

August 26, 2025

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 4:30 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: Engineer Ben Faas, Solicitor Dan Hudock, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Rick Krouse, Public Works Foreman Lance Griffith, and Finance Officer Beverly Warfel.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Agenda Items

No comments from the Public.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Resenic commended Mr. Knupp on completing his training to serve with the volunteer fire department.

Supervisor Ross commended Mr. Knupp as well and others who volunteer in this capacity at a time when fewer and fewer are stepping forward.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A **motion** was made by Supervisor Verna and Seconded by Supervisor Fraser to approve the minutes of the August 12th meeting. The motion carried 4 to 0 with Supervisor Ross abstaining due to his absence from the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- a) Loyalhanna Watershed regarding the proposed solar farm.

REPORTS:

ENGINEER REPORT – Mr. Faas reported the Ramsey Road project permit application has been submitted. The Harvey Road project is moving forward with plans and specifications. It has been determined that no special permits are required for the project. The grant received has a short deadline – April of 2026, they are pushing to move this forward as quickly as possible. His report concluded with the discussion that the Finance Officer and he are talking regarding the Carey School Road Project.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Mr. Hudock reported that he is working with Mr. Krouse on code issues, highlighting the status of the issue with the Blue Door Rentals property and he gave an update of the Beard Road property. He will be participating in the Planning Commission meeting on Thursday evening regarding the conditional use permit for the proposed solar farm. They are moving forward with the other code complaint issues.

ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT- Mr. Krouse indicated his report was before the Board. He highlighted additional issues his office is resolving, including the moving of the gambling facility to a location where it is a secondary use, thereby complying with code requirements. He also responded to questions from the Board regarding the solar project.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Mr. Griffith reported the tonnage of stone and asphalt the Public Works Department and laid since July. They have laid 390 ton of stone of 450 ton of asphalt. He also indicated where this work has been accomplished and how much fixture and pipe has been replaced in culvert/ditch work. He lastly indicated where the Township stands with regard to chipping and sealing this year.

FINANCE REPORT – Mrs. Warfel stated that the Board had the Financial Report in front of them and asked for questions. Treasurer Verna filled in with the areas of concern which need to be closely monitored. Supervisor Resenic addressed the \$6,000 investment in solicitor costs to win the case for the unlawful vote taken by the Police Commission appointing Mr. Gongaware to the Commission. He commended Mr. Hudock for his diligence and preparedness which helped to win the case.

TREASURER REPORT – Treasurer Verna presented the Bill Pay List for approval of the payment of bills.

- a) Approval of bill pay list - General Fund: \$195,810.53; Capital Fund: \$2,404.50

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a) Ordinance 2025-OR-3 road openings – This ordinance will require utilities to restore cut-ins curb-to-curb. This was deferred from the last meeting to the solicitor for review who reported the ordinance appropriate and acceptable.

A motion was made by Supervisor Fraser and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to move forward to advertise the vote to approve Ordinance 2025-OR-3 regarding road openings at a regular meeting in September. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2026 Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation, as prepared by our pension consultant -

A motion was made by Supervisor Resenic and seconded by Supervisor Fraser to certify the 2026 Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation as prepared by the pension consultant to be used in preparation of the 2026 annual budget. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – All other items

There were no additional comments from the public.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISOR

There were no comments from the Supervisors.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to adjourn the meeting. All of the board was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Warfel
Assistant Secretary/Finance Officer