

La Plume Township

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 9, 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 Gerald Henry and Jeremy Wohlken along with Engineer John Seamans, Roadmaster Bruce Van Fleet, visitor Jo Anne Klingel.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved, motion by Henry, seconded by Wohlken.

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

General Fund Account Balance	<u>\$90,954.49</u>	Including Interest of \$37.04
	6,251.72	Earned Income Tax
	1,250.00	UGI Road Cut
	195.00	DGK Refund for Canceled Policy
	<u>\$7,733.76</u>	Total Receipts
Bills	(2,189.04)	Bills
Payroll	(1,303.75)	Payroll
	<u>(\$3,492.79)</u>	Total Disbursements
	<u>\$95,195.46</u>	Balance
State Fund Account	<u>\$26,705.98</u>	including interest of <u>\$11.10</u>
Cemetery Fund Account	<u>\$ 709.50</u>	including interest of <u>\$0.29</u>
PLGIT Plus Savings Account	<u>\$ 2,286.60</u>	including interest of <u>\$1.53</u>

The following bills were approved, motion by Gerald Henry, seconded by Jeremy Wohlken.

Bills

Vendor

PP&L	38.49	Building Lights
PP&L	151.67	Streetlights
Dalton Lumber	49.99	Surge Protector
Berkheimer Assoc	137.89	Commission (135.36) Postage (2.53)
Comcast Business	271.88	Township Building Internet
LACATO	50.00	Yearly Membership
NEIC	112.96	Zoning Postage
Jeremy Wohlken – Reimbursement	63.00	Notary & Postage Reimbursement
Lisa Huffsmith – Reimbursement	21.16	Office File Folder
Stone House TBMA	1,292.00	Administrative Services
Total:	<u>\$2,189.04</u>	

Memo

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Roadmasters Report

Roadmaster Bruce Van Fleet reported checking in on the township building several times over the last month. This includes mowing the lawn around the township building twice during the month. He also removed a tree that had fallen over Maple Road due to our last heavy rain event. He was also present for the Comcast internet installation at the township building and for a hook up of UGI gas service for a home in the township. He received a PA One Call for Keystone College which provided unclear details and requires follow up. Bruce also presented the council with information regarding the mowing of the sides of the township roads. Dirtgrasssnow Enterprises, who has completed these mowing projects in years past, is willing to mow this year for the same arranged price and at the same frequency with the addition of a \$100 fuel surcharge. This is a total of 3 cuttings for \$3,200. Motion was made by Gerald Henry, seconded by Jeremy Wolhken to approve Dirtgrasssnow Enterprises to complete the mowing project.

Roadmaster Bruce Van Fleet also brought the condition of College Road to the attention of the council. The road currently has a substantial number of potholes and cracks that need to be repaired. The options for repair are to tar and patch the road with a cost of \$1,200 or the road can be milled, tarred, and patched with a cost of \$5,200. These quotes were provided by Dave Patterson, a contractor who has worked within the township in the past. The consensus of the council is that milling, tarring, and patching will provide a complete and more lasting repair, so a motion was made by Gerald Henry and seconded by Jeremy Wolhken to approve this repair on College Road based on an estimated cost of \$5,200 pending fuel prices.

Engineers Report

Township engineer, John Seamans discussed an issue regarding the bridge on College Road, behind the baseball field. It was brought to the attention of the council that a sinkhole caused by improper drainage has formed. It is the opinion of John Seamans that because the bridge was designed and constructed by the county and state, and Penndot owns the bridge, the sinkhole caused by the flawed design should be the responsibility of the State or county to repair. At the request of Chairperson, Lisa Huffsmith, John Seamans will draft a letter to the state notifying them of the issue.

Planning Commission

The planning commission received a resignation from Jason Burke from the planning commission effective immediately.

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Zoning Report

The zoning officers report was submitted in advance of the meeting by Anthony Mengoni of NEI. The report notes that advances have been made to clean up the Simmons property that is currently in violation.

There will be a Zoning Board meeting held on 6/16/2022 at 6:00 PM at the La Plume Township building regarding the Bill Frederici property. Frederici is appealing a complaint made by a resident that he is running a business out of his home which is a violation of zoning ordinance.

Lisa Huffsmith made a motion and was seconded by Gerald Henry to appoint Jason Burke as a zoning hearing board alternate member.

Unfished Business

Lisa Huffsmith stated that Attorney James Scanlon, legal counsel for Keystone College, had not returned her contact regarding an update on land development plan, field house, and other Keystone College activities.

Bruce Van Fleet stated that the upgraded comcast internet installation has been completed.

Hear Visitors

Vistor Jo Anne Klingel brought a complaint to the council regarding a greenhouse near her property on Rt. 438 that neighboring property is suspected to be conducting lawn mower repair business out of his home, which is a violation of zoning ordinance. This will be reported to zoning office Anthony Mengoni for further investigation.

New Business

Per a recommendation made to the council by Diana Patton of Stone House TBMA. Gerald Henry made a motion that was seconded by Jeremy Wolhken to move all 4 township bank accounts from PLIGIT to People's Security Bank in Glenburn as People's Security Bank provides competitive interest rates and a greater convenience to make deposits than PLIGIT. Lisa Huffsmith made a second motion on this topic to approve writing a \$2,500 check from the General Fund to complete the process of opening the new account. This was seconded by Gerald Henry. Lisa Huffsmith also made motion to approve the opening of a township credit card for administrative expenses incurred to reduce the need for reimbursement to supervisors. This was seconded by Gerald Henry.

Motion to approve Bruce Van Fleet to change of locks on the township building to reduce the access to unapproved parties for safety purposes was made by Gerald Henry and seconded by Lisa Huffsmith.

Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn was made by Gerald Henry and seconded by Lisa Huffsmith.