

La Plume Township

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2021

The La Plume Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on the above date and was called to order by Chair Lisa Huffsmith. Also present were Supervisors Henry and Wohlken along with Roadmaster Bruce Van Fleet, Engineer John Seamans, EMC Barbara Scanlon and visitors, Paul Schirra and representatives from NEIC. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved, motion by Wohlken, seconded by Henry. The following Treasurer's Report was reviewed and will be filed.

General Fund Account balance	<u>\$170,412.12</u>	including interest of <u>\$1.44</u> and receipts of:
	\$1,802.50	Earned Income Tax
	2,631.67	Fire Relief Payment
	56.15	Public Utility Realty Tax Distrib, 2020
	755.58	Realty Transfer Tax. Nolan/Cook, Verazon/Miller
	246.22	Delinquent Tax (County)
	354.50	Bldg. Permit, Keystone Field House

Total Receipts	<u>\$5,846.62</u>
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State Fund Account Balance	<u>\$19,833.95</u>	including interest of <u>\$.17</u>
Cemetery Fund Account Balance	<u>\$709.07</u>	including interest of <u>\$.01</u>
PLGIT PLUS Savings Account Balance	<u>\$2,283.42</u>	including interest of <u>\$.08</u>

The following **BILLS** were approved, motion by Henry, seconded by Wohlken.

PPL	144.20	Street Lights
PPL	38.36	Building electricity
Berkheimer	20.19	Comm(15.94) Postage(4.25)
Dalton Do It Center	20.27	Sign Hardware
Scranton Times	576.00	2 ads(Snow Rem) 2 ads(Maple Rd)
La Plume Post Office	62.00	Annual Box Rental
Comcast	1,227.67	Connection to Building (paid in Sept)
Staples	40.47	Office Supplies
Shirley Lewis	49.00	Internet Connection
John Seamans	775.99	Engineer's Services
Van Fleet Home Repair	400.00	Install signs(40)Brush Cutting(200) Sluice(160)
Bradco Supply	49.80	Road Sign (Bow Hunters Lane)
Sara Van Fleet	35.00	Clean Building
Shirley Lewis	1,239.00	Secy/Treasurer's Salary

Total Bills	<u>\$4,677.95</u>
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Roadmaster Bruce Van Fleet reported a "no truck" sign was installed on N. Overbrook Road and one on Sunset Road. He met with Dustin Iacovazzi who will charge \$1,500 to brush cut all township roadsides. Roadmaster supervised sluice pipe work on N. Overbrook Road. Gas Line installation on Turnpike Road is on hold. Pothole repair is scheduled for College Road and Turnpike Lane. The sign for Bow Hunter Lane from Bradco was delivered. Motion was made by Huffsmith, seconded by Henry to accept the **brush cutting** offer of **\$1,500**.

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Regarding hiring an additional Building Code Enforcing company, Ken Marino, co-owner of NEIC addressed the Board and spoke of the company's history and what they can offer the Township, including supplying a Zoning Officer. He detailed his company's routine from a first request from a caller for permits and zoning complaints to the final result. He will provide rates and qualifications of members shortly and suggested the Township should have an International Property Maintenance code book on hand for references on violations.

Chair Lisa Huffsmith stated that Keystone College is still not completing requirements for their activity on campus. She will contact Stu Renda to discuss further.

John Seamans asked that a Planning Commission meeting be held to consider questions regarding Keystone College. A meeting will take place on October 21, at 6:00.

Motion was then made by Wohlken, seconded by Henry to adopt Resolution #5, 2021 regarding ARP funds of \$29,021 to be deposited into General Fund, account number 352.53.

Two Snow Removal bids for 2021-2022 were considered, one from Anthony Santarelli, Owner of Aqua Duro \$200/hour with a \$20,000 minimum and the other from Matthew Williams, owner of MHW. \$215/hour, with no minimum. Motion made by Henry, seconded by Wohlken to accept the bid offer of MHW.

Two bids were received for the Maple Road project, Linde Corp. for \$132,354 and MHW for \$55,875. The Project is in two parts. MHW's bid for Alternate 1 was \$33,500; Alternate 2 was \$22,375. Linde Corp.'s bid for Alternate 1 was \$63,167 and for Alternate 2, was \$69,187. Motion was made by Henry, seconded by Wohlken to award the Maple road Project to MHW.

Lisa Huffsmith suggested an estimate be required on the Maple Road Project regarding the number of trees that could be removed. Act 63, and other rules are conflicting on the subject. Owners of the property abutting the road are responsible for the care of trees, unless they pose a danger and if one falls, there's a question as to who is responsible for removing the tree. She suggested that tree limbs and other damaged parts could be taken down first.

Budget Preparation will be on 10/28 at 5:00. No further business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Lewis, Secretary