

La Plume Township

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2023

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 Supervisor Gerald Henry, Supervisor Jeremy Wohlken, Engineer John Seamans, Roadmaster Bruce Van Fleet, and visitors Jerry & Alice Ashenbrenner and Tony Grizzanti of KBA Engineering. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved in a motion made by Gerry Henry, seconded by Jeremy Wohlken. The following Treasurer's Report was reviewed and will be filed.

General Fund Account Balance	<u>\$134,822.73</u>	Including Interest of \$554.17
	1,991.81	Earned Income Tax (Berkheimer)
	1,686.86	Cable Franchise Fee
	<u>\$4,232.84</u>	Total Receipts
	<u>(\$22,476.03)</u>	Total Disbursements
State Fund Account	<u>\$11,055.04</u>	including interest of <u>\$67.48</u> and disbursements of \$5,250.00
Cemetery Fund Account	<u>\$ 521.89</u>	including interest of <u>\$2.54</u>
PLGIT Plus Savings Account	<u>\$ 2,332.15</u>	including interest of <u>\$8.96</u>

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

Bills – General Fund

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Berkheimer Associates	89.33	Commission
Borough of Dalton	1,604.00	Fire Workers Comp
Comcast	198.24	Internet
Dalton Do It Center	5.06	Antifreeze
Joanne Klingel	41.25	Reimbursement for Mileage
John K. Seamans	5,102.45	Engineering Services
Keystone Propane	730.34	Propane Tank Install
NEIC	90.00	Zoning Services
PPL	116.35	Building Electric
PPL	347.32	Streetlights
PSATS	690.00	PSATS Membership
Stone House TBMA	1,313.20	Secretary Services and
Times/Tribune	172.52	Meeting Notice 2023
Van Fleet Home Repair	300.00	12/6-1/30 Roadmaster Services
Chaz Ross Services	11,400.00	Remove Old heating system & install new
Payroll Taxes	275.97	Dept of Rev, US Treasury, Berkheimer
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$22,476.03</u>	

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Bills – State Fund

Snopro, Inc.

5,250.00 21 Hours

Roadmasters Report

Roadmaster Bruce Van Fleet provided an overview of his activity in the township over the last month. He checked on the road's multiple times throughout the month. He met with a plumber at the township building and drained/winterized pipes in the building. He met with Keystone Propane at the building to oversee the installation of new propane tanks for the new heating system.

Engineer's Report

Engineer, John Seamans gave a report to the board regarding the status of the South Overbrook Road repair project. The South Overbrook road pre bid meeting is scheduled to take place on 2/14/2023 at 10 am and he will review the project in person with all of the interested parties. He noted that the stumps left from the trees removed by Keystone are still in the way and will impede the progress of the project if they are not removed. He advised that to avoid delaying the project, the township look into paying to have the stumps removed. The supervisors agreed and will explore options to have that work completed.

John also reported that public notices for the paving project on College Road have been posted. A mandatory pre bid meeting will be held at the township building on March 6, 2023 at 10 am. Sealed bids will be accepted for this project until March 14, 2023 at 10:00 am. The township will award the contract at the regularly scheduled meeting on April 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

John also spoke on some information he had received regarding a grant that was applied for by the township in 2022 for Turnpike Lane. Per Jerry Siles of the soil conservation district, half of the funds that were awarded are available but they are unsure of a release date for the other half of the funds. The wording of this grant requires the township to contribute \$28,800 in kind funds. Due to the uncertainty of the timeline, the supervisors moved to table a decision on moving forward with the work on Turnpike, pending further clarification.

Zoning Officer's Report

Zoning officer Anthony Mengoni provided the supervisors with a report on the outstanding complaints file for the 2110 College Road property. The requirements for notice to the property owner have been satisfied so he will be moving forward with notifying the magistrate to serve the property owner with a citation.

Unfinished Business

The supervisors were invited to a meet and greet event on January 23, 2023, hosted by Keystone College to introduce the new college president, Mr. John Pullo. They attended and all agreed that it was wonderful to meet the new president and they are looking forward to working together in the future.

New Business

Tony Grizzanti of KBA Architects, on behalf of Keystone College, presented plans to the board for sidewalk, lighting and camera updates planned by the college in 2024. Within the campus they will be making these updates to provide a safer

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walking environment for pedestrians on campus. The majority of the updates will be made within the campus, but a section of changes will be made adjacent to College Road. Concerns were raised by supervisor Lisa Huffsmith and township engineer, John Seamans as these updates will impact flood plain area.

The supervisors discussed the availability of a new grant available to potentially update the façade of the township funded by The Pennsylvania Route 6 Alliance. The grant requires matching of funds by the township and Gerry Henry and Jeremy Wohlken will be attending an informational meeting about the grant in the upcoming week.

The new bank accounts for the township have been established at People's Security Bank and a motion was made by Lisa Huffsmith and seconded by Gerry Henry to disperse \$100 per account, a total of \$400, to complete the opening process.

Hear Visitors

Adjourn Meeting

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Scott

La Plume Township Secretary