

August 25, 2026

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building with Chairman John Beaufort presiding.

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

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Agenda Items

Jack Milburn stated that he believes the data center ordinance in front of the Board is a good one. But it isn't good enough. The comments made by those during the hearing tonight need to be addressed. He recommends adopting the ordinance to get one on the books but to immediately ask Mr. Krouse and the Planning Commission to begin working on amendments.

Jan Milburn stated that if we put nothing on the books, we have no protection from data centers. We need to get something on the books. She encouraged adopting the current legislation because "with no ordinance we have no protection."

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

There were no comments from the Supervisors.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Supervisor Stoner and seconded by Supervisor Knupp to approve the minutes of August 11th meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Richard King Mellon Foundation thank you letter.
- b) James Andrews re: Data Centers
- c) PennDOT resurfacing on Route 30 Peters Road to the top of the Mountain
- d) Rescheduled fireworks celebration – Sept 5th at 8 pm

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MANAGER REPORT – Mr. Strelac reminded the board he is going on vacation for two weeks and will miss the next meeting.

ENGINEER REPORT - Mr. Faas stated the ad for professional services for Ramsey Road has been placed. His second point was that tomorrow (August 26) there is a virtual meeting with PennDOT regarding the Carey School Road Project. His final point is that the work of Geo-Technical services is happening shortly.

Supervisor Verna questioned the status of follow-up items from a previous Carey School Road project. Mr. Strelac stated the follow-up items are in progress.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Mr. Hudock had nothing to report.

ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT – Mr. Krouse indicated his report is in front of the Board. There are other things occurring later in the agenda which will be explained at that time.

Supervisor Resenic commended Mr. Krouse for the assistance he is providing for a gentleman relocating to the area getting into the cattle business.

Mr. Stoner also commended Mr. Krouse for his work. He also requested Mr. Krouse provide an oral summary of his report going forward so the public is aware of the work being done.

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Griffith reported that Peters Road is now open. The pipe went in successfully. The work on Swank Road will start soon. The seal coating program is complete as well as the paving. He also commented that the chip sealing and sweeping of residue went well.

Supervisor Knupp asked Mr. Griffith to define the scope of the work to be done on Swank Road. Mr. Griffith indicated the project consists of filling in the road to bring it up to its original grade. This should eliminate flooding. It will require 500 tons of shale for approximately 400 feet of the upper half of the road this year. He is hoping to receive an additional grant to complete the lower half next year.

FINANCE – Mrs. Warfel discussed the Financial Summary and the updated Grant Log. She indicated there had been a lot of activity with the grants this period.

LIGONIER BEACH – Mr. Strelic gave an update regarding the hazardous conditions review performed by Chuck Baker during the walk through at Ligonier Beach. The Board should be in receipt of his report shortly. He also addressed the tasks which were to be completed by the volunteers at Ligonier Beach during the 90 days assigned. None of the tasks have been completed but extenuating circumstances have been involved, i.e. the closing of the Beach due to suggested hazardous conditions.

Dan Resenic asked about a complaint on the property. Mr. Strelic reported that the DEP had received a complaint regarding lead paint contamination in and around the pool area. The complaint also indicated that lead flaking was going into the creek and killing the fish. The DEP came out but did not do any testing. The DEP did, however, suggest the Township perform testing of the area. After much discussion it was decided to have the EADS Group do some initial testing with a lead gun and provide the Board with initial results so it can determine its next step.

A motion was made by Supervisor Resenic and seconded by Supervisor Verna to have Ben Faas and the EADS Group test Ligonier Beach for lead. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Verna presented the bill pay lists.

Bill Pay Lists:

General Fund: \$ 158,605.64

Act-13: \$ 9,034.40
Liquid Fuels: \$ 296,488.80

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a) Ordinance 2026-OR-01 amending zoning code: solar; data centers; public safety facilities; seasonal markets; non-conforming lots – Discussion was held by the Board.

Supervisor Knupp and Supervisor Stoner voiced their agreement with the public comments regarding the data center portion; that something good in place is better than nothing in place. Supervisor Verna asked for clarification of the portion of the proposed amendment regarding seasonal markets from Mr. Krouse and Solicitor Hudock. Clarification was provided.

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to approve Ordinance 2026-OR-01. Motion carried unanimously.

- b) Ordinance 2026-OR-02 Community Development Board – No action taken. Held over to next meeting.
- c) Resolution 2026-R-03 Ligonier Valley Police Commission Code of Conduct – Discussion was held by the Board, and suggested changes were made to be taken to both the Borough and the Police Commission. No further action was taken. Held over to the next meeting.
- d) Grant Consultant Agreement – No action taken. Held over until next meeting.
- e) Resolution 2026-R-14 Act13 Capital Fund –

A motion was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to approve Resolution 2026-R-14. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) IRS mileage reimbursement (72.5 cents to 76 cents per mile) -

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to increase mileage reimbursement for the Township from 72.5 cents per mile to 76 cents per mile. Motion passed unanimously.

- b) Resolution 2026-R-17: 2026 road chip-seal program.

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Knupp to approve resolution 2026-R-17. Motion passed unanimously.

- c) Turkey Inn code violation – No action taken. Held over to the next meeting.

d) Rockcliff Lane code violation – No action taken. Held over to the next meeting.

e) Public Works laborer -

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to advertise to fill the Public Works laborer position. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

none

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – All other

There were no additional comments from the public.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Stoner thanked the public for being involved and thanked Lance and the Public Works crew for all the work accomplished this season.

Supervisor Knupp thanked Greg Cveykus for the sitting through both meetings fine tuning the sound system. He also asked Mr. Griffith about the size of the pipe installed on Peters Road. Mr. Griffith responded that the pipe is 5' x 7'.

Supervisor Resenic expressed that he is thankful because he had never seen a group of employees and manager working as well together as here. He hears no rumors or internal strife. He stated that is credit to Michael, Beverly & Lance. No noise, no drama.

Supervisor Knupp added Rick, the Police Department and Solicitor Hudock.

Supervisor Beaufort asked Mrs. Brown when the School District had started televising their meetings. Mrs. Brown indicated this occurred approximately two years ago.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Knupp to adjourn the meeting. All the Board was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Warfel
Finance Officer/Assistant Secretary