

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2023

The Supervisors of Ligonier Township met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. Present were Vice Chair, Erik Ross; Secretary/Treasurer, Stephanie Verna; Supervisor, D. Scott Matson; and Supervisor, John Beaufort. Chairman Dan Resenic was absent.

Also present were Manager, Michael Strelac; Solicitor, Dan Hudock; Engineer, Ben Faas; Chief of Police, Michael Matronics; and Finance Officer, Bethany Caldwell.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Comments from the Supervisors

Supervisor Beaufort – Reported there were approximately 82 calls total among the three departments:

Station 42 – 23 calls (Darlington) – 1 structure fire
Station 44 – 23 calls (Waterford)
Station 45 – 24 calls (Wilpen)

Most calls were for automatic fire alarms. These false alarms cost money. The annual fundraising letter is going out soon – be on the lookout. There is a fire drill at the Waterford Station tomorrow night, they are going to smoke out a trailer and it is open to the community.

He also thanked everyone that came out to vote, no matter who you voted for, it is good to get to out and vote! And he thanked those that voted for him.

Supervisor Verna – Echoed Mr. Beaufort's comments, it was good to talk to the voters and is appreciative of their votes. She looks forward to the election in the fall and hopes to continue serving the public.

Supervisor Matson – no comment

Supervisor Ross – no comment

- A motion was made by Stephanie Verna and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

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

1. Barbara McMillan, proposed expansion of Rustic Ridge coal mine (x2)

Manager Report

Mr. Strelac reported that he's been here one year and he's enjoyed it, there have been ups and downs, but it is a beautiful community and he is happy to be here. He thanked the supervisors for their trust. The grass is growing and the Public Works Crew is busy trimming back 85 miles of road.

Supervisor Ross asked with the recent rain that the street sweeper be utilized on the roads that are going to be chip-sealed.

Engineer Report

Mr. Faas reported Dollar General's construction is complete and the retention ponds are fixed.

Solicitor Report

Mr. Hudock had nothing report.

Police Report

Chief Matruncis presented the May report and noted there are some new sections.

Supervisor Ross asked that a copy of the LVPD monthly meeting minutes be provided to the Supervisors regularly.

Treasurer's Report

Fund Balances (month end)	May
General Fund	\$ 767,595
General Fund Reserves	\$ 1,031,902
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	\$ 414,133
Capital Fund Reserves	\$ 102,525
Ligonier Beach Park Fund	\$ 122,213
American Rescue Fund	\$ 168,853
Developer's Fund*	\$ 36,822
*Escrow	\$ 4,500
*Mill Creek Memorial Park	\$ 1,209
*Hi Acres Waterline	\$ 31,114
Total Funds	\$ 2,644,044

*denotes funds are restricted

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

Unfinished Business

The Collective Bargaining Agreement with UAW Local 204 was tabled to allow the full board to vote on it at the next meeting. It was noted that will be the last meeting before the current Agreement expires.

New Business

- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by John Beaufort approving the Fort Ligonier Day's detour. Motion carried.

Ligonier Beach Study Steering Committee

There was a discussion about the Ligonier Beach steering committee – the manager asked for clarity: how many members should be appointed to the committee? Board representation?

Supervisor Matson thinks it should be limited to seven or five members.

Supervisor Beaufort thinks it is important that the supervisor that is appointed to the committee be open to the many possibilities.

Mr. Strelic clarified that he didn't need an answer now as we are still waiting for the DCNR contract.

Supervisor Verna said we should be thinking about these items now, because the process will take longer as these things can only be decided in a board meeting.

Mr. Hudock recapped the DCNR's guidance on who should be on this committee – people from the watershed, conservancy, school district, etc. and representatives from different age groups.

Supervisor Verna said if we're putting a call out to the community, we need to define what it is we're looking for – the number of volunteers, the type of volunteers, the time commitment, what will they be responsible for...

Melissa Eller recapped some of the discussion ideas from their meeting with DCNR – having a representative from Go Laurel Highlands / the tourism industry, someone from LVSD, from the Chamber. One thought was sending letters to these organizations.

Supervisor Verna directed staff to find out, "What is the objective of the committee? What is their authority?" We need this information to help us make a decision. Can FOLB / Mike Strelic make a recommendation of the persona we are looking for at the next meeting.

Terrell Funk suggested that someone from the Recreation Board be appointed to the committee since the project will probably be turned over to them to manage at some point. Supervisor Verna said the Rec Board is still welcome to participate in this process.

No action was taken, and the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

Friends of Ligonier Beach July kickoff event

The Friends of Ligonier Beach would like to hold some type of event at the Ligonier Beach property, but since the Board took action to close the property, it will need to take action to reopen it. This is a joint event between the Township, FOLB, and would engage the public, generate interest in the property, and facilitate discussion about the

possibilities for the property. Would like to have the Supervisors kick it off, it's a good opportunity to educate the public.

Concerns are insurance – in the past we required event organizers to obtain a policy and waivers were signed to release the Township from liability. With the buildings being torn down are there safety issues? Could we fence off hazardous areas? Directed Manager to check in with our insurance and ensure we are adequately protected and minimize exposure. FOLB to come back with a more concrete idea.

Terrell Funk – had concerns there were people skateboarding in the empty pool.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

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 Stephanie Verna to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Caldwell
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Ligonier Township, Westmoreland County, PA
Bill Payments for All Vendors
 June 13, 2023

Vendor	Type	Num	Amount
Jun 13, 23			
Comcast	Bill Pmt -Check	ACH	199.89
Total Service, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	ACH	183.24
AA Septic Tank Service	Bill Pmt -Check	25572	250.00
Aqua Filter Fresh	Bill Pmt -Check	25573	69.30
Ascendance Trucks Pennsylvania LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	25574	1,034.47
Atlas Chiropractic of Ligonier - V	Bill Pmt -Check	25575	85.00
Blue Sky Sign Company	Bill Pmt -Check	25576	280.00
Cardio Partners Inc	Bill Pmt -Check	25577	204.31
Chemung Supply Corporation	Bill Pmt -Check	25578	396.50
Cleveland Brothers Equipment, Co. , Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	25579	207.77
Daniel C. Hudock Attorney at Law	Bill Pmt -Check	25580	2,025.00
Fayette Parts Service, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	25581	634.00
First Commonwealth Bank	Bill Pmt -Check	25582	810.28
Glassmere Fuel Service	Bill Pmt -Check	25583	6,957.15
Grass Root Solutions	Bill Pmt -Check	25584	11,130.00
Judy Ridgway - v	Bill Pmt -Check	25585	243.31
Laurel Valley Hardware Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	25586	357.75
LVTech	Bill Pmt -Check	25587	1,661.18
McInchok Sanitation	Bill Pmt -Check	25588	698.50
ODB Company	Bill Pmt -Check	25589	905.32
PennPrime	Bill Pmt -Check	25590	15,213.00
Pennsylvania Municipal Service Co.	Bill Pmt -Check	25591	3.19
Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	25592	70.20
Rolling Hills Industries, Inc	Bill Pmt -Check	25593	402.00
Royal Oak Retriever, LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	25594	60.00
Rudd Equipment Company	Bill Pmt -Check	25595	1,387.89
SWIF	Bill Pmt -Check	25596	62.00
The EADS Group	Bill Pmt -Check	25597	2,028.15
Tricia Levander	Bill Pmt -Check	25598	700.00
UAW LOCAL 204	Bill Pmt -Check	25599	323.34
UniFirst Corporation	Bill Pmt -Check	25600	379.37
Valley Landscaping & Lawn Care	Bill Pmt -Check	25601	480.00
Washington National Insurance Company	Bill Pmt -Check	25602	91.48
West End Ambulance Service Inc	Bill Pmt -Check	25603	750.00
West Penn Power	Bill Pmt -Check	25604	18.46
Western Pennsylvania Teamsters and Employ	Bill Pmt -Check	25605	15,449.31
PennPrime	Bill Pmt -Check	25606	5,159.00
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Ligonier Township-Liquid Fuels
Bill Payments for All Vendors
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Vendor	Type	Num	Amount
Jun 13, 23			
West Penn Power - Valley Hts	Bill Pmt -Check	1319	125.97
West Penn Power 791	Bill Pmt -Check	1320	199.43
Jun 13, 23			325.40

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