

JULY 9, 2026

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

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

Absent: Matt Ferry and Jason Mash.

Others Present: Secretary-Treasurer Jan Shaw, Street Supervisor Ron Ross, Mayor Tom Freeman, Solicitor Mark Sorice, and Police Chief Mike Matrunics.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **motion** was made by Carol Barton and Seconded by Nancy Pleskovitch to approve the minutes of June'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 John Poznick to approve the Bills Payable as presented. The motion was carried with all in favor.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A **motion** was made by Nancy Pleskovitch and seconded by Carol Barton to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was carried with all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Skye Batista 108 St. Clair St. would like to file a complaint regarding the lighting associated with the gaming establishment that is directly attached to her residence.

George Kerezsi, 347 Indian St. had a complaint about grass being high on neighbors property, Council advised a letter was sent out last week.

George Kerezsi asked if there were any citations handed out on the 4th of July. He would like the police to pay more attention to residents putting off fireworks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A **motion** was made by Carol Barton and seconded by Judy Hoffer to open the Agenda for Parks & Recreation and a parking proposal. The motion was carried with all in favor.

A **motion** was made by Nancy Pleskovitch and seconded by John Poznick to send out donation request letters for the Friendship Park Project. The motion was carried with all in favor.

A **motion** was made by Carol Barton and seconded by Paul Verostko to charge McCabe Funeral Home \$100 per year for 4 parking meter bags to use during funerals and visitation the agreement will remain as long as the business remains a funeral home. The motion was carried with all in favor.

A **motion** was made by Paul Verostko and seconded by Carol Barton to communicate the Borough's support of proceeding with the new police building, and accepting the grant funds to do so.

The motion was carried with all in favor.

Still working on the Police Code of Conduct.

A survey has to be conducted for Acquisition of property at Walnut and Main St.

A **motion** was made by Paul Verostko and seconded by Carol Barton to approve the Keslar property on West Main St. as a temporary festival area for Ft. Ligonier Days. The motion was carried with all in favor.

A **motion** was made by Jim Norris and seconded by Judy Hoffer to seek inclusion into Foot Hills COG and their UCC Appeals Board. A petition for inclusion is needed. The motion was carried with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

A **motion** was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by Nancy Pleskovich that the Council has no objection to Mr. Swarden cleaning the headstones at Old Ligonier Cemetery with D/2 Biological Solution.

A **motion** was made by Paul Verostko and seconded by John Poznick to accept the anonymous donation of a used forklift. The forklift was valued at \$3,000. The motion was carried with all in favor.

A **motion** was made by Paul Verostko and seconded by Judy Hoffer to approve Ligonier Valley Chamber of Commerce hosting the Pumpkin & Spice Festival on Saturday, October 25, 2026 from 11 am to 2 pm. The motion was carried with all in favor.

A **motion** was made by Nancy Pleskovitch and seconded by Judy Hoffer to approve a request from Ligonier Valley Chamber of Commerce to use the lampposts around the Diamond and court yard to display scarecrows for the annual Scarecrow Contest and for businesses to display scarecrows on the front porches or adjacent yard space. The motion was carried with all in favor.

A **motion** was made by Jim Norris and seconded by John Poznick to approve a request from Ligonier Valley Chamber to modify the vendor layout for this year’s Bark in the Borough to go back to East & West Main Street as originally requested rather than relocating to Church St. The motion was carried with all in favor.

A **motion** was made by Jordan Frei and seconded by Judy Hoffer to accept the resignation of Nancy Pleskovitch from Ligonier Borough Council. The motion was carried with all in favor.

A **motion** was made by Judy Hoffer and seconded by John Poznick to advertise for letters of interest, to replace Nancy Pleskovitch on Council, to be in by July 31, 2026. The motion was carried with all in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS AND RECREATION

Nothing

TOWN HALL

Judy Hoffer would like to thank Ron for the work he has done on the cabinets and sink.

PUBLIC WORKS

Street Department is prepping roads for Tar/Chipping.

Busy mowing. Hazel Alley Stormwater Project has been completed.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Nothing

FINANCE

Nothing

PLANNING/PERSONNEL

Nothing

SHADE TREE

Nothing

STORMWATER AUTHORITY

The Authority would like to share One Gov software platform with Borough

NEW BUSINESS

A **motion** was made by Nancy Pleskovitch and seconded by Jim Norris to proceed with forming a committee to review the Comprehensive Plan that consists of the present Ligonier Borough Planning Commission, with others to be added as needed. The motion was carried with all in favor.

One Gov – Waiting on more information.

A **motion** was made by John Poznick and seconded by Paul Verostko to appoint the Mayor to be in charge of The Hallmark Channel’s Merriest Christmas Contest submission. The motion was carried with all in favor.

A **motion** was made by John Poznick and seconded by Jim Norris that Council must approve acceptance of gifts/donations over a DeMinimus level of \$1,000. The motion was carried with all in favor.

A **motion** was made by Nancy Pleskovitch and seconded by Jim Norris, to approve Diane Gove as Deputy Tax Collector for Ligonier Borough. The motion was carried with all in favor.

A **motion** was made by Jordan Frei and seconded by Jim Norris to approve meters to be bagged on East Church St. and Lot C, for the Ligonier Fire Department Crab Fest. The motion was carried with all in favor.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Nothing

COMMENDATIONS & COMMENTS

JR. COUNCIL

Nothing

SECRETARY-TREASURER

Updates reported on PA 250 activities.

SOLICITOR

Thanked the Borough for approving police facility.

STREET SUPERVISOR

There will be no parking around the Diamond and on the 1st blocks surrounding the Diamond for the PA 250 Celebration. Detour will have no parking on South side of East and West Loyalhanna, East side of North and South St. Clair, South side of East Church, and West Vincent, East & West Main. The barriers will be placed around 2:00 pm.

FIRE CHIEF/REP

Reported 6 firefighters have passed fire fighter 2 class.

ENGINEER

Nothing

ZONING

Nothing

POLICE CHIEF

Thanked the Borough for approving the new police station. Reported on active shooter training at the high school and the passing of K9 officer Kilo. Training will begin in a few weeks with new K9.

MAYOR

Thanked Council for voting for the new police station. Thanked Ft. Ligonier Days for sponsoring fireworks for 4th of July. Free parking on Saturday’s is going very well. Would like to see work sessions continue.

PRESIDENT

Would like to see put on Savvy Citizen about people not stopping at stop signs in the Borough.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A **motion** to adjourn was made by Nancy Pleskovitch and seconded by Judy Hoffer. All of Council was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Janette Shaw
Secretary-Treasurer