

La Plume Township

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 10, 2022

The La Plume Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on the above date, via ZOOM and was called to order by Chair Lisa Huffsmith. Also present were Supervisors Gerald Henry and Jeremy Wohlken along with Engineer John Seamans, Auditor John Farrar, EMC Barbara Scanlon, Roadmaster Bruce Van Fleet, visitors Kevin Howard, Brian Schirg. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved, motion by Huffsmith, seconded by Wohlken.

The following Treasurer's Report was reviewed and will be filed.

General Fund Account Balance:	<u>\$85,523.18</u>	including interest of \$.69 and receipts of:
	\$ 8,734.52	Earned Income Tax
	1,758.55	Comcast
	48.00	Sale, Zoning and SALDO ordinances to R. Kresge
	\$10,541.07	Total Receipts
State Fund Account	<u>\$34,492.47</u>	including interest of <u>.30</u>
Cemetery Fund Account	<u>\$709.11</u>	including interest of <u>.01</u>
PLGIT Plus Savings Account	<u>\$2,283.81</u>	including interest of <u>.07</u>

Following Bills were approved for payment, motion made by Henry, seconded by Wohlken

PP&L	43.97	Building Lights
PP&L	151.68	Street Lights
Berkheimer Assoc	157.79	Comm(149.45) Postage(8.34)
PSATS	295.00	Annual Dues
Shirley Lewis	49.00	Internet
Dalton Fire Co.	2,055.91	Annual Fire Protection
Factoryville Fire Co.	2,055.91	Annual Fire Protection.
Factoryville Fire Co	10,437.63	Fire Protection 2017-2021
John Seamans	812.50	Engineer Svc/Turnpike Ln/Grant pkg.
StoneHouse TBMA	650.00	Annual retainer/Payroll services
Kimberly Henry	235.99	Tax Collectors supplies
StoneHouse TBMA	46.95	Filing 1099 forms for 2021
Van Fleet Home Repair	180.00	Coordinate Maple Rd. tree removal ,limbs
NEIC	427.96	Zoning Officer report, including postage
American Rock Salt	1,480.55	Rock salt
MHW Construction	10,105.00	Snow plowing, 46 hours
Titan Tree Service	14,850.00	Trees removed on Maple Road
Lisa Huffsmith	468.93	Supervisor quarterly salary
Gerald Henry	468.93	Supervisor quarterly salary
Jeremy Wohlken	468.93	Supervisor quarterly salary
Sara Van Fleet	35.00	Cleaning building
Shirley Lewis	1,239.00	Secretary/Treasurer salary

Total Bills **\$46,716.63**

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Roadmaster Van Fleet reported Maple Road tree cutting went well. Roadmaster suggested clearing should be done there once a year. He attended a meeting with Penn DOT and others regarding the wash-out that occurred on N. Overbrook Road.

Kevin Howard from Factoryville Borough thanked the Board regarding fire protection payment for the last years that had not been billed previously. Roadmaster asked Mr. Howard if he could determine the advantage of using S. Overbrook Road as an “emergency” road.

Engineer John Seamans reported on the N. Overbrook/Penn DOT meeting on February 28. There was much discussion, John presented drawings, pipe installation dates and other information regarding DOT’s contribution to the water damage done on N. Overbrook. Representatives Karen Boback and Marty Flynn had representatives present. Another meeting should take place soon.

Engineer said Dirt and Gravel Grant Applications have been submitted. There has also been an unreasonable lack of progress regarding Keystone College projects, violations and meetings that don’t correct the problems.

Auditor John Farrar addressed the Board on the condition of Turnpike Lane, surface is crumbling, there are pot holes that need to be fixed. He also asked who owns the strip of land bordered by MHW and La Plume Township. Unless the Supervisors agree to a survey and efforts necessary to determine this question, the ownership is unclear. MHW pays no taxes to La Plume.

Mr. Farrar said there are tires and other junk on that strip of land. Supervisor Huffsmith questioned if previous owners paid taxes as Lackawanna County has the entire property in Dalton. She also stated she drove the road but did not see any items of “junk” on any parts of the property but said she would “walk” the land and investigate.

Auditor Farrar also asked about inventory of two desk tops, one printer and 3 laptops purchased from John Maros of MBC. He wonders where the others are. Supervisor Huffsmith indicated the computers were at MBC Solutions since there were multiple issues with installation across the highway and permits needed from PPL. Comcast has not completed their work at the Township Building in order to connect these items, Mr. Farrar will contact MBC to discuss further.

Zoning Officer Anthony Mengoni reported violation notices sent. Simmons, Federici, Darling’s Meat processing plant and Plummer’s Towing on Rt.6/11. It is his opinion Darling’s plant is a proper non-conforming use in a C-1 Zone. A resident questioned the three year period when no slaughtering and butchering was done and wondered if it could begin again. LaCoe meat business had to move out in 2018 as they had a second plant and could not keep two in business. During the three years 2018-2021 extensive renovations were taking place to bring the business up to USDA top standards. Once completed, the same work is now being done as was done for 60 years. Gerald Henry asked if all was USDA compliant.

Lisa Huffsmith requested the Zoning Officer send copies of his correspondence re: violations to the Board.

Regarding Keystone and Land Development concerns ongoing for months, the Field House, onlot sewage systems etc, Lisa Huffsmith will contact the Solicitor to determine the next steps that should be taken.

Motion was made by Huffsmith, seconded by Henry to approve the Agreement between the Township and Factoryville Fire Company for Fire Protection for an annual sum of total assessed valuation of real estate in the Township multiplied by .00075 mills. This agreement will automatically renew for another five year period unless a new Agreement is negotiated. The effective term is from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2027.

Gordon Miller has resigned from the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion was made by Henry, seconded by Wohlken to appoint William Federici to serve in that capacity.

Road Inspection will be held March 24 at 5:15 p.m.

No further business before the Board, motion was made by Huffsmith, seconded by Henry to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer