4th Quarter 2020

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.

- Terry Carcella

LIGONIER TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR – SAL VELLA

I want to thank all that have paid your taxes in person. It is a pleasure meeting you. I am located at 187 PA State Route 271, Ligonier (1/2 mile east of the Forks restaurant and Sheetz). I am in the Ligonier Self Storage Office Building directly across the street from Kenco (building with a large green roof). Office hours are Monday through Thursday 9 -12 and 1-4. I can be reached at 724-995-8228.

As you know, fall school real estate taxes are due. If you have not received your bill, please give me a call and I can mail it to you. If you plan on paying your spring and fall real estate taxes at the same time, please use separate checks. I have to maintain separate accounts. Multiple bills can be paid with one check as long they are for the same tax. If you would like a receipt, please send the entire bill with your check and a self-addressed stamped envelope. If no receipt is required, keep your taxpayer copy and send me the bottom portion of the bill that says “return this coupon if paying in full”. If you are making payments, send the coupon part of the bill for that month, 1st payment is due by September 30. Once a partial payment is made, you forfeit the 2% discount. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to call me. Thank you.

RECYCLING

The Township operates a drop-off recycling program at the Municipal Complex. We need the public’s cooperation to continue this program. Place mixed paper (newsprint, magazines, high grade paper) in one of the four YELLOW bins. Flatten cardboard before placing into one of the four BLUE recycling bins. Do not mix paper and cardboard – these are processed separately. Do not litter (This includes stacking or leaving material outside the bins). Do not overstuff the bins so that the lids cannot close. If the materials get wet, they cannot be recycled. Do call ahead to make sure there is room in the bins.

The recycling company we are working with has been hit hard by the pandemic and has very limited staff, so pickups are not as frequent.

WINTER PREPARATION

The decision to travel in winter storms (snow and/or icy conditions) is yours and yours alone, so please do not drive unless it is absolutely necessary. Please pay attention to all snow and travel advisories. Operators of plow vehicles need your help as much as you need theirs. They must devote their full attention to operating the plow equipment in addition to driving the vehicle. PLEASE – be patient and do not follow snow removal equipment too closely. Allow plenty of room for them to operate and do their jobs. Slow down! You may want and expect to be able to drive the speed limit, but will you be able to stop safely and keep your vehicle under control in unexpected situations?

If possible, do not park in the street or on road shoulders. Do not shovel, plow or blow snow onto roadways. This is prohibited by law and can cause a traffic hazard. It is best to place snow on the side of your driveway opposite the direction the plow approaches. This will allow the plow to carry snow away from your driveway instead of filling your driveway back in. If possible, wait until the roads have been plowed and pushed back before clearing your driveway. There is no practical way to clear the streets without depositing some snow in driveways. Snow banks must be pushed back to provide drainage for the next storm.

Plowing, sanding, salting, and snow removal takes time. During storms of long duration, crews work around the clock until everything is done. Our primary mission is to make roadways safe for the traveling public at a reasonable cost to our taxpayers.

LIGONIER VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Exciting news coming to the Ligonier Valley Police Department! According to Police Chief John E. Berger, the department has obtained, through grant money, to obtain body worn cameras. The cameras don't only protect the officer of any false allegations but they protect the citizen as well. The cameras will help with photographing possible crime scenes, evidence, etc. If it was not for grants or donations, equipment like this would not be possible. Anybody wanting to donate for future purchases can send donations to the LVPD located at 1 Municipal Park Drive, Ligonier, PA 15658, Attention Chief Berger. As always, thank you for your continued support.

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LIGONIER VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Your local volunteer firefighters wish to thank everyone who contributed to the annual Ligonier Valley Fire Companies campaign. Your continued support is heartwarming, and to those who have yet to contribute, we remind you: donations are always welcome in any amount - any time of the year. Checks can be mailed to Ligonier Valley Fire Companies, P. O. Box FIRE, Ligonier, PA 15658.

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*

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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Community Development & Zoning Officer/Open Records Manager
Jim Nieusma.....ext 116
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Public Works Director
Russ Morgan.....ext 139
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Administrative Assistant/Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Bethany Caldwell.....ext 112
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Ligonier Valley Police
Chief of Police, John Berger.....724-238-5105 or 724-238-5611

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Ligonier, PA 15658

Latrobe Center
326 McKinley Avenue
Latrobe, PA 15650

Call *724-238-5556* to schedule an appointment

LIGONIER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

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

Ligonier Township Supervisors Monthly Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
Oct 13 • Nov 10 • Dec 8

Ligonier Township Supervisors 2nd Monthly Meeting.....4:30 p.m.
Oct 27 • Nov 24 • Dec 22

MEETINGS
October . November . December

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

Ligonier Township Municipal Authority.....4:00 p.m.
Oct 7 • Nov 4 • Dec 2

Lig. Twp. Municipal Authority Work Session.....4:00 p.m.
Oct 21 • Nov 18 • Dec 16

Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board.....7:00 p.m.
Oct 20 • Nov 17 • Dec 15

Ligonier Township Planning Commission.....7:00 p.m.
Oct 22 • Nov 26 • Dec 24

Ligonier Township Recreation Board.....7:00 p.m.
Oct 12 • Nov 9 • Dec 14

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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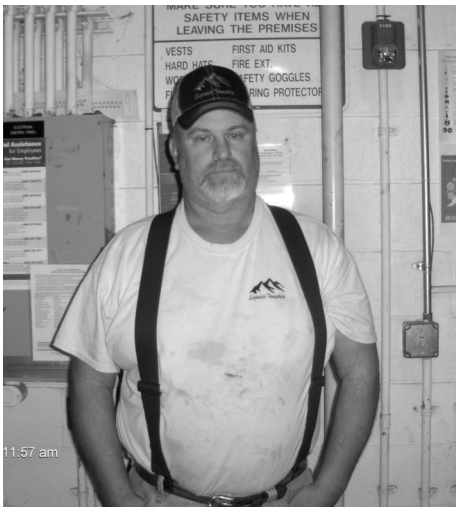
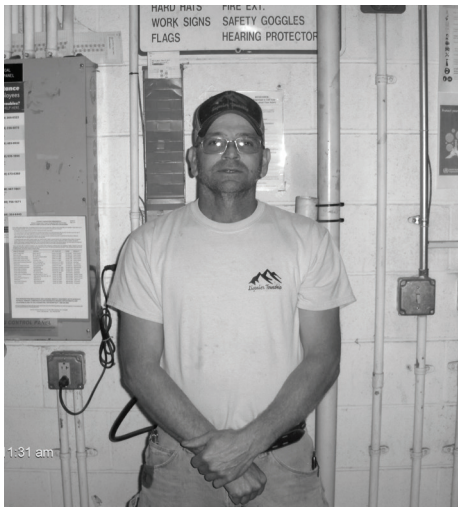
PUBLIC WORKS

Our Public Works crew handles 92.1 square miles consisting of 122 roads! The Public Works Department does an outstanding job with maintaining the roads throughout the seasons with only a six-man crew. You are encouraged to contact Russ Morgan, 724-238-2725 x139, with any issues concerning roads and/or storm water issues.

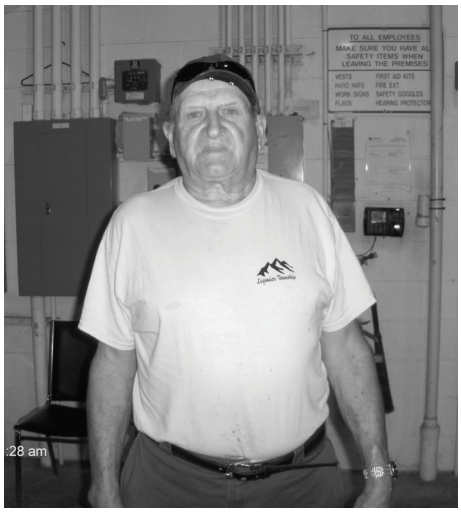


Tim Leonard - 20 years



Russell Berkey – 12 years

Lenny Mulheren – 20 years



Butch Knupp – 31 years

Mike Shadron – 7 months

Cord Kelly – 7 months

Russell Morgan – 5 years
Public Works Director

Township of Ligonier
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~~~TOWNSHIP CLOSED~~~
November 11, 26, 27, 30
December 25, 28

To: Our Neighbors At

LIGONIER BEACH UPDATE

The second public meeting was held on Saturday, September 26th. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update, share ideas, and collect feedback. Approximately 45 people attended the meeting. Listed below are comments/ideas that were presented.

- Art Retreat
- Multi-faceted park (pavilion/playground/dog park/rustic barn for events, etc.)
- Trail Building with environmental consideration (biking / roller blading / stone benches) with a minimalist approach
- Saving the pool
- Community Building – turn the pool into nature with landscaped water features that could be viewed from a modern LEED certified community event blog.

If you have feedback or additional ideas, a survey has been posted on our website or you can pick one up at the Municipal Building.

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