



"Talk of the Township"

Township of Ligonier • One Municipal Park Drive • Ligonier, PA 15658

A Newsletter For Our Residents

July • August • September 2015

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Fact or Fiction for Ligonier Township

Dick Scaife was a resident of Ligonier Township. He believed in a free press that reported the facts. The recent regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Supervisors on July 14, 2015 was attended by a reporter from the Trib. A news release concerning the cost of Township Government pertaining to the Administration was distributed to everyone in attendance, however, no report or story appeared in the Trib in the days following the meeting. The July 14th meeting had a lengthy agenda and a lot of business was discussed. Decisions were made that affect public funds, yet, not one word was printed in the Trib regarding this meeting. Why?

Perhaps some of those in the media fail to understand Local Government? On January 13, 2015, Ligonier Township declared our Comprehensive Development Ordinance to be invalid and illegal. The curative amendment process for an entire ordinance comprised of zoning and land development regulations was successful, and never attempted before in Pennsylvania, to the best of my knowledge. This success is credited to the Supervisors of Ligonier Township. To this day I do not believe people from the media understand the difference between a Supervisor and Roadmaster position. All of our Supervisors in Ligonier Township are not paid as of January 2015! The only pay they receive is for meeting attendance, in accord with the Second Class Township Code.

In my opinion, the most disturbing statement from the media was a statement, found in the Tribune-Reviews Laurels and Lances section, that states Ligonier Township offers few services. We have seven public works personnel, and a full time police department of eight officers that is funded and operates efficiently. I challenge you to show me a municipality in Western Pennsylvania that operates a police department and public works crew, along with zoning and code enforcement on 5 mills of tax revenue.

It appears easy for the Editors of the Tribune-Review to attempt to stir controversy in the Laurels & Lances section over the last year. It seems there have been plenty of Lances reported, but when good news comes from a meeting there seems to be no coverage. Everybody has an agenda. Mine is to help develop Local Government that is fair and efficient for the taxpayers of Ligonier Township. What is the Tribune-Review's agenda?

Terry Carcella
Manager, Ligonier Township

TAX COLLECTOR

By Sue R. Kinsey

Ligonier Township Fall Taxes (school) will be mailed out on August 1, 2015. If you do not receive your statement, please contact the Tax Office. Failure to receive a statement does not relieve the taxpayers of the responsibility of payment. Tax statements are no longer mailed to the mortgage companies for payment. Taxpayers are responsible for sending the tax statement to the mortgage companies. When paying installments payments the last day to pay your 1st School Installment payment is September 30; last day to pay your 2nd Installment payment October 31; the last day to pay your 3rd Installment payment November 30; if you pay after these dates on your Installment payment there will be a 10% penalty added. The last day to pay school taxes (fall) at discount is September 30, 2015. If paying by mail or through the drop-off slot, make sure to enclose the statement and a self-addressed stamped envelope with the payment if you wish to receive a receipt. Ligonier Township Spring taxes (county and township) are at Penalty until December 31, 2015. After-hour, drop-off slot is available to accept payments before or after normal business hours. Change of mailing address protocol: Address request forms are available at the tax office to be mailed to:
Westmoreland County Real Property Tax Division
ATTN: Address Change:
40 North Pennsylvania Ave. Suite 440
Greensburg, PA 15601

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday thru Thursday - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Last Saturday of September
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

724-238-2300

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Township Police and the Township Thank You

Thank You!

Ligonier Township would like to thank everyone for all of the support and assistance in the loss of our dear friend and brother Officer Lt. Eric Eslary and the recovery and treatment of K-9 Officer Blek, especially Am-Vets, PVSEC of Pittsburgh, and Dr. Henry Croft and his staff.

The support of all the first responders from the Ligonier Valley Ambulance, all the Ligonier Valley Fire Department's, and especially our brother officers from Ligonier Borough, City of Latrobe, and the Pennsylvania State Police for your unwavering event support and assistance during this tragic event.

We want to recognize the generous support of the Ligonier Valley community and borough staff, all Westmoreland County municipalities, civic organizations and everyone who offered and submitted such generous support of the Eslary Family and Ligonier Township. A simple Thank You cannot express the overwhelming gratitude we have for your support.

Ligonier Township Municipal Authority

Thank you for your patience and understanding to all current and future customers as we are working through our ongoing projects.

Consumer Confidence Reports are available on our web site and hard copies can be obtained in the office.

We are pleased that our new software is working well and more and more of you continue to utilize our online site which provides you with balances, usages and ability to pay your bill online at www.ligtwpwater.com. Automatic draft is available by signing up in the office. If you have any questions regarding these services please call the secretarial staff between 7 – 3:30 Monday thru Friday at (724) 238-7464.

LTMA accepts the following forms of payment: American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa (service charges apply) We still accept checks, money order and cash. A lock box is available in the front door of the Township Building to drop any payments at any time.

New Employee

The Township would like to introduce our new Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Richard Bell. Mr. Bell joined us on June 15, 2015 and will be handling the Zoning, Code Enforcement, and Community Development for Ligonier Township. Please stop by at your convenience to Welcome Mr. Bell aboard!

The Ligonier Township Municipal Building
will be closed on:
Monday, July 6 for Independence Day
Monday, September 7, 2015 for Labor Day

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

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MEETINGS

JULY • AUGUST • SEPTEMBER

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

Lig. Twp. Municipal Authority..... 4:00 p.m.
July 1 • August 5 • September 2

Lig. Twp. Municipal Authority Work Session..... 4:00 p.m.
July 29 • August 26 • September 30

Ligonier Township Supervisors..... 7:00 p.m.
July 14 • August 11 • September 8

Ligonier Township Supervisors..... 4:30 p.m.
July 28 • August 25 • September 22

Ligonier Township Recreation Board..... 7:00 p.m.
July 13 • August 10 • September 14

Ligonier Township Planning Commission..... 7:00 p.m.
July 23 • August 27 • September 24

Ligonier Township Zoning Hearing Board..... 7:30 p.m.
July 21 • August 18 • September 15

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

DIRECTORY

Ligonier Township Supervisors 724-238-2725
Gary Thistlethwaite, Paul E. Knupp, D. Scott Matson,
Wade Thomas, Bruce Robinson

Ligonier Township Manager Terry Carcella

Ligonier Township Secretary/Treasurer Bruce A. Robinson

**Ligonier Township Financial Administrative Assistant/
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer**..... Roxanne Shadron

Ligonier Township Zoning Office..... 724-238-3640
Richard Bell

Ligonier Township Municipal Authority 724-238-7464
Manager - Paul Knupp
Secretaries - Haidee Street, Joyce Zickefoose

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

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

Ligonier Township Code Enforcement Office 724-875-2785
Richard Bell

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