

La Plume Township

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2022

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 Jeremy Wohlken and Gerald Henry, along with Roadmaster Bruce Van Fleet, Engineer John Seamans and visitors Nancy Byrd and Joanne Klinge.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved, motion by Henry, seconded by Huffsmith, and will be filed by the Secretary.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and will be filed:

General Fund Account Balance	<u>\$69,562.28</u>	including interest of <u>\$2.40</u> and receipts of:
	\$1,176.70	Earned Income Tax
	340.90	Building Permits/James Phillips
	54.50	Permit/Keystone College, Children's Center
	49.71	Delinquent Tax
	40.00	Zoning Permit
	5,746.71	Real Estate Tax
	<u>\$7,408.52</u>	Total Receipts
State Fund Account	<u>\$29,164.55</u>	including interest of <u>1.07</u>
Cemetery Fund Account	<u>\$709.14</u>	including interest of <u>.02</u>
PLGIT Plus Savings Account	<u>\$2,284.22</u>	including interest of <u>.41</u>

The following bills were approved, motion by Henry, seconded by Wohlken:

PP&L	40.63	Building Lights
PP&L	151.68	Street Lights
Berkheimer Assoc	23.14	Comm(21.60) Postage(1.54)
Atlas Petroleum	543.77	Heating Oil
Shirley Lewis	49.00	Internet
Staples	51.78	Office supplies
Josiah Lewis	300.00	Website edits/report dates
B.I.U.	35.00	Keystone permit fee
John Seamans	343.75	Engineer Svc/Zoom/BOS/exec meeting.
MHW Construction	2,472.50	Snow plowing, 11 hours
Sara Van Fleet	35.00	Cleaning building
Kim Henry	574.67	Tax Collection commission
Shirley Lewis	1,239.00	Secretary/Treasurer salary
Total Bills	<u>\$5,859.92</u>	

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Chair Lisa Huffsmith, announced Treasurer/Secretary Shirley Lewis' resignation from her positions effective April 15th, 2022. Council wished her well and thanked her for her 45 years of service. The appointment of Supervisor Jeremy Wohlken as interim acting Treasurer/Secretary was approved, motion by Huffsmith, seconded by Henry. As per Second Class Township Code, when a Supervisor is appointed to the Treasurer and Secretary positions, the Board of Auditors shall determine the compensation. John Farrar and Jennifer Farrar, Auditors, will be notified and asked to attend next month's meeting to determine compensation.

Township Engineer John Seamans reported that he has reviewed Greenman-Peterson Inc's College Road Bridge design and identified a mistake in the drawings. The drawings indicate a 33' right-of-way on College Road, when it should read 50' right-of-way. John contacted Barbara Idhaw, PE of Greenman-Peterson Inc. to notify her of the mistake. John disclosed that the submitted grant to Commonwealth Finance Agency for paving College Rd will be discussed at a May 24th, 2022 agency meeting. More details about the approval or rejection of the grant should follow that meeting.

Road Master Bruce Van Fleet reported checking the Township building 4 or 5 times during the past month. Bruce removed tree limbs and debris from Maple Road following our last heavy rain event. Bruce filled a subsidence hole with modified gravel next to North Overbrook Road, where the new storm

water pipe was laid. Bruce notified the Council that MHW has sold the construction aspect of the business and will no longer be supplying bids on projects. Bruce is not sure if MHW intends to continue submitting snow plowing bids, either. The furnace in the Township building is getting toward the end of its life and Bruce suggested its time to start thinking about replacing it. Bruce and Gerry Henry will assess the potholes on College Road to determine number and severity. Potholes will be circled in white paint, and a determination of the need to accept bids for filling them made. The potholes and pavement damage at the intersection of North Turnpike Lane and North Turnpike Road was discussed. A grant proposal designed to address the issues, as well as storm runoff, was submitted by Engineer John Seamans to the Conservancy District's Dirt and Gravel Road program, and we are waiting to hear about approval/rejection prior to looking to bid that project out as well.

The Planning Commission did not submit a report.

The Zoning Officers report was submitted via e-mail and was read aloud by Chair Huffsmith.

Federici filed appeal for violation of home occupation, Chair Huffsmith will reach out to Ray Rinaldi with re: to sending issue to Zoning Hearing Board. Simmons property has been sent 2nd and final violation notice for junk on property. A new violation for "junk" on Plummer property has been sent.

Unfinished Business: Township continues to wait on Keystone re: plans and filings, as per John Seamans.

New Business: The current Zoning Hearing Board consists of Nancy Byrd, Susan Gruss, and Bill Federici. Motion by Huffsmith, seconded by Henry to appoint 3 alternates to the Zoning Hearing Board, Bruce Wiesenfluh, Jason Burke, and Oliver Grant Thomas was approved.

Resolution approved, motion by Huffsmith, seconded by Henry, to appoint Joanne Klingel to the Wyoming County TCC Voting Delegate.

Discussion about entering into a new franchise agreement with Comcast after a review. This would need a future motion.

Motion was made by Huffsmith, seconded by Henry, to appoint Jeremy Wohlken as the Right to Know Officer for La Plume Township, motion approved.

Nancy Bird has asked for help with moving a recliner to the curb for trash pick-up day, Cole Henry will be enlisted to do the heavy lifting for her, as per Gerry Henry.

It was announced that Spring Cleaning trash pick up day is April 29th this year.

No further business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Wohlken, Acting Secretary