



TALK *of the* TOWNSHIP

A Newsletter for our Residents

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A NOTE FROM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Procrastination: to be slow or late about doing something that should be done.

As we discuss and prepare the Act 537 Sewage Plan submittal to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), let us look back at our history of sewage planning in Ligonier Township...

49 years ago, the Township submitted its first plan to Westmoreland County. This plan recommended construction of a collection system and treatment plants in 4 different areas of the Township. The project never got off the ground – it was canceled.

46 years ago, the Township identified the need for 3 separate sewer systems, each divided by drainage areas. The report was never approved by DEP.

31 years ago, a Sewage Feasibility Study was completed for the Laughlintown-Loyalhanna Creek area. No action was ever taken regarding this study.

27 years ago, the first “Act 537 Plan” for Ligonier Township was recorded (February 1992). The plan addressed public sewage on Township wide basis. The plan was never approved by DEP. In October 1994 a similar plan was prepared and once again, the plan wasn’t approved by DEP.

23 years ago, a report was prepared, this time at the request of the DEP, however there is no record the report was actually submitted.

21 years ago, the Act 537 plan was updated and evaluated various alternatives to serve the four main areas: Area I – Laughlintown to the east, Area II – Longbridge, Buttermilk Falls, Darlington & Four Mile Run to the west, Area III – Oak Grove, Waterford, & Wilpen to the north, and Area IV – Rector the south.

Finally, in spring of 2013 we completed the Area I sewage expansion project and we finished up the Area II project in December 2014. The cost of these two projects combined (Area I & II) was more than \$20 million. We cannot afford to procrastinate anymore, we must continue with plans to address Area III. This is about maintaining local control. Every time we delay, we risk the DEP coming in and telling us (i.e. mandating) what to do. It’s also about public health and safety. Failed septic systems pollute our streams and drinking water. When water quality declines, so does community recreational value and property values. Updating our Act 537 plan and expanding sewer service is the proactive approach to these concerns.

Terry Carcella

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Volunteer Fire Departments Directory

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



PUBLIC WORKS

Meet Russell Morgan, or “Captain” as he is affectionately known around the Municipal Building. Captain is retired from the Navy, he spent 20+ years serving his country at home and abroad. Today, he continues his service to community as your Public Works Director. If there is a tree down or other road issue, he’s the one to call at 724-238-2725, x139.



The following roads are scheduled for seal & chipping road maintenance:

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| California Avenue | Hall Road | School Street |
| Center Road | Horner Hill Road | Singer Way |
| Darr Street | Lake Drive | Weimer Alley |
| | Locust Street | |

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Township staff would like to recognize Roxanne Shadron, Financial Director. Roxanne started with the Township in 2014. She has been instrumental in the organization and administration of the day-to-day business operations. She has always been about open and transparent government with a keen eye and she’s a stickler for details! She has kept the Township in compliance with governmental accounting principles as evidenced by perfectly clean audits. She has worked on many special projects and most recently ensured a smooth transition when the Borough and Township Police Departments merged. She never hesitates to ask the hard questions and is always advocating for the Township residents. We will miss her tremendously, but wish her success as she has taken an opportunity to advance her career!

Thank you Rox, for your excellent service and dedication to the Township.

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The Township operates a drop-off recycling program at the Municipal Complex located at 1 Municipal Park Drive. Place Mixed Paper (newsprint, magazines, high grade paper) in one of the three YELLOW bins. Please flatten Cardboard before placing in the BLUE recycling bins. Please do not put cardboard in the yellow paper bins or leave it on the ground. You can call ahead to make sure there is room in the bins.

Loop is a recycling center located at 2010 Borland Farm Road in Export, PA. They are open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and recycle CPU's, Laptops, Game Consoles, Cell Phones, Uninterrupted Power Supplies, Computer Boards, RAM, Processors for free! They also recycle tvs, monitors, bulbs, and light bulbs for a fee. Call them at (724) 519-7646 for pricing.

LIGONIER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (LTMA)

Did you know - You have payment options

- We accept payments anytime during the 3-month billing period and apply these payments to your account as credit; this helps to alleviate 1 large quarterly bill.
• You can set up auto-pay so that your payment is deducted from your checking account in full, on the bill's due date.
• We also provide a drop slot in the front door of our building. You can access this 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, holidays included. The payments go into a locked box on the inside.
• We accept credit card payments, but the credit card companies will add a processing fee to your payment - the minimum fee is \$3.00.

When mailing or dropping off checks, please include your account number on the "memo" line of the check to help ensure payment is applied to the correct account.

We are in the process of updating our customer files. Please provide us with a phone number where we could reach you - this will help us provide you with better service should we have to contact you about your account or in case of emergencies.

LTMA Personal Directory (724) 238-7464

Manager Anthony "Griff" Griffith.....ext 340

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

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STORMWATER & FLOODPLAINS

It's raining, it's pouring...

Please do not block stormwater drains with lawn clippings and leaves. Do not open man-hole covers to alleviate stormwater; this puts additional strain on the sewer system and is hazardous for both pedestrians and vehicles.

Development in a floodplain requires a permit – this does not necessarily mean fees. The Township is required by federal law to have records on file for any “man made” changes (gardens, sheds, etc.) to the floodplains. Additionally, it is the responsibility of the landowners to keep waterways running through their private property clear of debris. For more information, please visit the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection at www.dep.pa.gov.

LIGONIER VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Congratulations to the Class of '19!

Whether you have plans to continue your education this fall or enter the workforce this summer, please consider volunteering at one of the four volunteer fire companies that serve the residents of this Township (Waterford, Wilpen and Darlington located in the Township and Ligonier located in the Borough). Collectively they provide a much needed service to the Ligonier community.

Volunteering has many benefits, including \$\$ FREE TUITION \$\$ for qualified candidates at Westmoreland County Community College and under a special federal grant, up to \$10,000 tuition at almost any postsecondary educational or technical training program. Just remember to ask about the S.A.F.E.R. Grant. Training will be required - lots of it. You'll be learning new skills - life saving skills - that may lead to new opportunities. If you think you're up to the challenge, consider adding Volunteer Firefighter on your resume.

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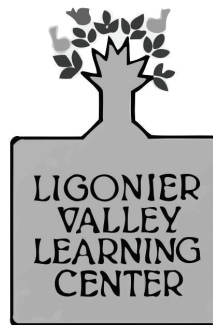
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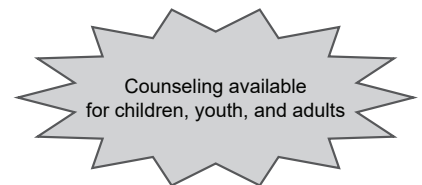
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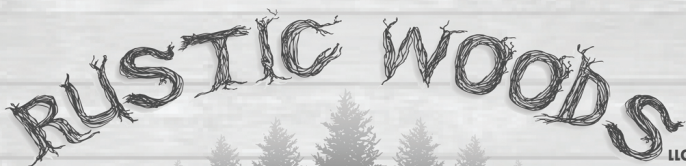
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LIGONIER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

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

Ligonier Township Supervisors Monthly Meeting.....7:00 p.m. Ligonier Township Supervisors Work Session.....4:30 p.m.
Jul 9 • Aug 13 • Sep 10 Jul 23 • Aug 27 • Sep 24

MEETINGS

JULY • AUGUST • SEPTEMBER

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

Ligonier Township Municipal Authority.....7:00 p.m. Jul 3 • Aug 7 • Sep 4	Lig. Twp. Municipal Authority Work Session.....4:00 p.m. Jul 26 • Aug 28 • Sep 25
Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board.....7:30 p.m. Jul 16 • Aug 20 • Sep 17	Ligonier Township Planning Commission.....7:00 p.m. Jul 25 • Aug 22 • Sep 26
Ligonier Township Recreation Board.....7:00 p.m. Jul 8 • Aug 12 • Sep 9	Ligonier Joint Plan Steering Committee.....7:00 p.m. Jul 2 • Aug 1 • Sep 5

TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL DIRECTORY

(724) 238-2725

Manager Terry Carcella.....ext 110	Public Works Director Russ Morgan.....ext 139
Financial Director Vacant.....ext 111	Administrative Assistant/Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Bethany Caldwell.....ext 112
Community Development & Zoning Officer/Open Records Manager Jim Nieusma.....ext 116	
Code Enforcement Officer Keith Ashley.....ext 115	Ligonier Township Police Chief of Police, John Berger.....724-238-5105 or 724-238-5611

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

Ligonier Township Municipal Building will be closed on: JULY 4-5 and SEPTEMBER 2

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TOWNSHIP CLOSED
JULY 4-5 &
SEPTEMBER 2

To: Our Neighbors At

WESTMORELAND COUNTY LAND BANK

Ligonier Township is the latest municipality to join the county-wide Land Bank along with the Ligonier Valley School District. This brings the Land Bank's total member count to 24 municipalities and 14 school districts within Westmoreland County.

Municipalities often find themselves in difficult predicaments when trying to acquire blighted properties in areas targeted for redevelopment. A Land Bank offers the tools and powers necessary to make that kind of redevelopment possible. The Land Bank acquires, holds, and transfers interest in real property throughout the county as approved by the Board of Directors. The overall goals are to deter the spread of blight, promote redevelopment and reuse of vacant, tax delinquent properties, stabilize neighborhoods, and stimulate industrial development.

To learn more about the projects of the Westmoreland County Land Bank, please visit www.westmorelandlandbank.com.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY GUN PERMIT SCHEDULE

The Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office will be at the Municipal Building to issue License to Carry Permits from noon to 6:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Thursday, Jul 25 • Thursday, Aug 22 • Thursday, Sep 26

TOWNSHIP LOGO CONTEST

The Township is holding a logo design contest! We are looking for a visual image to represent the Township while capturing the unique spirit of our community.

Please submit your entry to Terry Carcella, Township Manager by Friday, August 30, 2019.

The winner will receive \$100!