



# TALK *of the* TOWNSHIP

A Newsletter for our Residents

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## TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S UPDATE

Greetings for the new year from Ligonier Township. We have two new Supervisors with Stephanie Verna and John Beaufort taking office in January and a historic first for Ligonier Township in having the first woman ever elected to the position of Township Supervisor. A busy year is planned with a planned public meeting and public hearing concerning the completion of the Joint Municipal Comprehensive Plan with the Township and Ligonier Borough. We also plan to complete the new SALDO (Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance) in the coming months. We can expect a revision to our Sewage Facilities Plan known as the ACT 537 plan and we anticipate completion of our newest bridge replacement project with the Clifford Woods Bridge replacement in March. Watch your local paper and the Township Website for announcements of these upcoming events.

Terry Carcella  
Township Manager

### Proposed 2018 Revenues and Expenses Projected for 2018

GENERAL FUND INCOME CATEGORY	Actual 2015 Revenues	2015 % of Total Income	2016 Actual Revenue	2016 Actual % of Total Income	2017 Projected Revenue	2017 Projected % of Total Income	2017 Actual Revenue As Of 11/30/2017	2017 Actual % of Total Income As Of 11/30/2017	2018 Projected Revenue	2018 Projected % of Total Income
Total 301 - Real Property Taxes	\$488,680.80	20%	\$490,772.91	19%	\$397,850.00	17%	\$396,352.84	16%	407,350.00	17%
Total 310.00 - Per Capita Taxes	\$14,929.67	1%	\$14,464.49	1%	\$16,250.00	1%	\$12,878.23	1%	14,850.00	1%
310.10 - Real Estate Transfer Tax	\$114,910.56	5%	\$131,551.03	5%	\$110,000.00	5%	\$99,065.58	4%	110,000.00	5%
Total 310.20 - Earned Income Tax	\$781,100.60	32%	\$846,529.65	33%	\$760,000.00	32%	\$795,963.82	32%	760,000.00	32%
Total 310.50 - LST Tax	\$79,274.26	3%	\$85,124.30	3%	\$81,000.00	3%	\$89,007.92	4%	75,000.00	3%
Total 310.60 - Amusement/Admissions Tax	\$124,582.74	5%	\$109,912.50	4%	\$125,000.00	5%	\$83,927.50	3%	100,000.00	4%
All Remaining Revenue	\$823,157.40	34%	\$919,485.38	35%	\$859,135.75	37%	\$1,013,603.57	41%	884,029.14	38%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,426,636.03</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$2,597,840.26</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$2,349,235.75</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$2,490,799.46</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,351,229.14</b>	<b>100%</b>

GENERAL FUND EXPENSE CATEGORY	Actual 2015 Expense	2015 % of Total Expense	2016 Actual Expense	2016 Actual % of Total Expense	2017 Projected Expense	2017 Projected % of Total Expense	2017 Actual Revenue As Of 11/30/2017	2017 Actual % of Total Income As Of 11/30/2017	2018 Projected Expense	2018 Projected % of Total Expense
Total 400-409 - General Government	\$471,994.64	19%	\$516,614.94	20%	\$484,868.94	20%	\$432,674.72	18%	\$400,524.00	17%
Total 410 - Police	\$450,916.23	18%	\$523,811.67	21%	\$594,513.00	24%	\$631,421.51	26%	\$600,410.60	26%
Total 411-419 Public Safety	\$171,155.07	7%	\$136,863.66	5%	\$171,205.75	7%	\$224,804.33	9%	\$185,868.00	8%
Total 426-429 Public Works-Sanitation	\$7,315.65	0%	\$11,191.93	0%	\$10,000.00	0%	\$10,843.95	0%	\$11,400.00	0%
Total 430-439 - Public Works - Highways, Road	\$1,015,285.18	41%	\$1,200,066.75	47%	\$1,030,465.20	42%	\$979,116.65	40%	\$1,020,074.20	43%
Total 450-459 Culture-Recreation	\$5,750.06	0%	\$2,257.85	0%	\$15,012.00	1%	\$8,286.52	0%	\$12,621.82	1%
Total 486-488 Insurance, Casualty, and Surety	42,178.00	2%	47,641.00	2%	50,000.00	2%	\$41,658.00	2%	\$49,300.00	2%
All Remaining Expense	322,142.28	13%	116,286.43	5%	80,816.00	3%	\$110,415.42	5%	\$68,860.00	3%
<b>Total Estimated Expense</b>	<b>\$2,486,737.11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$2,554,734.23</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$2,436,880.89</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$2,439,221.10</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$2,349,058.62</b>	<b>100%</b>

## NEW SUPERVISORS:

### Stephanie Verna



Stephanie Verna holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Duquesne University and is a Certified Public Accountant. She currently serves as the Chief Financial and Operations Officer of a company that provides design training and resources to companies around the world. She started her career as an auditor with the Big Four accounting firms before holding various leadership positions in both public and privately owned companies in manufacturing, energy and insurance industries. Stephanie has 20 years of professional experience holding positions that require her to develop and execute strategic business plans, manage large projects, mitigate legal risk, handle human resource matters, and oversee all aspects of accounting, finance, and information technology.

Stephanie and her family are actively involved in Boy Scouts where she has served as a Boy Scout Troop Committee Member, Treasurer and Merit Badge Counselor for several years. Stephanie also serves as the Treasurer for the Ligonier Valley High School Marching Band Boosters.

Stephanie lives in Laughlintown with her husband and two sons.

### John Beaufort

John Beaufort is a lifelong resident of Ligonier and has been a member of the Ligonier Township VFD #1 for over 40 years and Emergency Management Director for almost 20 years. He was a member of the Waterford Waterworks Board and currently serves as a Secretary/Treasurer of the Ligonier Township Municipal Authority. In addition, he has been a business owner in the township for 20 years.



John and his wife have three daughters, all of which live in the township.

## TAX COLLECTOR

By Sue R. Kinsey

Ligonier Township spring property taxes (County and Township) will be mailed March 1, 2018.

Discount amount will be honored through April 30, 2018. Face amount through June 30, 2018 and Penalty amount through December 31, 2018

. Ligonier Township fall property taxes (School) will be mailed August 1, 2018. Discount amount will be honored through September 30, 2018, face amount through November 30, 2018 and penalty amount through December 31, 2018. All payments must be accompanied with a tax statement. If a receipt is requested, please include a self addressed stamped return envelope. Tax statements are no longer mailed to the mortgage companies. Tax statements are mailed to the taxpayer.

If applicable, please forward your statement to the mortgage company for prompt payment. The Tax notice is to be mailed to the last known post office address of each of the taxables. The tax collector's responsibilities for giving notice end when this action has been taken. Failure to receive a tax statement does not relieve the tax payer of the responsibility of payment. If you do not receive a tax statement, please contact the tax office. A drop-off slot is available at the tax collectors office to accept payments before or after business hours. Change of mailing address protocol : Address request forms are available at the tax office to be mailed to:

Westmoreland County Real Propert: Tax Division

ATTN: Address Change  
40 North Pennsy Ivania Ave. Suite 440  
Greensburg. PA 15601

Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday  
8:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon  
1:00 p.m. till 3:00 p.m.  
Friday: 8:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon

Last Saturday of the Month April and September  
9:00a.m. till 11:00 a.m.  
724-238-2300

# TOWNSHIP NEWS

## WESTMORELAND COUNTY LICENSE TO CARRY PERMIT

The Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office will be at the Ligonier Township Municipal Building to issue License to Carry Permits on:

Thursday, January 18

Thursday, February 22

Thursday, March 29

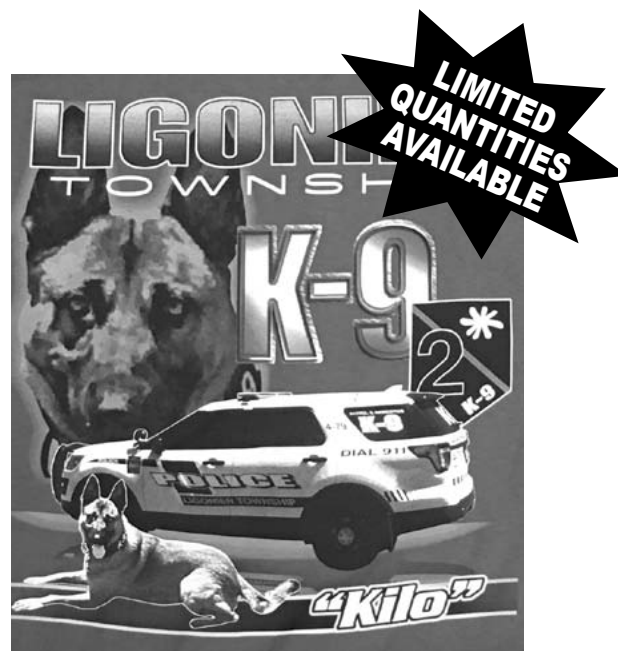
The available hours are 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. on each of the above listed dates.

## MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY UPDATE

The Ligonier Township Municipal Authority monthly workshops and meetings have been schedule as the last Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM and the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM respectively. This schedule is subject to change based on holiday conflicts. Please visit the Authority's website at [www.ligtwpma.com](http://www.ligtwpma.com) and click on "Meeting Calendar" to confirm meeting dates.

The Authority is also working to activate an automatic public notification program to inform notify customers when certain issues arise within the water and sewer systems. Please call us at 724-238-7464 or e-mail us at [admin@ligtwpwater.com](mailto:admin@ligtwpwater.com) to verify that we have your most up to date contact information.

Effective February 1, 2018 sewage rates will be increased for all Authority sewage customers to a rate of \$40.00 per month plus \$0.84/100 gallons of water used. The sewage rate for customers that utilize private wells will be a flat rate of \$70.00 per month. The rate increase will be reflected on quarterly sewage beginning May 1, 2018.



## K-9 T-SHIRTS

T-shirts are \$20 and Sweatshirts are \$30 for sizes Small-3XL. Youth size S-L are also available, though quantities are limited. You can do so by contacting Jimmy via Facebook (Ligonier Township PD K-9) or stopping by the Township to see Roxanne.

The Ligonier Township Municipal Building will be closed on:  
February 19 • March 30

The Township Building is open Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

# MEETINGS

## JANUARY • FEBRUARY • MARCH

All meetings\* will be held at the Twp. Municipal Complex

\*meeting dates subject to change

**Ligonier Township Municipal Authority** ..... 4:00 p.m.  
January 3 • February 7 • March 7 • April 4 • May 2 • June 6 • July 2  
August 1 • September 5 • October 3 • November 7 • December 5

**Lig. Twp. Municipal Authority Work Session** ..... 4:00 p.m.  
January 31 • February 28 • March 28 • April 25 • May 30 • June 27 • July 25  
August 29 • September 26 • October 30 • November 28 • December 26

**Ligonier Township Supervisors** ..... 7:00 p.m.  
January 9 • February 13 • March 12 • April 10 • May 8 • June 12 • July 10  
August 14 • September 11 • October 9 • November 13 • December 11

**Ligonier Township Supervisors Work Session** ..... 4:30 p.m.  
January 23 • February 27 • March 27 • April 24 • May 22 • June 26 • July 24  
August 28 • September 25 • October 23 • November 27 • No December meeting

**Ligonier Township Recreation Board** ..... 7:00 p.m.  
January 8 • February 12 • March 12 • April 9 • May 7 • June 11 • July 9  
August 13 • September 10 • October 8 • November 5 • December 10

**Ligonier Township Planning Commission** ..... 7:00 p.m.  
January 25 • February 22 • March 22 • April 26 • May 24 • June 28 • July 26  
August 23 • September 27 • October 25 • November 29 • December 27

**Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board** ..... 7:30 p.m.  
January 16 • February 20 • March 20 • April 17 • May 15 • June 19 • July 17  
August 21 • September 18 • October 16 • November 20 • December 18



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**MEETINGS**  
**JANUARY • FEBRUARY • MARCH**

**Ligonier Township Supervisors:**

Wade Thomas (Chairman), Paul Knupp (Vice-Chairman),  
 Stephanie Verna (Secretary/Treasurer), D. Scott Matson,  
 John Beaufort

Ligonier Township Municipal Building.....724-238-2725

**Volunteer Fire Departments Directory**

Waterford Volunteer Fire Department.....724-238-0471  
 Chief Robert Beaufort

Darlington Volunteer Fire Department.....724-238-4820  
 Chief Robert McDowell                      Cell....814-242-3785

Wilpen Volunteer Fire Department .....724-238-6585  
 Chief Michael DiRinaldo

**Ligonier Township Web Site**.....www.ligoniertownship.com

**Ligonier Township Fax Number** .....724-238-3711

**Pennsylvania Municipal Service Co** .....412-828-2178

**Berkheimer Tax Administrator** .....866-701-7206

**LIGONIER TOWNSHIP**  
**DIRECTORY**

**Ligonier Township Manager/Zoning Officer** ....724-238-2725 ext 110  
 Terry Carcella

**Ligonier Township Financial Administrative Assistant/  
 Assistant Secretary/Treasurer**.....724-238-2725 ext 111  
 Roxanne Shadron

**Ligonier Public Works Director** .....724-238-2725 ext 139  
 Russell Morgan

**Ligonier Township Administrative Assistant  
 Public Works/Police Depts.** .....724-238-2725 ext 112  
 Laurel Ross

**Ligonier Township Police** .....724-238-5105  
 Chief of Police Michael W. Matrunic

**Ligonier Twp. Code Enforcement Officer**.....724-238-2725 ext 115  
 Keith Ashley

**Ligonier Township Municipal Authority** .....724-238-2725  
 Manager - Josh Kalp.....ext 340  
 Secretaries - Haidee Street.....ext 314  
                   - Gail Barnhart.....ext 313

**Ligonier Township Tax Collector** .....724-238-2300  
 Sue R. Kinsey