October 27, 2026

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building with Chairman John Beaufort presiding.

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

Others Present: Township Manager Michael Strelic, 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

There were no comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Stoner stated he is considering making a public statement regarding the Township Budget. He further stated that due to former and existing staff the Township is in a better financial condition than he thought it was.

Supervisor Beaufort stated at the last meeting he mentioned that wages are a problem area. He believes we will have to do something. If there are no employees to plow snow the Township will be hurting. He also brought up correspondence he received from the Volunteer Fire Departments as to which fire companies make the first response to fire and alarm system calls.

In response to Supervisor Beaufort, Solicitor Hudock indicated that the VFD correspondence may be brought up under new business by amending the agenda.

A motion was made by Supervisor Stoner and seconded by Supervisor Knupp to amend the agenda to add "Fire Company Readouts" to New Business. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Knupp to approve the minutes of the October 13th meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) PennDOT re: 2027 Liquid Fuels allocation for 2027

MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Strelic shared he has filed the Storm Water Grant Close Out Report with County. He added he is impressed with what Public Works has done with stormwater. He next reported that the 2027 budget will be presented at the first November 10th meeting. We are on track to approve the budget by the end of the year.

ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Faas reported that there is a storm water issue he is working on with the Carey School Road project. He also believes the PennDOT onsite meeting regarding the Carey School Road bridge project should occur in November.

Supervisor Beaufort questioned the PennDOT work to be done on the Carey School Road vehicular bridge. Mr. Strelic stated that PennDOT indicated that work will occur in 2029.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Hudock stated he continues to be in contact with the owner of the Coyote Lane property. There is one vehicle left to be removed. He said the scheduled December 3 court hearing will be cancelled when that occurs.

ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Krouse summarized his monthly report. He stated there were 14 permits issued in the previous month, and that there are thirteen active code complaints. He responded to questions raised regarding the purpose of some of the permits that were issued.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Griffith stated he has requested quotes to purchase the ten-ton dump/snowplow truck the Township was awarded a grant to purchase. He has also requested quotes for the five-ton Ford F-550 truck we are submitting a CFA/LSA statewide grant application to purchase. The work on upper Swank Road has been completed and he has submitted a grant application for the Dirt Gravel and Low Volume grant for the work to be completed on lower Swank Road. The salt bins are full of salt. There was brief discussion regarding salt prices.

FINANCE

Mrs. Warfel presented the Financial Summary report for September and the Grant Log update.

LIGONIER BEACH

Mr. Strelic provided a brief update on Ligonier Beach. The property is still closed, and we still are awaiting the report from Chuck Baker regarding any hazards located on the property.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Verna presented three bill pay lists.

Bill Pay List:

General Fund: $ 218,623.97
Capital Fund (Act 13): $ 4,967.60
Liquid Fuels: $ 25,377.98

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Ordinance 2026-OR-04 No Parking 711 North –

Chief Matrunics and Mr. Strelic had discussion with the owner of the property who indicated the parking issue only exists on Pretzel Day, the first Friday of the month. The owner indicated he will send notice out to clients to park responsibly. No action taken. Matter held to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Ligonier Valley Farmers Market special events permit –

After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to approve the Ligonier Valley Farmers Market special event permit. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Resolution 2026-R-20: LSA statewide grant application – No action taken. On hold until next meeting.

c) Automatic fire alarms – taking two stations off first call.

After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Verna to approve the changes recommended by the fire companies pending the review and approval of the Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.

d) Public Works Laborer

A motion was made by Supervisor Verna and seconded by Supervisor Knupp to advertise to hire a Public Works Laborer position. Motion carried unanimously.

e) Public Works Operator

A motion was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Stoner to advertise to hire a Public Works Operator, Entry level. Motion carried unanimously.

f) Township Manager Contract

A motion was made by Supervisor Knupp and seconded by Supervisor Resenic to approve the agreement between the Township of Ligonier and its Board of Supervisors and Michael Strelic. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session to discuss personnel matters related to the Public Works and Township Manager agenda items.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. and returned at 7:35 p.m. After Executive Session action was taken regarding the Public Works Laborer, Public Works Operator and Township Manager agenda items.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – All other

There were no additional comments from the public.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Knupp stated his review of the Stormwater Grant Close Out report which showed the work completed by the Public Works crew over the last three years was impressive. He wished to commend the Public Works foreman and the crew for a job well done. Thank you.

Supervisor Resenic also stated he appreciated the Storm Water Grant Close Out Report and the work accomplished by the Public Works crew.

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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Warfel
Finance Officer/Assistant Secretary