

Ligonier Township Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2021

The Supervisors of Ligonier Township met in regular session at 4:30 PM. Present were Vice Chair, Paul Knupp; Secretary/Treasurer, Stephanie Verna; Supervisor, D. Scott Matson; and Supervisor, Dan Resenic. Absent was Chair, John Beaufort.

Also present were Solicitor, Michael Kornis; Engineer Ben Faas; Zoning Officer, Jim Nieusma, and Finance Officer, Bethany Caldwell.

Public Comment – None

- A motion was made by Dan Resenic and seconded by Scott Matson to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comment

Supervisor Resenic – Shared pictures he took recently at the Ligonier Beach. The photos are of the base/foundation where the filter building used to be and now present a potential safety hazard. He directed staff to secure the area as soon as possible and asked that they contact PennPrime for guidance as it is a liability.

Supervisor Verna – Directed staff to put the chain that blocks off the entrance and no trespassing sign back up immediately.

Correspondence

1. Tubmill Trout Club letter
2. Edward Schmidt email
3. Alan Ludwig Dedication invitation
4. Ligonier Beach emails – 16 were received, 10 were Ligonier residents, 6 were non-resident

Engineers Report

Mr. Faas gave an update on Meyers School Road; he met with Coal Loaders and Mr. Morgan last week. The road is not ready to reopen and Coal Loaders asked for an extension that would allow them to make repairs and reopen spring 2024. Mr. Kornis to research original agreement and follow up with a new extension agreement.

Mr. Faas is working on specs for paving Mountain Road and needed clarification on the process. The township would like to get three quotes to be opened at the next meeting. Because the job is under the bidding threshold it does not need be advertised. Quotes are due in the office before closing (3:30 p.m.) on the day of the next meeting (July 13).

Supervisor Resenic asked about a large grinder being store at the Beach – Who authorized it? Who owns it? Why is it being stored there? Staff to follow up.

Solicitor’s Report:

Mr. Kornis gave a covid update – the last state restriction (mask mandate) will be lifted on June 28. The state’s emergency declaration was terminated, the township can follow.

Mr. Kornis has been working with Mr. Nieuwma on the property maintenance code and had 2 questions –

Do they want to remove the rodents, pest, and infestation clause? Yes

Where there are references to stormwater issues – can he refer back the stormwater ordinance so as not to duplicate efforts? Yes

Supervisor Verna asked if there was language about abandoned properties? Mr. Kornis said it would have to be a standalone ordinance.

Treasurer’s Report

Supervisor Verna reported the account balances as of June 22:

General Fund	\$	400,066
General Fund Reserves		688,196
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund*		412,137
Capital Fund Reserves*		20,863
Ligonier Beach Park*		122,777
Mill Creek Memorial Park*		6,190
Charlotte Hi Acre Waterline*		1,548
Developer’s Account		2,000

Total Funds Balance: \$ 1,653,777

*denotes funds are restricted

There was a discussion about the Ligonier Beach project remaining funds and future grants. Supervisor Verna asked when is the next application period for the Land Bank demo grants? There was a discussion about cleaning up anything that does not need to be saved / or was designated as part of the “Friends of Ligonier Beach” master site plan. It would be advantageous to award this work to one contractor and because of the estimated cost, it would need engineering specifications.

- A motion was made by Dan Resenic and seconded by Scott Matson authorizing the township engineer to put together specs for a formal bid process that would include the demolition of structures not associated with the pool master site plan, including the chain link fence, deck, ladder, etc. so that the only thing(s) left are historical and/or designated to be saved. Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

1. Video Surveillance System – tabled
(pending finance committee recommendation as this is an unbudgeted project)
2. Emergency Declaration
 - A motion was made by Stephanie Verna and seconded by Paul Knupp to end the emergency declaration. Motion carried.

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Resenic – happy there is light at the end of the tunnel regarding the Ligonier Beach property – getting it cleaned up.

Supervisor Matson - some roads in the Township are narrow to begin with and the public works crew needs to maintain the right-of-ways. Lack of proper vegetation management is creating safety issues! Tosh Road, Berkley Road, Cliffords Road, Jinks Road, Carey Road, etc. He is not blaming the crew. He has offered to take staff on rides to see these issues. Something needs to be done – he has documented his concerns. Mrs. Caldwell to take the list and type it up for discussion at the next Public Works committee meeting.

- A motion was made by Stephanie Verna and seconded by Dan Resenic to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Caldwell
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Ligonier Township, Westmoreland County, PA
Bill Payments for All Vendors
June 22, 2021

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jun 22, 21			
AA Septic Tank Service	Bill Pmt -Check	24232	250.00
AFLAC	Bill Pmt -Check	24254	102.92
Alliance Garage Doors & Openers LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	24255	945.00
Andrews Sales & Service	Bill Pmt -Check	24233	849.00
Atlas Chiropractic of Ligonier - V	Bill Pmt -Check	24234	80.00
Beaufort Services, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	24256	4,700.00
Fayette Parts Service, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	24235	320.53
FirstEnergy	Bill Pmt -Check	24236	200.00
FirstNet	Bill Pmt -Check	24237	86.34
Glassmere Fuel Service	Bill Pmt -Check	24238	2,012.59
Hampton Office Products	Bill Pmt -Check	24239	25.18
Lehigh Hanson Heidelberg Cement Group	Bill Pmt -Check	24240	17,280.68
Ligonier Giant Eagle	Bill Pmt -Check	24241	30.00
Ligonier Valley Police Department	Bill Pmt -Check	24242	113,542.83
Ligonier Valley Police Department	Bill Pmt -Check	24253	1,944.65
LVTech	Bill Pmt -Check	24243	425.00
Maiello, Brungo & Maiello, LLP	Bill Pmt -Check	24244	2,275.00
Royal Oak Retriever, LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	24245	60.00
Standard Insurance Company	Bill Pmt -Check	24246	818.70
SWIF	Bill Pmt -Check	24247	972.00
Terry Carcella	Bill Pmt -Check	24248	53.20
The Fastener Stop	Bill Pmt -Check	24249	424.90
UniFirst Corporation	Bill Pmt -Check	24250	320.70
Unifirst First Aid & Safety	Bill Pmt -Check	24251	127.83
West Penn Power	Bill Pmt -Check	24252	474.58
Jun 22, 21			148,321.63

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Ligonier Township - Escrow Account Bill Payments for All Vendors June 22, 2021

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jun 22, 21 Keystone Ridge Designs	Bill Pmt -Check	1016	1,910.00
Jun 22, 21			<u>1,910.00</u>

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Ligonier Beach Property Project Bill Payments for All Vendors June 22, 2021

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jun 22, 21 Ligonier Township (GF)	Bill Pmt -Check	1007	<u>471.78</u>
Jun 22, 21			<u><u>471.78</u></u>


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