

La Plume Township

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 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, Jeremy Wohlken, Engineer John Seamans, Roadmaster Bruce Van Fleet, visitors Jo Anne Klingel and Nancy Bird.

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>\$163,835.91</u>	Including Interest of \$276.19
	3,018.61	Earned Income Tax (Berkheimer)
	29,715.05	ARPA (Payment 2/2)
	2,804.42	Fire Relief Funds
	504.61	Real Estate Transfer Tax
	25.18	Real Estate Taxes - Current Year
	185.00	Permits
	287.51	Prior Year Taxes
	63.34	PURTA
	<u>\$36,916.03</u>	Total Receipts
Bills	(5,903.03)	Bills
Payroll	(11.37)	Payroll
	<u>(\$5,914.40)</u>	Total Disbursements
State Fund Account	<u>\$24,939.04</u>	including interest of <u>\$46.45</u>
Cemetery Fund Account	<u>\$ 713.23</u>	including interest of <u>\$1.33</u>
PLGIT Plus Savings Account	<u>\$ 2,301.22</u>	including interest of <u>\$4.92</u>

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

Bills

Vendor

PP&L	42.87	Building Lights
PP&L	159.63	Streetlights
Comcast Business	187.51	Building Internet
Berkheimer Assoc	21.49	Commission
Stone House	1,292.00	Administrative Services
USPS	66.00	Yearly PO Box Rental
Times Shamrock	325.48	Snow Removal Advertisement
NEIC	305.20	May Past Due Zoning and August Zoning
Van Fleet Home Repair	250.00	Roadmaster Svcs. July-October
John Seamans	187.50	Engineering Svcs.

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Total \$5,914.40

Roadmasters Report

Roadmaster Bruce Van Fleet provided an overview of his activity in the township over the last month. He mowed the township building twice and checked on the roads on 10/10. He checked on the storm basins several times through the month after storms to ensure they were functioning properly. He coordinated the transfer of the remainder of the rock salt from the 2021-2022 winter that is owned by the township and is currently held at MHW to the new snowplow services contractor, Dirtgrasssnow Enterprises. On 10/11 he met with Supervisor Jeremy Wohlken and paving contractor Dave Naniewicz to obtain a bid on the repair of the potholes on Turnpike Rd and Turnpike Lane. The recommendation of the contractor was to mill out several of the larger holes and patch with asphalt. The smaller holes can be patched without milling. He provided an estimate of \$12,900 to complete these repairs and cover the road with 2-3 inches of I22 wearing surface and tar the joints. A motion to approve this work to be completed by Naniewicz was made by Gerald Henry and seconded by Lisa Huffsmith.

Engineers Report

Township Engineer, John Seamans gave a quick update on the repair project for South Over Brook Road. Upon further inspection property owner, Stark, will have access to the road via the projected repairs. The next step of this project is for Keystone College to remove the trees and fence that are currently in the road ROW, as requested in a letter to be sent to the college on 10/14/2022.

Zoning Officer's Report

Supervisor Lisa Huffsmith was provided with an email update of current open zoning issues by zoning officer Anthony Mengoni in advance of the meeting. She reported that Mengoni is still awaiting a response regarding the College Road property that has been issued a warning for excessive unlicensed cars on the property.

Unfinished Business

Treasurer, Melissa Scott brought to the attention of the board that our 2022 fire relief funds have been received and appropriately distributed and the corresponding state report, form 706-b will be filed.

Lackawanna County is hosting a county wide tire recycling drive. The township facility will be checked for any old tires that maybe turned in to be recycled.

The township received a letter informing the supervisors that the estimated liquid fuels fund allocation for La Plume is \$20,108.71. Upon review, this is consistent with allocations received in years past.

Supervisor Lisa Huffsmith made a motion to approve the replacement of the current furnace in the township building and have new heating ducts installed by Chaz Ross Heating and Cooling. The cost of the new propane furnace, installation and duct work is \$11,400. The motion was seconded by Gerry Henry.

New Business

Supervisor Lisa Huffsmith brought to the attention of the board that Keystone intends to construct a pavilion on their property in honor of Dr. Michael Mould. At this time, no permits have been filed with the township in advance of the construction of this project. A representative of the college informed zoning officer, Anthony Mengoni, that they just recently secured the funds for the project and will begin the planning process at which time the permits will be filed.

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As advertised in at the beginning of January, the 2023 budget preparation meeting will be held on 6/27/2022 at 6:00pm

Hear Visitors

Visitor Nancy Bird expressed concern for the creek that runs near the former Darling's Meat Locker. She observed several trees that have fallen and are a potential flooding hazard. The board was informed by engineer John Seamans that this is an issue for DEP and the private property owners who could be affected to resolve as removing debris from a water way requires involvement from the DEP.

Visitor Jo Anne Klingel brought to the attention of the board that there have been several issues with the former County Waste Services, now GFL Environmental. The driver who completes the garbage pick up on College Road and Turnpike Lane, has been backing down the road in the improper lane causing a potential road hazard. The driver was uncooperative when approached by residents on two separate occasions. Township secretary, Melissa Scott, will follow up with the company.

Adjourn Meeting

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Scott

La Plume Township Secretary