

September 8, 2026

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building with Chairman John Beaufort presiding.

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

Others Present: Police Chief Michael Matrunics, and Finance Officer Beverly Warfel. Township Manager Michael Strelic and Solicitor Daniel Hudock were absent.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Agenda Items

There were no comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Knupp thanked Pro Disposal for the donated dumpster for the perishable food lost due to the power outage resulting from the storm. The dumpster is located at the site where the new police building will be constructed on Route 30. It will be there until Friday morning. Supervisor Beaufort emphasized it is for food perishables only.

Supervisor Knupp also thanked the emergency responders for handling all the calls. Emergency Management Coordinator Pat McDowell indicated there were over 100 calls during the period.

Supervisor Beaufort stated that some roads were closed for several days due to electrical wires entwined in the downed trees. Neither the public works crew nor the fire companies could remove the trees until West Penn Power was able to address the downed power lines.

Supervisor Stoner also thanked the police department, fire companies, and public works crew who made roads passable within hours where there were no wires.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to approve the minutes of the August 25th Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Supervisor Stoner and seconded by Supervisor Knupp to approve the minutes of the August 25th regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

MANAGER REPORT

There was no Manager's Report with Mr. Strelic on Vacation.

SOLICITOR REPORT

There was no Solicitor's Report with the absence of Mr. Hudock.

POLICE

Chief Matrunics presented his report. He indicated the department has received a grant for new tasers. The day had included drone training. He also shared that School Resource Officer Sean Knepper had resigned. Officer Knepper is moving to the Westmoreland County Detective Bureau. Different officers will be assigned SRO duty while the department is looking for a new school resource officer.

TREASURER REPORT

In the absence of Treasurer Verna, Chairman Beaufort presented August Fund Balances and the bill pay lists.

Fund Balances (month end)	August 2026
General Fund	\$ 314,393
General Fund Reserves	\$ 1,542,253
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	\$ 179,234
Capital Fund Reserves	\$ 798,890
Ligonier Beach Park Fund	\$ -
Ligonier Trail Fund	\$ 25,950
Developer's Fund*	\$ 14,721
*Fire Insurance Escrow	\$ -
*Escrow	\$ 4,000
*Hydrogreen, LLC	\$ 5,000
*LVSD Capital Project	\$ 5,000
*Mill Creek Memorial Park	\$ -
*Community Garden	\$ 721
*Ligonier Trail	\$ -
Total Funds	\$ 2,875,443

Bill Pay Lists:

General Fund: \$ 8,722.18

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance 2026-OR-02 Community Development Board – No action taken. Held over to next meeting.
- b) Resolution 2026-R-03 Ligonier Valley Police Commission Code of Conduct – No action was taken. Held over to the next meeting.

c) Grant Consultant Agreement – No action taken. Held over until next meeting.

d) Public Works laborer – A brief update was provided by Supervisor Beaufort.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – All other

There were no additional comments from the public.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Beaufort indicated the new audio-visual system is working well. The police department used the system for drone training today.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A **motion** was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to adjourn the meeting. All the Board was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Warfel
Finance Officer/Assistant Secretary