Board of Public Works & Safety and Park Authority Meeting
Wednesday, May 27, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
Ligonier City Hall · 301 S. Cavin St. · Ligonier, IN 46767

Call to order by Mayor Earle Franklin

Roll Call
Present: Board Members Tom Janes, Ronny Terry, and Mayor Earle Franklin
City Attorney Laura Kaufman and Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

Approval of Minutes of May 13, 2026
Motion to approve: Ronny Terry
Second: Tom Janes
Vote: All Ayes

New Business
Phend and Brown – Pay Application #4 (Final)
Phend and Brown submitted the final pay application for the Community Crossings Paving 2024-02 Project. The total payment due is the retainage of $102,221.65. Any issues we may discover will be covered under the one-year warranty. John Nelson of VS Engineering recommended payment.
Motion to approve: Tom Janes
Second: Ronny Terry
Vote: All Ayes

Fire Department – Addition to Volunteers
Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver asked permission to add Lacy Leamon to the Volunteer Staff. She is presently a Cadet and went through the fire academy during high school and is also taking EMT courses. Would like to add after she graduates from high school next month.
Motion to approve: Tom Janes
Second: Ronny Terry
Vote: All Ayes

Park Department – Asphalt Crack Fill Quotes
Park Director John Parrish requested three quotes for crack sealing the walking track at Kenney Park and the parking lots at Kenney Park and Pettit Park.

Steel Curtain Asphalt Maintenance	$13,250.00
Buddy Young Asphalt LLC	$16,480.00
Jet Young	No Quote Provided

The recommendation was to award the job to Steel Curtain Asphalt Maintenance.
Motion to approve Steel Curtain Asphalt Maintenance: Earle Franklin
Second: Ronny Terry
Vote: All Ayes

Police Department – New Car Replacement Quote
Due to engine issues with one of our Dodge Durango Pursuit Vehicles, Police Chief Bryan Shearer recommended replacing the car. We verified with our financial consultants that we would be able to proceed this year with the unexpected purchase. BZ Auto was not comfortable putting together a Chevrolet Police Package and suggested we contact Kelley Automotive who is presently using a Chevrolet Police Package. The final costs with trade in are as follows:

John Jones	$45,450.00
Kelley Automotive	$44,149.00

Motion to approve the purchase from Kelly Automotive: Tom Janes
Second: Ronny Terry
Vote: All Ayes

Chief Shearer also asked permission to purchase the needed equipment for the new car from his existing equipment budget not to exceed $3,000.
Motion to approve: Tom Janes
Second: Ronny Terry
Vote All Ayes

Street Department – Paving Quotes for Alleys and Station Street
Street Superintendent Mike Burdette provided quotes to repave the "City Hall" alleys and Station Street – all of which have seen major deterioration.

Milestone Contractors L.P.	$37,516.00
Phend and Brown Inc.	$37,122.00
Pulver Asphalt Paving Inc.	$19,670.00

The recommendation was to award the job to Pulver Asphalt Paving Inc.

Motion to approve Pulver Asphalt Paving: Earle Franklin
Second: Ronny Terry
Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration
Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Met with St. Patrick's Catholic Church regarding a procession they plan to have on Sunday, June 7 beginning at 2:30. Previously we have had all processions/parades use our normal parade route as we feel it is the safest. They will also finish at Woodlawn Park, and they were directed to go through Kenney Park and the trail to cut across to Woodlawn Park and cross Lincolnway. Police will be there for traffic control.

Park Director John Parrish

- Things are going pretty well in the parks. The splash pad seems to be working without any leaks this year. The splash pad equipment was painted. We do have a bad sensor which arrive this week and will be installed. This is requiring us to manually turn water on and off during the operating hours.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Flyers regarding the closings for software updates and new online payment information will be put on social media, the city website, posted at City Hall, and in the Utility Bill Mailing.

Mayor Earle Franklin

- It was great to see Ligonier's support for the veterans at the memorial dedication on Monday.
- The veteran banners have been a big hit. Additional brackets have been obtained, and there is continued interest from residents wanting to add banners. More discussion is needed moving forward, but information will be collected from relatives and veterans to determine how many banner spaces remain available and if additional grant funding can be obtained.
- Betty Lou Designs donated the garden banners to the veterans families.

Adjournment
Motion to adjourn: Ronny Terry
Second: Tom Janes
Vote: All Ayes

Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

Earle Franklin, Mayor