

# La Plume Township

## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 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, Township Engineer John Seamans, Roadmaster Bruce Van Fleet, Emergency Management Coordinator Barbara Scanlon and visitors JoAnne Klingel, Nancy Bird, Dave Plummer, Debbie Plummer, Vicki Smith, Bob Smith, Jack Hill. Fran Langan and Stu Renda both as representatives of Keystone College. At the opening of the meeting, a motion was made by Gerald Henry and seconded by Lisa Huffsmith to officially amend the agenda to include a presentation from Fran Langan of Keystone College asking for the township's support of a grant the college just learned they could be eligible for. 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	<b>\$284,988.62</b>	Including Interest of <b>\$291.88</b>
	9,392.37	Earned Income Tax (Berkheimer)
	1,767.88	Cable Franchise
	25.00	Business Permit
	270.00	Construction Permit
	30,907.06	Dirt & Gravel Road Grant (Payment 2 of 2) - South Overbrook Rd.
	172,636.00	LSA Grant Reimbursement -College Road Paving
	<b>\$215,290.19</b>	<b>Total Receipts</b>
State Fund Account	<b>\$25,704.40</b>	Including Interest of <b>\$2.34</b>
Cemetery Fund Account	<b>\$527.98</b>	Including Interest of <b>\$0.00</b>
PLGIT Plus Savings Account	<b>\$2,369.94</b>	Including Interest of <b>\$0.21</b>

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 Assoc	(185.00)	EIT Collection Commission and Postage
Comcast Internet	(198.86)	Internet
John K. Seamans	(312.50)	Engineering Services
H&K Group	(61,930.75)	South Overbrook Road Restoration
PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES - Building Elec.	(61.77)	Building Electric
PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES - Street Lights	(164.54)	Street Light Electric
Stone House	(1,292.00)	Monthly Treasurer Services
SnoPro, Inc	(1,000.00)	Roadway Brush Cutting
Payroll	(1,241.25)	Tax Collector Commission
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$(66,386.67)</b>	

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### **Keystone College**

Fran Langan, a representative of Keystone College, brought to the attention of the board the availability of a public interest LSA Grant that Keystone will be applying for. The funding will be used to improve the electric service at Brooks Theater. The entire electric system needs to be repaired due to electric strikes wearing out the equipment. The township needs to approve the application for this grant by Resolution. The theater is open to community events. We do support Keystone's Application and need to review before a formal resolution.

### **Roadmasters Report**

Roadmaster Bruce Van Fleet provided a report of his activity in the township relating to the 9/9/2023 storm. He observed our storm drains, culverts and catch basins to be working properly. He spent most of his time during the storm cleaning up driveway material that had washed into the roadways. He did note that the shoulder of the road along College Road was washed out and will need to be repaired.

### **Engineer's Report**

Township Engineer John Seamans attended a meeting with PPL on 9/8 regarding updates that PPL will be doing to their equipment. They will be switching out the wooden pole structures to metal structures from the Brookside Substation to Hack Road. They will begin by moving in heavy duty truck mats and will then setting the new poles. There was no start date provided for this project to begin.

He noted that Maple Road is showing signs of erosion after the 9/9/2023 rainstorm. He will be looking into getting an emergency permit to clear a log jam near the tennis courts on the Keystone College property. He has been heavily involved in logging all of damage to roadways in the township and providing information to the county in the event emergency funds become available.

### **Zoning Officer's Report**

Zoning officer Anthony Mengoni had nothing new to report at the time of the meeting.

### **Unfinished Business**

Keystone College representative Stu Renda attended the meeting and board member Gerry Henry gave him a brief description of the problem the township is having with attendees to Keystone College events held in the green space parking lot entering and exiting onto South Overbrook Road and damaging the edge of the newly repaired roadway. A letter was sent to Keystone requesting a barricade, but no response was received. Stu agreed this is a problem and that the college would comply by barricading the exit to guest traffic.

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Gerry Henry and seconded by Jeremy Wohlken to award the 2023-2024 snowplow contract to Snopro, Inc.

La Plume Township joined Lackawanna County in declaring a State of Emergency relating to the 9/9/2023 rainstorm.

Board member Lisa Huffsmith met with PennDOT Representative Jeff Roback in advance of the 9/9/2023 rain event about a potential drainage issue in the corner of the former Darling's Meat Locker property. This area has the potential to flood during times of heavy rain and when snow is melting.

### **Hear Visitors**

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Visitor Vicki Smith inquired about how to apply for assistance with damages caused by the 9/9/23 rainstorm. EMA Coordinator Barbara Scanlon provided her and the other attendees to the meeting with information about how to log damages with the Multi Agency Resource Center/Lackawanna County.

Visitor David Plummer asked the board if they had ever explored the option of contracting Dalton or Factoryville's police force to cover La Plume as an additional layer of protection. Board member Gerry Henry responded that yes, the option had been explored and was found to be cost prohibitive.

### **Adjourn Meeting**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Scott

La Plume Township Secretary