



# TALK *of the* TOWNSHIP

A Newsletter for our Residents

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## A NOTE FROM THE MANAGER

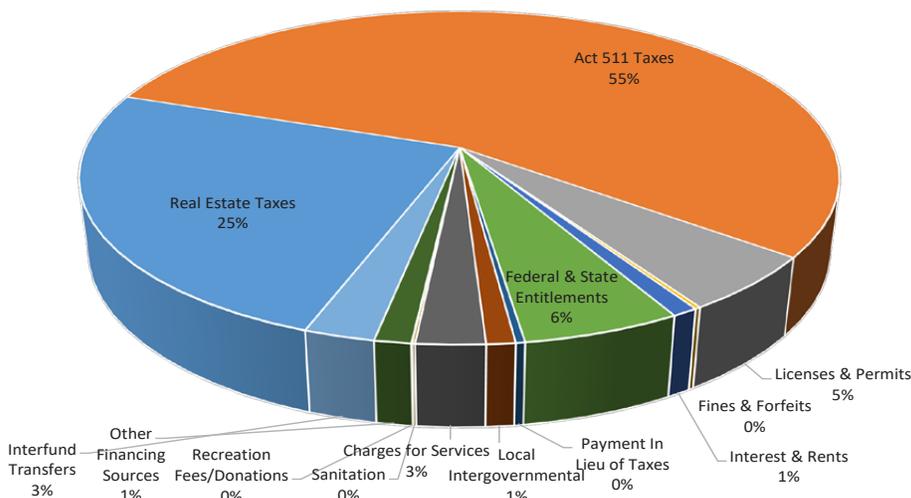
Ligonier Township is following the PA Department of Health and CDC guidelines. The Municipal Building is open by appointment only. Please call ahead to schedule a meeting time. Staff are available but may be working remotely with limited staggered coverage at the office. Leave a detailed message and your call will be returned as quickly as possible. There is a black mailbox located outside the front door of the Township Building to drop off correspondence, applications, payments, etc.

Have a safe holiday.  
- Terry Carcella

## 2021 BUDGET INFORMATION

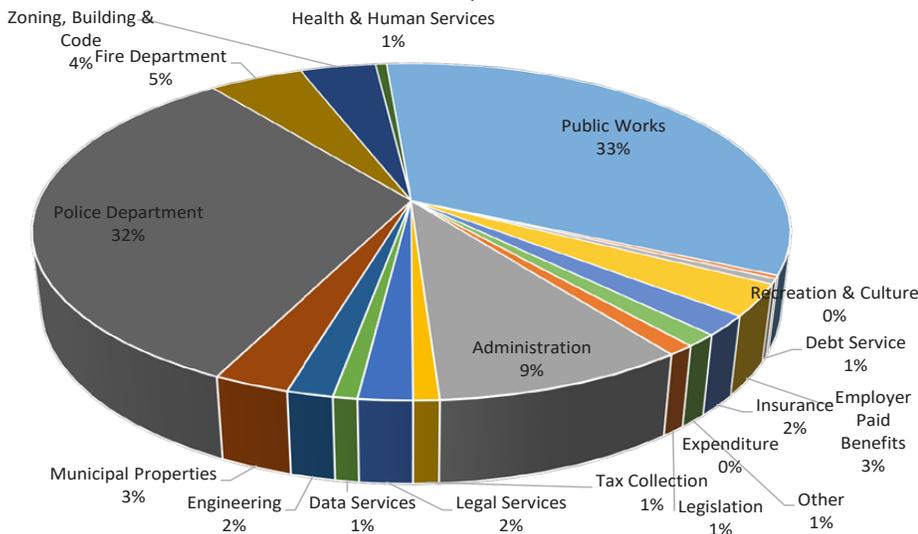
The Board of Supervisors adopted a \$2.7 million balanced budget that includes a 1 mill increase.

General Fund Revenue\*



\* The LTMA and LVPD reimbursement revenues have been removed from this chart.

General Fund Expenses



\*\*The LTMA and LVPD reimbursable expenditures have been removed from this account.



# WELCOME DAN RESENIC

We'd like to introduce our newest Township Supervisor, Dan Resenic. He was recently appointed to fill a vacant seat on the Board and his term will last until December 31, 2021. Mr. Resenic is a familiar face as he currently sits on the Ligonier Township Municipal Authority Board. He moved here in 1979 and was formerly employed by the Eastern Westmoreland Career & Technology Center (VOTEC). He retired as Principal of the Greater Johnstown High School. Dan is married and all three of his children went through the Ligonier Valley school system. He served on the Ligonier Valley School District Board, including one term as president.

Dan believes maintaining local control of our water and sewage utilities are of the utmost importance. Community-owned utilities are primarily accountable to their customers, not stockholders. Residents have a direct voice in their utility's decisions. Dan's goals for the Township include maintaining high-quality service and improving what it has to offer in a responsible cost efficient manner. We look forward to working with Dan!

## PUBLIC WORKS

Snow plow drivers by definition work in the worst winter conditions with the most limited visibility. Give them space, distance, and, most of all, patience to do their job. The space is needed because snow plows often are rigged with "wing" blades, extending 10-12 feet to the side. Those blades often have blinking warning lights at their tips, but in blowing snow conditions those warning lights may be obscured. The snow plow may also be longer than anticipated, as front blades extend ahead of the cab. The snow they kick up can blind vehicles following too close. The plowing can also eject pieces of ice, which can crack windshields.

In order to expedite the prompt and efficient removal of snow from the streets, please keep vehicles parked off the road when it is snowing.

### LTMA Personnel Directory (724) 238-7464

**Manager/Operator**  
Anthony "Griff" Griffith.....ext 340

**Secretary**  
Gail Barnhart.....ext 313  
Haidee Street.....ext 314



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# LIGONIER VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENTS

As we approach the end of this year, we want to express our hopes for a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. In addition, we want to thank the many contributors for the financial support you have provided this year. Your generosity is deeply appreciated – especially this year.

We also need to acknowledge the impact that COVID-19 is having on our local fire companies. We have been forced to suspend normal training and business activities. Out of pure necessity, we must focus greater attention on protecting the health and safety of our members. This has added yet another layer of concern when we respond to already dangerous emergency situations. It is even limiting the number of personnel allowed to ride on our apparatus when responding to a call.

Finally, it should be no secret that all of our local fire companies are in desperate need of new members. We've discussed this before, but the impact of COVID-19 has stressed the system and our firefighters like nothing else before. New members are needed to help support and eventually replace the dwindling number of volunteers who have been serving the community for decades. This situation has become critical. Please, please consider serving your community by becoming a volunteer firefighter. See your local fire company for an application today.

## FIRE DEPARTMENTS

### Volunteer Fire Departments Directory

Darlington Volunteer Fire Department.....	724-238-4820	Chief Robert McDowell
Waterford Volunteer Fire Department.....	724-238-0471	Chief Robert Beaufort
Wilpen Volunteer Fire Department.....	724-238-6585	Chief Michael DiRinaldo

## TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL DIRECTORY

(724) 238-2725

### Manager

Terry Carcella.....ext 110  
tcarcella@ligoniertownship.com

### Administrative Assistant/Code Officer

Tracy Krowchak.....ext 111  
tkrowchak@ligoniertownship.com

### Community Development & Zoning Officer/Open Records Manager

Jim Nieuwsma.....ext 116  
jnieuwsma@ligoniertownship.com

### Public Works Director

Russ Morgan.....ext 139  
rmorgan@ligoniertownship.com

### Finance Officer

Bethany Caldwell.....ext 112  
bcaldwell@ligoniertownship.com

### Ligonier Valley Police

Chief of Police, John Berger.....724-238-5105 or 724-238-5611

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# LIGONIER VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENTS

The Ligonier Valley Police Department patrols both the Township and Borough of Ligonier and Laurel Mountain Borough. The LVPD is contracted by the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County to provide patrols of their properties. We also have a School Resource Officer working in the Ligonier Valley School District. We cover the 100 square mile valley with a minimum of two officers per shift with one covering the areas north and the other covering the areas south of the Diamond. We respond to all calls for which fire departments and EMS are activated to provide our assistance to their teams. A lot of times we are the first on a scene and provide medical attention, as all police officers are trained to do. In 2020, we obtained over \$50k in grant money and donations and strive to be one of the best equipped departments in the Commonwealth. We appreciate the continued support from all of the residents of the Ligonier Valley and we will continue to provide you with the best service possible.

Have a safe and Happy New Year from all of us at the LVPD,  
John E. Berger, Chief

## LIGONIER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

**John Beaufort (Chairman)**    **Paul Knupp (Vice Chairman)**    **Stephanie Verna (Secretary/Treasurer)**  
**Dan Resenic**    **Scott Matson**

**Ligonier Township Supervisors Re-Org Meeting** .....4:00 p.m.  
Jan 4

**Ligonier Township Supervisors 2nd Monthly Meeting**.....4:30 p.m.  
Jan 4 • Jan 26 • Feb 23 • Mar 23

**Ligonier Township Supervisors Monthly Meeting**.....7:00 p.m.  
Feb 9 • Mar 9

## MEETINGS

### January . February . March

Meetings held at the Township Municipal Building unless otherwise noted.  
Meeting dates subject to change.

**Ligonier Township Municipal Authority**.....4:00 p.m.  
Jan 6 • Feb 3 • Mar 3

**Lig. Twp. Municipal Authority Work Session**.....4:00 p.m.  
Jan 20 • Feb 17 • Mar 17

**Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board**.....7:00 p.m.  
Jan 19 • Feb 16 • Mar 16

**Ligonier Township Planning Commission**.....7:00 p.m.  
Jan 28 • Feb 25 • Mar 25

**Ligonier Township Recreation Board**.....7:00 p.m.  
Jan 22 • Feb 8 • Mar 8

**Ligonier Joint Plan Steering Committee**.....7:00 p.m.  
TBD - check our website for the latest information

**The Township is open by appointment Monday through Friday.**

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# LIGONIER TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD

Mill Creek Memorial Park is located at the Ligonier Valley Trailhead behind Weller Field on the banks of Mill Creek. The ongoing development of the park has established a place where any township or borough resident can donate memorialized items that will enhance the park.

The Recreation Board and the Township would like to thank the following donors for their generous contributions:

- Ligonier Valley Endowment
- R. K. Mellon Family Foundation
- Smith Family Partnership
- Rita M. McGinley Foundation
- Marcella Larson Trust
- Katherine Mabis McKenna Foundation
- Al Ludwig Memorial Fund
- Mr. & Mrs. Victor P. Smith Jr.

Grants and donations were/will be used for site development, tree and stump removal, landscaping, installation of memorial benches, memorial trash receptacle, Master Plan and for the installation of a steel fishing dock. The Township Public Works Department will provide in-kind work for the platform foundation installation and other work as required. Ligonier Borough Public Works has been maintaining the parks trash collection and mowing the park.

The fishing dock will be dedicated in Al Ludwig’s memory. Al was an avid fisherman and a beloved Ligonier Valley School teacher. Al taught at Ligonier Valley schools for 38 years, was a coach and mentor for many. He earned the respect of every student and faculty member along with most residents.

We also wish to thank the following for benches and trash receptacle donations which have been placed in the park:

***Memorial Benches***

- Mr. & Mrs. Tom Donchez
- Mrs. Susan McGinley
- Mrs. Beverly Palmer
- Mr. & Mrs. Victor P. Smith

***Trash Receptacle***

- Mr. & Mrs. Victor P. Smith Jr.
- Mr. & Mrs. Norman Grace
- Mr. & Mrs. John Naugle

Trout Unlimited has provided exceptional guidance and support for this Memorial Park along with stream rehabilitation.

Dr. Croft, Loyalhanna Veterinary Clinic, graciously provided doggie waste bags and dispenser. His contribution is on-going.

For the users of the trail and park, we thank you for your cooperation in following the rules of the trail, keeping dogs on a leash, and picking up litter and dog waste. Working together, we all make our beloved and beautiful landscape a wonderful place to live!

## LIGONIER TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR – SAL VELLA

Your local tax collector wants to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year. Please remember the Township tax office is located at 187 PA State Rt. 271, 1/2 mile north of the Sheetz on the left hand side, in the Ligonier Self Storage main building. Hours are 9-12 and 1-4, Monday thru Thursday. I can be reached at 724-995-8228.

Please let me thank everyone that included, for a receipt, either the entire bill or the appropriate sections of the bill, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. It makes providing a receipt much faster. See you in the spring!



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**January 1**  
**February 15**

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