

La Plume Township

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

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 Co-Chair Gerry Henry, Roadmaster Bruce VanFleet, Township Engineer John Seamans, Supervisor Jeremy Wohlken and Visitor Joanne Klinge. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved in a motion made by Vice Chair Gerry Henry and 2nd by Jeremy Wohlken

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

Roadmasters Report

Gerry Henry discussed a fine for LaPlume Township for an incident that occurred on 06/23/25 near N. Turnpike Rd. Due to previous secretary not submitting required notification within 30days after the incident, Gerry H. has filed an appeal we are waiting for a hearing date from DPI, Ben (managing partner @ Stone House TBMA has provided a timeline letter for the transition of the previous secretary to the current secretary as documented evidence for the case) Gerry H. made a motion to approve the letter. Lisa H. addressed possibly having another party listed on the contract for the 800 calls as a backup to Bruce VanFleet. Gerry asked that if there is an email notification that goes out from 811 it goes to not just the secretary but also to the supervisors as a back up notification.

Gerry H. and Jeremy W. repaired the pothole on N. Turnpike Rd, brush cutting has been done along N. Turnpike Rd., took care of knot weed around the bend by the sewer plant, Gerry H. has a blocked sluice pipe by his property that will be replaced with the help of Falls Twp. On a Saturday, Falls Twp will be supplying the pipe to help a neighboring community. Gerry H. will give notification to the residents that the road will be closed for the day prior to the work being done. Gerry H also spoke to Falls Twp roadmaster Gene Dziak regarding a contact in Towanda regarding the possibility of a grant to fund equipment for the township. Gerry H. removed a street sign and replaced it with a speed limit sign by Jane B. Property.

Gerry H. and Jeremy W. will start prewinter pothole patching on the roads.

Jeremy W. has done cleaning up at the Laplume Township building, also discussed renting the garage on the Municipal Property, (short lease with stipulations)

Tina K. spoke to PSATS (Katie) who will email Tina back with details to make sure the garage can be rented with no implications, Tina K. also asked Gerry H. to write up a rental agreement for the garage to be submitted to DGK Insurance for review.

Gerry H. would like to go on record to acknowledge his neighbor Matt Holley, has lent him his cement mixer for pothole patching, helped Gerry H. load up guard rails and install them, Matt's son Logan is a part of Boy Scout Troop #175 has been helping pull brush, pick up rock etc. Logan's dad mentioned that for Boy Scout Merrit badges he would like to have Logan come to the Township Building to help with clean up, sign moving etc.

Gerry H. acknowledges Nancy Cerratini, to donate a pipe to the township 15" x 20ft long pipe from her property to be used at the Township.

Engineer's Report

Engles Excavating took care of the boulders on Maple Rd. some stone was added to the bottom of Bonnie L. driveway at no additional cost.

Zoning Officer's Report

2096 E Laplume Rd. property- Jeremy W. spoke to Anthony Mengoni- Anthony has given (2) options regarding the lawnmowers

Solicitors file an injunction with court of common pleas to have a legal right to have the property cleaned up

Send additional citations to the magistrate to continue to seek fines

Lisa H. asked if the email correspondence with Anthony can be sent to Atty Rinaldi for further review or recommendation on how to proceed moving forward.

Gerry H. is concerned about the suspicious activity on the above reference road.

John S. has (2) copies of potential Solar Zoning Ordinances, Newton Township approved conditional use of solar farm, conditions are being appealed.

Lisa H. mentioned Atty. Rinaldi contacted her regarding Bow-hunters Lane, and coordinated a Zoning Hearing meeting, that he would like to have prior to 09/23, 09/24 & 09/25 per the applicant.

Meeting needs to be advertised in the Scranton Times, per Bruce Van Fleet, this needs to go to the planning commission prior to the actual hearing. Lisa H is not sure if we can get the planning commission together prior to date of 09/18/25.

Bruce Van Fleet said that there is a process and there needs to be more time to have the proper steps followed.

Tina K. delivered documents to Anthony Mengoni @ his office in Child's from the developer, Gerry H., asking Tina K. to email Anthony M. as he would like to pick up that packet. **(Gerry has picked up the packet as of 09/12/25)** Lisa H. will follow up with Ray Rinaldi regarding the process of the hearing. Lisa. H has again reiterated that we need to redo our ordinances, Lisa H. is waiting for recommendations of an Attorney who will assist in redoing the ordinances.

*** ZONING HEARING WILL BE HELD ON 09/23/25 @ 6PM****

Unfinished Business.

Maple Road drainage issue was discussed in Engineers Report.

Turnpike Lane repairs were discussed in the Roadmasters Report.

New Business:

College Bridge Renaming Resolution, Chris Chermak requested a resolution letter, Tina K. drafted a letter of resolution to rename the bridge on College Rd. to be know as Dickinson/Lewis bridge., Lisa H asked that a copy of the resolution letter be sent to a copy of the commissioners passed on date of 09/11/25. Lisa H. made a motion to have the resolution letter passed. Tina K. will mail to commissioners.

Jeremy W. discussed cleaning person, (Kaylee) last clean she was there 5 hours. Thoroughly cleaning the municipal office. Jeremy W. has proposed to pay Kaylee commiserate with the amount of work done that day which will be 4 hrs of wages @ \$40/ hrs. total \$160.00. Lisa H. 2nd the motion. Tina K. will issue check to Kaylee.

Next month we will go back to normal pay of \$40 1x/month.

Lisa H. would like Kaylee to fill out a W9 and also need to have her present an invoice for her services.

Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn was made by Lisa Huffsmith, seconded by Jeremy Wolken.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Kaleta - Secretary

La Plume Township
Treasurer's Report
September 11, 2025

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| General Fund | | |
| Beginning Balance | \$ | 119,988.06 |
| Interest | | 56.88 |
| | | 7364.26 Earned Income Tax |
| | | 69.40 Magistrate Fines |
| | | 1474.12 Cable Franchise |
| | | 174.62 Realty Transfer Tax |
| Total Receipts | \$ | 9,139.28 |
| Bills | | |
| Vendor | | Memo |
| Berkheimer Assoc | (186.33) | Collection Commission |
| Comcast | (579.79) | July and August Statement |
| Dalton Do It Center | (293.67) | August Statement |
| Engles Excavation | (1,100.00) | Maple Rd. |
| John K. Seamans | (236.25) | Engineering |
| MBC Solutions | (125.00) | Security/Monitoring |
| Melissa Scott | (65.00) | Reimbursement for Minute Book |
| MHW | (2,700.00) | Maple Rd. Driveway |
| NEIC | (300.00) | Zoning |
| PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES - Building Elec. | (203.44) | Building Lights |
| PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES - Street Lights | (337.96) | Street Lights |
| Snopro, Inc. dba True North | (1,950.00) | Mowing |
| Van Fleet Home Repair | (120.00) | Roadmaster Services |
| Jeremy Wohlken | (413.76) | Supervisor Salary |
| Lisa Huffsmith | (413.76) | Supervisor Salary |
| Kimberly Henry | (193.56) | Tax Collector Salary |
| Gerald Henry | (413.76) | Supervisor Salary |
| Total Expenditures | \$ | (9,632.28) |
| Ending Balance | \$ | 138,759.62 |
| PLIGIT Plus Savings Account | | |
| Beginning Balance | | 2,374.62 |
| Interest | | 0.21 |
| Ending Balance | \$ | 2,374.83 |
| State Fund Account | | |
| Beginning Balance | | 20,110.44 |
| Interest | | 1.77 |
| Ending Balance | \$ | 20,112.21 |
| Cemetery Fund Account | | |
| Beginning Balance | \$ | 528.27 |
| Interest | | 0.05 |
| Ending Balance | \$ | 528.32 |