

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2020

The Supervisors of Ligonier Township met in regular session at 7:02 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary/Treasurer Stephanie Verna took roll call. Present were Chair, John Beaufort; Vice Chair, Paul Knupp; Secretary/Treasurer, Stephanie Verna; and Supervisor, D. Scott Matson. Absent was Supervisor, Dan Weimer.

Public Comment “A”

1. Letter from Lewis Thomas

- A motion was made by Stephanie Verna and seconded by Paul Knupp to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comment – None

Manager’s Report

Mr. Carcella reported there is an opportunity to apply for a USDA Community Connect Federal Grant to expand broadband in areas where traditional providers do not want to go. If successful, there is a possibility of extending service to the fire departments and other rural areas. Supervisor Verna asked about possible partnerships with the school district and other COG members.

- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Scott Matson to apply for the USDA Community Connect grant. Motion carried.

Public Works Report

The Township received an offer from Gary Wulff, via Municibid to purchase its roller for \$3,612.

- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Paul Knupp to accept Mr. Wulff’s offer and sell the roller for \$3,612. Motion carried.

Engineers Report

The DEP is reviewing EAD’s response to comments on the Mountain Road culvert permit application.

Ligonier Valley Police Department Report

Chief Berger announced the department was successful in securing a \$25k grant to purchase Body Worn Cameras.

Solicitor’s Report:

Mr. Korn’s deferred his report to the Public Hearing that is scheduled to be held later this evening for the Zoning Revisions to Oil & Gas and Solar Energy Amendments.

Zoning & Code Report – None

Correspondence:

1. Department of the Auditor General, September 25 letter – notice of 2019 Liquid Fuels Audit to start on September 30. This audit was completed with no findings.
2. Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, October 1 letter – notice of Ligonier Beach Phase II grant award (\$42,500).

Treasurer's Report

Supervisor Verna reported the account balances as of October 13, 2020:

General Fund	\$ 254,352
General Fund Reserves	683,767
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund*	138,620
Capital Fund Reserves*	28,053
Ligonier Beach Park*	429
Mill Creek Memorial Park*	23,500
Charlotte Hi Acre Waterline*	1,428
Total Funds Balance:	\$1,130,149

*denotes funds are restricted

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

Old Business:

1. Property Maintenance Code – A copy of what was supplied to the Planning Commission has been provided for information only, no action required.

New Business:

1. Request approval of Memorial Park Fishing Deck contract by Rec Committee (vote)

Mr. Shew, the Rec Board Chair said the Township has received permission from First Energy to utilize an acre to put in a fishing platform and trail to Casler – raised \$10k from RK Mellon, \$5k from McGinley, Vic Smith, \$1500 from towards a steel fishing platform. \$26,500 for the total cost. Another commitment from AL Ludwig Memorial Fund (students started a memorial in their former teacher's honor) and will donate \$ and name the dock in his honor. Township do an in-kind contribution with labor to set up abutments / foundation. ADM will inspect the site next week. Seeking Township approval to move forward. The McKenna Foundation has donated \$5k towards a master plan that will include landscaping, benches, etc.

Supervisor Knupp asked about the deadline - Platform needs to be completed before the end of the year, per the RK Mellon's donation's requirement.

Supervisor Verna asked if the other foundations signed off with the naming the platform in Al Ludwig's honor – no issue.

- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Paul Knupp to approve the Rec Committee's plan to finish to the fishing platform, using the \$26k they have raised and dedicate the platform to Al Ludwig. Motion approved.

2. Tobacco/Vape-Free Resolution, R-20-20 (vote)

- A motion was made by Paul Knupp and seconded by Stephanie Verna to approve Resolution R-20-20. Motion carried.

3. Resignation of Supervisor Dan Weimer

Supervisor Weimer has submitted his resignation in writing on September 28 due to his employer's refusal to grant permission to serve. The township will have 30 days to fill the vacancy and be able to act at the November meeting. Need three of four supervisors to approve the vacancy.

- A motion was made by Scott Matson and seconded by Paul Knupp to accept his resignation. Motion carried.

Supervisor Beaufort stated that he thought Supervisor Weimer did a good job when he served.

4. Westmoreland County CARES Grant Resolution, R-21-20 (vote)

- A motion was made by Stephanie Verna and seconded by Paul Knupp to approve Resolution 21-20. Motion carried.

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Knupp – thanked Larry Shew and the Rec Board for all their hard work. Thanked Dan Weimer for his service.

Supervisor Matson – thanked Chief Berger for responding to an incident he witnessed. Asked if the LVPD staff can be reduced; would like to see expenses reduced instead of raising taxes.

Supervisor Verna – reminder that Trick-or-Treat hours have been set. Will be looking at the budgets and advised people to study their tax bills and see how much goes to the Township vs. the County vs. the School District. Advised the Planning Commission to consider the property code. Acknowledged Larry Shew and the Rec Board for all their

hard work. If you are interested in serving as a Township Supervisor, please submit a letter of interest.

Supervisor Beaufort – commented on the taxes too, other entities are raising taxes. Looking at a sample tax bill of a resident that owns 3 larger parcels in the Township, \$168 in taxes goes to the Township while close to \$5,000 goes to the School District. Four mills is comparable to neighboring municipalities. Arnold is the highest taxed municipality in the county – our taxes are reasonable for what you get. Larry is doing a great job.

Mr. Korn's clarified the Township Supervisor appointment will be valid through next year (end of 2021). Next year there will be a 6 year and 4 year position up for vote.

- A motion was made by Stephanie Verna and seconded by Paul Knupp to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Caldwell
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Ligonier Township, Westmoreland County, PA

Bill Payments for All Vendors

October 13, 2020

Vendor	Type	Num	Amount
Oct 13, 20			
AFLAC	Bill Pmt -Check	23710	102.92
AA Septic Tank Service	Bill Pmt -Check	23711	200.00
Air-Vac Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	23712	1,890.00
Credit Card Dept-First Commonwealth Bank	Bill Pmt -Check	23713	911.57
Fayette Parts Service, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	23714	232.30
FirstNet	Bill Pmt -Check	23715	86.10
Glassmere Fuel Service	Bill Pmt -Check	23716	2,287.16
Greensburg Minuteman Press	Bill Pmt -Check	23717	262.80
James Nieusma	Bill Pmt -Check	23718	20.92
JSB Holding, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	23719	379.00
Laurel Valley Hardware Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	23720	112.46
Lehigh Hanson Heidelberg Cement Group	Bill Pmt -Check	23721	12,273.52
Ligonier Giant Eagle	Bill Pmt -Check	23722	32.90
Luther P. Miller	Bill Pmt -Check	23723	40.00
LVTech	Bill Pmt -Check	23724	1,087.30
Municipal Authority of Westmoreland Count	Bill Pmt -Check	23725	588.50
Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	23726	63.25
Royal Oak Retriever, LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	23727	60.00
Sable Kennels	Bill Pmt -Check	23728	100.00
Standard Insurance Company	Bill Pmt -Check	23729	771.52
Stewart, McArdle, Sorice, Whalen, Farrell	Bill Pmt -Check	23730	314.90
SWIF	Bill Pmt -Check	23731	1,075.00
Terry Carcella	Bill Pmt -Check	23732	91.43
The EADS Group	Bill Pmt -Check	23733	3,165.85
Total Service, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	23734	348.42
Travelers	Bill Pmt -Check	23735	613.00
Tricia Levander	Bill Pmt -Check	23736	1,224.00
UniFirst Corporation	Bill Pmt -Check	23737	199.80
Valley Landscaping & Lawn Care	Bill Pmt -Check	23738	615.00
Washington National Insurance Company	Bill Pmt -Check	23739	303.40
West Penn Power	Bill Pmt -Check	23740	321.66
Western Pennsylvania Teamsters and Employ	Bill Pmt -Check	23741	25,461.51
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Ligonier Township - ACT 13
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Vendor	Type	Num	Amount
Oct 13, 20			
LVTech	Bill Pmt -Check	1013	3,206.25
The EADS Group	Bill Pmt -Check	1014	334.70
Oct 13, 20			<u>3,540.95</u>

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