

## **April 9, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Borough Council was held Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall with President Jordan Frei presiding.

**Members present:** Jordan Frei, Carol Barton, Judy Hoffer, Jim Norris, Nancy Pleskovitch, John Poznick, Paul Verostko.

**Others Present:** Secretary-Treasurer Jan Shaw, Street Supervisor Ron Ross, Mayor Tom Freeman, Engineer Jason Mash, Solicitor Mark Sorice, Police Chief Michael Matronics, & Fire Chief Matt Ferry.

### **PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Tom Freeman presented a proclamation to American Legion Post 267, it was presented to Commander Hutchinson & Eddie Shawley, to thank them for all they do for Ligonier, and for the Veterans and their families.

### **BIDS RESULTS:**

A **motion** was made by John Poznick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Hoffer to award the bid to Quaker Sales pending review by Jason Mash. The motion was carried with all in favor.

Russell Standard: \$49,219.17

Quaker Sales: \$43,810.47

Midland: \$46,334.53

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A **motion** was made by Nancy Pleskovitch and seconded by Carol Barton to approve the minutes of March's regular meeting as presented. The motion was carried with all in favor.

### **BILLS PAYABLE**

A **motion** was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Jim Norris to approve the Bills Payable as presented.

The motion carried with all in favor.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A **motion** was made by John Poznick and seconded by Carol Barton to approve the Consent Calendar.

The motion was carried with all in favor.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive session was held from 7:11-7:20

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The first grant of the year was for 20 barriers & 20 pivot points

A **motion** was made by Jim Norris, seconded by Nancy Pleskovitch to change to the Borough purchasing 30 barriers and Ft Ligonier Days will pick up the cost of 8 pivots. The motion was carried with all in favor.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Hunter McKain wrote that LYBSA will be making improvements to the fencing and surrounding areas at the baseball fields. Nancy Pleskovich requested that the Borough and LYBSA look over the agreement that was done in 2021 to make sure nothing needs updated, and for the agreement to be put into more formal terms.

She also stated the High School doesn't have any type of agreement with the LYBSA. They will be meeting and working on a standard agreement, Nancy suggested that a more formal agreement be worked on. Mark Sorice recommended, that with the increased use of the fields that the Borough could see an increase in the insurance premium.

A letter was received from John Goodish on behalf of the merchants. They have expressed concerns that by not being on the Diamond, potential customers are not aware that there are additional merchants off the Diamond area. They would like to propose that there be sandwich boards on several corners with a list of all merchants in the following blocks. Signs would be displayed from Friday morning until Sunday evening. There would be a minimum of 4 boards but no more than 6 depending on the number of vendors on the block. The boards would be positioned so they are not a hazard to pedestrians. This would be a temporary action until permanent signage could be installed.

A **motion** was made by Carol Barton seconded by Paul Verostko to suspend the right of way enforcement of temporary signs, for the placement of up to 6 temporary sandwich boards. Signs will be up from Friday morning till Sunday evenings, the first week in May till the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in October and will not interfere with sight distance. All of Council was in favor.

A letter was received from John Goodish, Tubmill Creek Provisions and Tubmill Creek Farms would like to offer free parking to merchants on each Saturday in May. He is willing to pay \$500 for each of the 5 Saturdays in May or \$2,500 for the month. Funds would be paid no later than April 28, 2026. In addition he would provide the meter covers, which will be heavy duty clear plastic bags with drawstrings and a clear pouch. This will allow the covers to display a custom "Free Parking Sponsored By" message so that these bags could be re-used for additional sponsorship. They would be placed on the meters after 5:00 pm Fridays and removed after 5:00 pm Saturdays.

A **motion** was made by Jordan Frei, seconded by Paul Verostko, that \$500 is the standard number to sponsor "Saturday Free Parking". The motion was carried with all in favor.

A **motion** was made by Jordan Frei, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Barton to accept the contribution from John Goodish, Tubmill Creek Provisions and Tubmill Creek Farms, in the amount of \$2,500 and for his corps of volunteers to be able to bag the meters the 5 Saturdays in May. All of Council was in favor.

A letter was received from Angel Tunstall, owner of PAWS on Main, requesting permission to have a small mobile vendor called Scoop Dog. It is a small vintage-style trailer that serves ice cream treats made for dogs. She is hoping to host this possibly May, around the 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>, as well as options in June, August, or September.

A **motion** was made by Jim Norris seconded by John Poznick to accept PAWS on Main request to have a mobile vendor, Scoop Dog, for a possible upcoming date in mid-May or June. All of Council was in favor.

A **motion** was made by Jim Norris seconded by John Poznick to suspend our current mobile vendor ordinance to allow this particular dog-only vendor to have their event. All of Council was in favor.

A Letter was received from Ligonier Valley Chamber of Commerce requesting permission to host "The Stroll" on Friday August 7, 2026 from 5-9 pm. They are also requesting the same detour route as Ft. Days. Permission is also requested to bag parking meters within the detour area from 1:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

A **motion** was made by Judy Hoffer, seconded by John Poznick to approve this request. All of Council was in favor.

A Letter was received from LVPD. They would like to request Lot A, W Church St. from N. Market to N. Fairfield St., and Bank Alley from N. Market Street to N. Fairfield St., be closed from 2:30 pm to 9:00 pm for National Night Out, on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

A **motion** was made by Nancy Pleskovitch, seconded by Carol Barton to approve this request. All of Council was in favor.

A letter was received from the Ligonier Country Market, they would like to make a financial contribution of \$2,000 toward providing free parking in town on a number of Market Saturdays. The Council has decided to wait and hear more from them in May.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PARKS & RECREATION**

Nancy Pleskovitch is asking for volunteers to come forward to help with fundraising so the project can get restarted, but no one has responded. Borough may have to down size the project at Friendship Park.

### **TOWN HALL**

The cabinets have arrived, some of them have been installed. They were able to reuse the stainless countertops and Ron reconfigured those so they would fit. Ron and his crew have done a wonderful job. The round and rectangle tables were ordered and have arrived. A motion was made by Judy Hoffer, seconded by Jim Norris to dispose of the old tables. All of Council approved.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

The crew has been busy picking up brush, performing equipment maintenance. They recently demoed a street sweeper and repaired the bell at Town Hall. Dumpster day is soon and mowing has started.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Hosted an emergency management education quorum in the Community Room.

### **FINANCE**

The accounts are doing very well for the year, first quarter our equities are up 1.5% while the Dow is down 3% and S&P is down 4.3%. Also received annual Liquid Fuel Tax in the amount of \$56,007 and received annual dividends of \$24,000 from MRM for workman's comp, property & liability.

### **PLANNING/PERSONNEL**

Debbie Rhodes is in place in the office, and she is doing a great job. Carol & Jordan met with Bob Regola to have him work on grants.

### **SHADE TREE**

None. Ron advised there are a few trees that people have requested be removed due to them causing root damage to sidewalks.

### **STORMWATER**

Notices have been sent out to 800 property owners giving information about Stormwater. The first 200 billings will go out around April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A **motion** made by Jordan Frei seconded by John Poznick, to have a temporary sign enforcement holiday in the commercial districts, every Saturday between May 2 – October 4, 2026 allowing businesses to advertise on their property, signs must stay within property lines, can't impede pedestrian traffic, and can't be attached to Borough property. All of Council was in favor.

A **motion** was made by Jordan Frei seconded by Carol Barton, to hire a temporary Engineer from Gibson Thomas @ \$160 per hour. All of Council was in favor.

### **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **COMMENDATIONS & COMMENTS**

Jr. Council: Emma has written an article for PSAB magazine.

Secretary-Treasurer: None

Street Supervisor: None

Solicitor: None

Fire Chief/Rep: None

Engineer: Hazel Alley, all pipes and inlets have been installed, just have to finish restoration.

Zoning: None

Police Chief: None

Mayor: None

President: Reminder statements of financial interest are due May 1, 2026.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A **motion** was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Carol Barton to adjourn the meeting. All of Council was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.