- a) Mutual Aid Monthly Report

REPORTS:

MANAGER REPORT – Mr. Strelic addressed the receipt of Act 13 funds, \$23,809, less than last year and less than budgeted; he presented a list from the public works foreman Lance Griffith regarding stormwater work on roads to be chip sealed.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Mr. Hudock had nothing to report.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Matrunics summarized his written report. Among other events, officers provided policing services during the filming of the Hershey movie. The department will be reimbursed by the movie company for the 34 hours provided for the movie; and the department also provided coverage in Ligonier Borough for the July 4th fireworks display. Negotiations are ongoing with the LVSD for the SRO officer; and National Night Out will be held August 5th this year at Parking Lot A in Ligonier Borough as in years past.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Verna presented the Treasurer's Report

- a) Fund balance for previous month end -

Fund Balances (month end)	June 2025
General Fund	\$ 450,075
General Fund Reserves	\$ 1,657,872
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	\$ 512,897
Capital Fund Reserves	\$ 47,172
Ligonier Beach Park Fund	\$ 78,533
Developer's Fund*	\$ 69,348
*Fire Insurance Escrow	\$ 40,539
*Escrow	\$ 19,000
*Mill Creek Memorial Park	\$ 1,209
*Hydrogreen, LLC	\$ 5,000
*Ligonier Trail	\$ 2,500
*Community Garden	\$ 1,100
Total Funds	\$ 2,815,897

b) Approval of bill pay list

General Fund: \$ 40,515.86

Escrow Fund: \$ 3,750.00

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

a) Ordinance 2025-OR-02: Zoning Code Amendments –

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Beaufort to approve Ordinance 2025-OR-02 – the Zoning Code Amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Fort Ligonier Days Detour – A meeting was held between Idlewild, Fort Ligonier Days, PennDOT and the Township. Although not completely satisfactory to all concerned, Mr. Strelic said that the new proposed detour should be an improvement. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Beaufort and seconded by Supervisor Fraser to approve the Fort Ligonier Days detour. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Longbridge Map Amendment – Option #2 was unanimously recommended by the Planning Commission -

A motion was made by Supervisor Resenic and seconded by Supervisor Beaufort to approve the rezoning of Longbridge Station (51-09-10-0-014), the LTMA barn (51-09-00-0-085), and the Road Toad (51-09-14-0-044) from A-1 Agricultural to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial. The motion passed unanimously.

- b) McKenna Foundation Grant for Ligonier Beach Property – the foundation has requested the Township sign the financial assistance offer letter, dated April 10, 2019, accepting its conditions. An item which has been previously overlooked.

A motion was made by Supervisor Resenic and seconded by Supervisor Fraser to accept the McKenna Foundation grant and the conditions, per the offer letter. The motion passed unanimously.

- c) Westmoreland County CDBG – A Sub-recipient Agreement for Harvey Road Bridge Rehabilitation – A \$137,000 awarded for bridge rehabilitation.

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to approve and sign the grant agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

- d) Ligonier Valley High School Pedestrian Bridge: RK Mellon Grant Application – to authorize the Township Manager and Finance Officer to apply for an RK Mellon foundation grant for the the Ligonier Valley High School Pedestrian Bridge.

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Beaufort to authorize application to the RK Mellon Foundation for the Ligonier Valley High School Pedestrian Bridge Project. The motion passed unanimously.

- e) Resolution 2025-R-07 Local Share Assessment Category 4 grant application, Waterford VFD pumper –

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to approve Resolution 2025-R-07 – authorizing the Township Manager and the Finance Officer to apply for the Local Share Assessment Category 4 Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority on behalf of Waterford Volunteer Fire Department for \$571,200 for the purchase of a tactical 4x4 pumper truck. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – All other items

Janell Emery updated the board with regard to the Ligonier Beach study results and the next steps moving forward.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Mr. Beaufort stated that the fire companies' donations letters are out; please give as this is the major funding source for the four VFD companies in the valley.

Mr. Ross added to the request for generous donations; and to please consider volunteering even as a social member who can assist during special events if you cannot fight fires.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Fraser to adjourn the meeting. All of the board was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Warfel
Assistant Secretary/Finance Officer