

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2023

The Supervisors of Ligonier Township met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. Present were Chair, Dan Resenic; Vice Chair, Erik Ross; Supervisor, D. Scott Matson; and Supervisor, John Beaufort. Secretary/Treasurer, Stephanie Verna was absent.

Also present were Manager, Michael Strelac; Solicitor, Dan Hudock; Engineer, Ben Faas; Assistant Chief of Police, Mike Matronics, Zoning / Code Enforcement Officer, Rick Krouse; and Finance Officer, Bethany Caldwell.

Comments from the Public

There were no public comments.

Comments from the Supervisors

There were no comments from the Supervisors.

- A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence List (Note these items are not read aloud.)

1. Email from Cindy Brown regarding kids playing on and near Wilpen Road – the issue was directed to the LVPD and has been addressed.

Assistant Chief Matronics reminded folks they should call 911 when there is an issue so that they can deal with it immediately.

2. Laurel Valley Golf Club's notice of DEP permit for renovation.

Manager Report

Mr. Strelac reported the Dumpster Day event was held this past Saturday and he estimated there were about 60 vehicles. They collected \$673 to help offset the \$3,700 cost to put on the event. The Public Works crew are busy preparing for the chip-sealing of roads this summer, berming and grading. Finally, union contract negotiations have begun.

Engineer Report

Mr. Faas reported they've resolved a resident's complaint about the Dollar General building, he is still reviewing the stormwater ordinance, and he met with DEP staff regarding the Act 537 Plan.

Solicitor Report

Mr. Hudock reported he has been working with DEP lawyers while our engineers continue exchanging information with DEP and MAWC staff. DCNR's Adam Mattis and his staff, 2 members of Friends of Ligonier Beach, and Township staff will be attending

a meeting on May 3 to discuss the Ligonier Beach grant administration process. He noted this meeting is not open to the public.

Staff Reports

Finance Officer – the March Budget vs. Actual Report for the General Fund was provided along with a Grant Activity report. One new grant to highlight, the CDBG grant application submitted on behalf of the LTMA to continue working on the Deeds Road Phase II waterline replacement was awarded. A Quality Assurance Report from the State Conservation Commission for Claycomb Road was received, a copy was provided to the Board.

Zoning / Code Enforcement Officer – Mr. Krouse went over his monthly report. Supervisor Resenic asked if he'd received any building permit applications in the Flood Plain. There have been two and both were directed to the Conservation District for review / approval.

Sewage Enforcement Officer – (Check this whole section for accuracy.) Mr. D'Arrigio reported there have been 3 sewage installation applications, and that 2 are pending final inspection. There is a planning module on the agenda for approval, a small flow treatment on Piper Road for the Pittsburg Oratory. He investigated a complaint at 395 Ross Road, and determined that spring water is discharging onto the road due to pipe damage. Usher Camp would like to expand, their original permit was from 2007. The property is situated on the Cook / Ligonier Townships border. A maintenance agreement was approved that included inspections to be done, DEP wants it enforced. DEP to put this in writing and requested a joint meeting be held before any approval is issued. Staff to check on if a the required \$10k bond for that site has been issued.

Treasurer's Report

- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by John Beaufort to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ligonier Beach – pursuing two options at the moment, either a sale of the property or a study, but either way both result in the property being closed to the public. Manager directed to have the property maintained (mowed) twice a year. There was discussion about whether the demo is completely done, or would the contractor be back to clean up a couple piles of debris.

The Stormwater Ordinance, and the two related Stormwater Resolutions were deferred to the next meeting allowing staff more time to complete their review.

New Business

- A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by Scott Matson to approve both the Country Market Special Events and Holiday Market Special Event permits on the condition their PennDOT permit to close Springer Road is also approved. Motion carried.

- A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by Scott Matson to approve 2023-R-09 Small Flow Treatment Plant. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by Scott Matson to approve 2023-R-10, Sale of Asphalt Zipper. Motion carried.

Supervisor Matson said it was a shame, the Zipper was a waste of money.

Resolution 2023-R-11, 2023 Road Chip-Seal program was deferred until the next meeting.

Executive Session

The Supervisors announced they would be holding an executive session immediately following the conclusion of this meeting to discuss public works labor negotiations.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Comments from the Supervisors

There were no comments from the Supervisors.

- A motion was made by Erik Ross and seconded by Scott Matson to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Caldwell
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer