

**Ligonier Township Supervisors**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
*August 10, 2021*

The Supervisors of Ligonier Township met in regular session at 7:00 PM. Vice Chair, Paul Knupp; Secretary/Treasurer, Stephanie Verna; Supervisor, D. Scott Matson; and Supervisor, Dan Resenic were present. Chair, John Beaufort was absent.

Also present were Manager, Terry Carcella; Solicitor, Michael Korn; Engineer Ben Faas; Zoning Officer, Jim Nieuwma, and Finance Officer, Bethany Caldwell.

**Public Comment “A”**

1. Barbara Nalle – commended Township staff for their work during the Covid-19 pandemic.
2. David Miller – cited language from the nuisance ordinance and explained why he thinks the “Trump 2024, Fuck Your Feelings” sign in the Township is a nuisance due to the use of a vulgar explicative. While he supported Trump in 2016 and 2020, he does not want the sign visible where the children and others have to view it daily, it is a nuisance.

Mr. Korn addressed Mr. Miller’s comment, citing a Vietnam-era Supreme Court case ruling that specifically dealt with political signs and the same explicative. The ruling has been upheld to protect free speech and local government cannot override. Staff have been exploring non-content related issues, such as size, placement, permits, etc. Mr. Korn noted that any restrictions must be enforced equally and the Township cannot single anyone out due to political affiliation.

3. Melissa Eller – reported that 34 people showed up and worked for 4 hours at the first Ligonier Beach Cleanup event, held on Saturday, July 30th. The volunteer event was covered by the Ligonier Echo. There is still more work to be done and the Friends of Ligonier Beach (FOLB) requested the Supervisors approve two additional cleanup events to be held on September 11 and October 2.

4. Joan Fitch – volunteered at the Ligonier Beach cleanup event and had t-shirts made and provided costs if the Township would like to order shirts for volunteers.

- A motion was made by Stephanie Verna and seconded by Dan Resenic to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2021 meetings. Motion carried.

**Supervisors Comment**

Supervisor Resenic – no comment

Supervisor Verna – asked Mr. Faas about the Ligonier Beach Park demo specs. Mr. Faas brought the specs for the Supervisors to review after the meeting.

- A motion was made by Stephanie Verna and seconded by Paul Knupp to approve the Friends of the Ligonier Beach committee's request to hold 2 additional cleanup dates on September 11 and October 2. Motion carried.

Supervisor Matson – no comment

Supervisor Knupp – no comment

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Morgan provided a brief update on Public Works activities. One of the blowers is down and the sweeper broke. The Township received \$826 from a class action suit settlement for overpaid health care coverage in 2012.

Supervisor Verna asked the price of the blower - \$5-6k

Supervisor Resenic asked if the blower is available, i.e. in stock - only one that we know of in Ohio.

### **Correspondence**

1. PennDOT Culvert Replacement – Rector

Supervisor Verna – did they say how long it would take? No

Supervisor Knupp – will the road be closed? Partially

2. PA Treasury Invest Program (Liquid Fuels Savings) partial fee waiver

### **Ligonier Valley Police Department Report**

Thanked the Burr Family for their \$16,500 donation for Body-Worn Cameras. The department also received a letter of appreciation from an out-of-state citizen that needed a welfare check on a family member here in the Valley.

### **Public Works Report**

Deferred until next meeting – August 24, 2021

### **Engineers Report**

Storm water inventory update – deferred until the next meeting. The demo specs are available for review after the meeting.

### **Solicitor Report:**

Mr. Korn reported that an executive session was held prior to this meeting and certified compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Laws as the discussions pertained to personnel.

Act 65 of 2021 will be effective September and requires municipalities to post agendas for all meetings (e.g. Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, etc.) 24 hours in

advance. There was a discussion about how this will affect future meetings and motions made on items that were not listed on the agenda and posted 24 hours in advance.

A Property Maintenance Ordinance Hearing was held from 7:30 to 8:00 to take residents' testimonies.

### **Zoning & Code Report**

Mr. Nieusma went over his monthly report and gave an overview of the August Rec Board meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Supervisor Verna reported the account balances as of August 10, 2021:

General Fund	\$ 410,273
General Fund Reserves	685,681
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund*	45,923
Capital Fund Reserves*	40,067
Ligonier Beach Park*	120,205
Mill Creek Memorial Park*	4,776
Charlotte Hi Acre Waterline*	31,548
Developer's Account*	2,407
ARPA Fund	333,476

Total Funds Balance: 1,674,356

\*denotes funds are restricted

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

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business:**

1. Community Planning Presentation, by Micky Corb – this was given during the Property Maintenance Ordinance Hearing. Micky urged the Board to consider adopting a planning philosophy that incorporates the environment and protects natural resources to attract and retain a robust middle class. She cited an example of such planning (Serenbe) in a community just outside of Atlanta, Georgia.
2. Administrative Staff update - Tracy Legato will transition to working in a remote capacity, intermittently as long as she can meet the minimum requirements. Ms. Legato is a tremendous asset to the Township, adding value and offering excellent customer service.

### **Public Comment "B"**

None

## **Supervisor Comments**

Supervisor Matson – would vote for the blower

Supervisor Verna – no comment

Supervisor Resenic – thinks the blower's flexible end can be used on different types of ditches.

- A motion was made by Dan Resenic and seconded by Scott Matson to purchase a blower, not to exceed \$5,500. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Stephanie Verna and seconded by Dan Resenic to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Caldwell  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

## Ligonier Township, Westmoreland County, PA

## Bill Payments for All Vendors

August 10, 2021

Vendor	Type	Num	Amount
<b>Aug 10, 21</b>			
AA Septic Tank Service	Bill Pmt -Check	24321	450.00
Andrews Sales & Service	Bill Pmt -Check	24322	1,867.42
Comcast	Bill Pmt -Check	24323	133.35
Credit Card Dept-First Commonwealth Bank	Bill Pmt -Check	24324	197.11
Credit Card Dept-First Commonwealth Bank	Bill Pmt -Check	24355	668.81
Fayette Parts Service, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	24325	180.10
Glassmere Fuel Service	Bill Pmt -Check	24326	2,322.62
James Nieusma	Bill Pmt -Check	24327	28.78
JSB Holding, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	24328	394.15
Laurel Valley Hardware Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	24329	64.90
Lehigh Hanson Heidelberg Cement Group	Bill Pmt -Check	24330	3,004.92
Ligonier Giant Eagle	Bill Pmt -Check	24331	26.90
Ligonier Valley Police Department	Bill Pmt -Check	24332	972.39
Luther P. Miller	Bill Pmt -Check	24333	30.00
LVTech	Bill Pmt -Check	24334	1,087.30
Mesko & Associates, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	24335	2,237.50
Moseye Graphics	Bill Pmt -Check	24336	177.69
ODB Company	Bill Pmt -Check	24337	217.85
Pennsylvania Municipal Service Co.	Bill Pmt -Check	24338	7.38
Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	24339	142.58
Pleasant Unity Supply	Bill Pmt -Check	24340	868.20
Royal Oak Retriever, LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	24341	60.00
Stewart, McArdle, Sorice, Whalen, Farrell	Bill Pmt -Check	24342	225.00
SWIF	Bill Pmt -Check	24343	972.00
The EADS Group	Bill Pmt -Check	24344	4,947.00
The Latrobe Bulletin	Bill Pmt -Check	24345	277.80
Total Service, Inc.	Bill Pmt -Check	24346	174.21
Town & Country Motors	Bill Pmt -Check	24347	477.40
Tricia Levander	Bill Pmt -Check	24348	1,179.28
UAW LOCAL 204	Bill Pmt -Check	24349	327.86
UniFirst Corporation	Bill Pmt -Check	24350	120.90
Washington National Insurance Company	Bill Pmt -Check	24351	268.14
West Central Equipment, LLC	Bill Pmt -Check	24352	145.26
West Penn Power	Bill Pmt -Check	24353	199.26
Western Pennsylvania Teamsters and Employ	Bill Pmt -Check	24354	24,367.41
<b>Aug 10, 21</b>			<b>48,821.47</b>

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Ligonier Beach Property Project  
Bill Payments for All Vendors  
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Vendor	Type	Num	Amount
Aug 10, 21			
The EADS Group	Bill Pmt -Check	1010	1,706.40
Thomas Neon	Bill Pmt -Check	1009	750.00
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Ligonier Township-Liquid Fuels  
Bill Payments for All Vendors  
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Vendor	Type	Num	Amount
Aug 10, 21 Quaker Sales Corporation	Bill Pmt -Check	1289	366,226.33
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# Ligonier Township - Escrow Account

## Bill Payments for All Vendors

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<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Aug 10, 21 Ligonier Trucking	Bill Pmt -Check	1020	1,320.00
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