

LaPlume Township

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2025

The LaPlume 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 Jeremy Wohlken, Supervisor Gerry Henry, Township Engineer John Seamans and Visitor Joanne Klingel. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved in a motion made by Lisa Huffsmith and seconded by Gerry Henry.

Payment of the monthly bills was approved, a motion made by Gerry Henry, seconded by Jeremy Wohlken. The Treasurer's report has been reviewed and will be filed. Both are attached below.

Roadmasters Report

Roadmasters report was given at the meeting by Gerry Henry due to the absence of Bruce Van Fleet not being able to attend due to a personal matter.

Gerry Henry addressed the pothole on Turnpike Road. Gerry is concerned about the gas line since the hole must be dug out and cemented. Gerry Henry is going to contact UGI since the line is not marked prior to work being done. Gerry also cleaned out the pipe next to his property and removed the brush.

Lisa Huffsmith had brought up the Roadmasters position questioning if that position was able to be held by active board member as Gerry Henry will be interested in the position if needed, per follow up from Jeremy Wolken, a dual role can be held as in Vice Chair and roadmaster.

Engineer's Report

The Maple Lane Road project has been fixed to the best of ability. Mrs. Longbotham had voiced some concerns via voice mail about the depth of the ditch, Gerry Henry returned her call and advised residents to put up and post and reflective tape to mark the ditch. John Seamans asked Tina Kaleta to track down a copy of the original letter that was sent to the resident on Township letterhead outlining the specific recommendations addressed in the project. John S. also mentioned the paving on College Rd. he has left (2) voicemails but as of the meeting date has not received a response.

****A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY GERRY HENRY AND SECONDED BY JEREMY WOLKEN TO APPROVE A BID FOR WORK TO BE DONE ON MAPLE ROAD BY CONTRACTOR ENGLER EXCAVATION TO RENT A HAMMER EXCEVATOR FOR \$1,100.00****

Zoning Officers Report

Lisa Huffsmith reviewed the email from Atty. Raymond Rinaldi regarding the denial of the solar project on Bowhunters lane. Lisa H. advised Tina Kaleta to email Atty. Rinaldi to ask him the timeline for the denial 30 or 90 days from the date of the denial letter. Tina Kaleta will also email the zoning officer hearing board members discuss available dates for the Zoning Hearing prior to the next meeting on 09/17/2025. John Seamans will also contact Atty. Rinaldi to recommend solar ordinance facilities to redo the ordinance.

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Unfinished Business

There is no update on construction at Keystone College

There is no update on Ordinances.

Gerry Henry is still waiting to hear regarding the grants for Turnpike Rd.

New Business

There is no update on the Zoning Ordinance

Lisa Huffsmith would like to have the bridge on College Rd. renamed Dickinson/Lewis Bridge. Lisa H. asked Tina Kaleta to draft a letter to the Lackawanna County Commissioners asking for the proper procedure to name the bridge.

****GERRY HENRY MADE A MOTION TO HAVE A LINE ITEM ADDED TO THE AGENDA****

Kaylee Graham being hired to clean the LaPlume Township building 1x/month @ a rate of \$40/mo.

Lisa Huffsmith seconded the motion.

Hear Visitors

Joanne Klingel requested the postal update of the phone system as the Laplume Post office with a new phone number 570-354-6456 effective 08/08/2025. Lisa H. asked Tina Kaleta to email Josiah asking him to update the new number on our website.

Tina Kaleta and Samantha Hayward will post on the door at the Laplume Township building regular weekly office hours beginning 09/03/25 from 10am-1pm.

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Treasurer's Report
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General Fund		
Beginning Balance	\$	119,318.45
Interest		54.64
		131.23
		1,036.77
		3013.19
		47.21
		50.00
Total Receipts	\$	4,333.04
Bills		
Vendor		Memo
Berkheimer Assoc		34.10
Dalton Do It Center		44.45
John K. Seamans		1,586.25
MBC Solutions		125.00
NEIC		265.41
PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES - Building Elec.		133.11
PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES - Street Lights		168.98
Stone House		1,292.00
Wyoming County Tax Collection District		14.13
Total Expenditures	\$	3,663.43
Ending Balance	\$	119,988.06
PLIGIT Plus Savings Account		
Beginning Balance		2,374.42
Interest		0.20
Ending Balance	\$	2,374.62
State Fund Account		
Beginning Balance		20,108.73
Interest		1.71
Ending Balance	\$	20,110.44
Cemetery Fund Account		
Beginning Balance	\$	528.23
Interest		0.04
Ending Balance	\$	528.27



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To: LaPlume Post Office Box Renters

Subject: New Phone number

The Postal System has updated the phone system at the LaPlume Post Office with a new phone number 570 354-6456, effective this date.

As always, thank you for understanding. Enjoy the rest of the Summer.

Regards,

Laraine Vanderburg

PSE Sales & SVCS/Distr. Associate

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