

La Plume Township

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

JULY 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 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 Huffsmith.

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

General Fund Account Balance	<u>\$90,066.55</u>	Including Interest of \$66.84
	1,878.85	Earned Income Tax
	64.50	Permit Revenue
	128.37	State Police Fines
	37.42	Delinquent Taxes
	357.93	Current Year Taxes
	<u>\$2,533.91</u>	Total Receipts
Bills	(8,222.63)	Bills
Payroll	(55.81)	Payroll
	<u>(\$8,278.44)</u>	Total Disbursements
State Fund Account	<u>\$24,823.97</u>	including interest of <u>\$17.99</u>
Cemetery Fund Account	<u>\$ 709.98</u>	including interest of <u>\$0.48</u>
PLGIT Plus Savings Account	<u>\$ 2,288.71</u>	including interest of <u>\$2.11</u>

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

Bills

Vendor

PP&L	46.52
PP&L	159.62
Berkheimer Assoc	33.25
Comcast Business	171.93
Smith Reporting	175.00
Josiah Lewis Designs	465.00
John K. Seamans	822.50
James Martin Consulting	4,315.90
Dalton Lumber	105.91
VanFleet Home Repair	635.00
Stone House	1,292.00
Total	\$ 8,222.63

Memo

Building Lights
 Streetlights
 Commission
 Township Building Internet
 Zoning Board Stenographer
 Web Edits/ Hosting
 Engineering Services
 LSA Grant Prep Fee
 Locks for Building
 Maintenance & Roadmaster
 Administrative Services

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Roadmasters Report

Roadmaster Bruce Van Fleet provided an update and a bill for the last 2 months of services. For the month of June, he mowed the township building 3 times, officially checked on the roads in the township and the township building 3 times throughout the month. He changed the locks on the building and was present for the UGI road cut and on a separate occasion, met with UGI to receive payment for the road cut on 2103 Turnpike Rd.

Engineers Report

Township engineer, John Seamans discussed the upcoming advertisement for the snowplow contracts. Several details need to be finalized for the advertisement. He stated that as it is advertised now, the anti-skid and salt are intended to be provided by township. Details of the storage of those materials need to be ironed out. He expressed concerns about bid security. He suggested that we amend the wording to request hourly bids only to keep comparison even and to remove language about bidders' qualifications.

John Seamans received a call back from the engineering firm, Greenman Patterson, regarding the College Road bridge. They are looking at a timeline of the end of 2023 to begin construction on this project.

The township received confirmation that we were awarded approximately \$172,000 of LSA grant funds to complete repairs to college road. Project cannot be completed until 2023 so short-term repair was completed by R. David Patterson.

Seamans also gave an update regarding the dirt and gravel road project grant for 500 feet of South Overbrook Road. The original estimate of the stone to complete the project was \$22,250. Due to current market conditions, the price has increased to more than \$39,000 and that does not include the materials to repair beyond the 500 feet funded by the grant. Only repairing the first 500 feet poses a safety hazard. Recommendation was made to abandon the road. The board is not aware of any La Plume citizens that utilize the road. The next steps will be to follow up on the process of abandoning a road.

Planning Commission

Motion was made by Lisa Huffsmith to fill the vacancy on the planning commission with community member, Ray Oswald. This motion was seconded by Gerry Henry. Meeting to be held on July 21, 2020 regarding the Elecko Property.

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Zoning Report

Board member, Lisa Huffsmith, gave a brief overview of the decision made by the zoning hearing board on 6/16/22 regarding the Frederici property. It was the determination of the Zoning Hearing Board he is not in violation with what was presented at the hearing. La Plume Township is accepting this ruling as it stands and will not be taking further action on this issue. If the decision is to be appealed by anyone further, it will be done so at their expense.

Huffsmith also brought to the table a potential upcoming zoning hearing board issue regarding the Harris property located on Sunset Road. Property was purchased in July of 2020 and no plans or permits were submitted. The landowner is planning to build a pole barn which by code, cannot be constructed prior to a residence. Communication has been made with Mr. Harris by the Township and Zoning Officer.

Motion was made by Huffsmith to retain Jason Burke, Grant Thomas, and Bruce Weisenfluh as permanent members of the Zoning Hearing board. This was seconded by Gerry Henry.

Unfished Business

Motion was made to appoint Keith Glyn as the first alternate and Gerry Henry as second alternate to the TCC voting board.

Motion was made by Lisa Huffsmith to open 4 new accounts at People's Security Bank for the township and to appoint Lisa Huffsmith, Gerry Henry, and Jeremy Wohlken as signers on the account. Melissa Scott, Township Secretary/Treasurer will have online bank account viewing privileges. This motion was seconded by Gerry Henry.

No update has been provided to the board regarding Keystone College.

Adjourn Meeting

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

Respectfully submitted.

Melissa Scott