

La Plume Township

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2025

The La Plume Township Board of Supervisors met in a regular session on the above date and was called to order by Chair Lisa Huffsmith. Also, present were Co-Chair Gerry Henry, Township Engineer John Seamans, Supervisor Jeremy Wohlken, and Visitors Jim Davis (DGK Insurance Group), Michael Duddy, and Anne Oswald. 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, 2nd by Jeremy Wohlken. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and will be filed by Tina Kaleta, both are attached below.

An amendment was made to the 12/11/25 agenda under New Business to appoint Anne Oswald as the new secretary of Laplume Township, motion made by Lisa Huffsmith, 2nd by Gerry Henry. Effective 01/05/26 with a salary of \$550.00/month.

Roadmasters Report

Gerry Henry cleaned ditches on Maple Lane all leaves and debris removed from Brendan Vanfleet's all the way to Pete's driveway. There is nothing that is running on the road currently due to the cleanup.

Snow plowing seemed to go OK, Dustin has Casey Plummer doing most of the plowing Gerry H. went to see the young man who is working for Casey to remind him that Turnpike Lane needs to get plowed, he missed N. Overbrook and Gerry H. got in touch with Dustin who within the hour had gone to take care of the plowing on that road. Tina Kaleta advised Gerry Henry that we did not receive an invoice to date of the meeting. Gerry Henry is going to ask Casey Plummer to compare what the township is getting billed to what plowing was done.

Building maintenance Gerry H. wants to address the low bearing blocks that are deteriorating due to the salt in the township building. Gerry H. also addressed the municipal building outlets, and he will be replacing the outlets in the building. Gerry H. said the light in front of the municipal building is currently out he will be replacing the bulb.

Engineer's Report

John S. had mentioned that Dalton Sewer Authority submitted the land development and expansion to the LaPlume Township planning commission.

Gerry Henry will text Joanne F. to see about dropping off the land development documents.

John S. will have the expansion paperwork completed by 01/10/26

New Business:

Jim Davis, DGK Insurance spoke regarding the renewal, ASTRA who is the current provider, did have increases this year. Jim has been researching the market to compare the cost of the ASTRA policy for better pricing; he is currently waiting for 1 other carrier to get back to him with pricing. However, it does look like ASTRA even with the increase will still be the best pricing for the township. The previous premium was \$2,589.00 for the package, and the increased premium is now \$3,946.00 all minimum premium increase coverages. Jim will email the township if a better-priced carrier becomes available, however the policy will have to be finalized by 01/06/2026, the supervisors suggested putting a hold on the policy until the last pricing comparison comes in and then if it is higher Jim will renew the current policy for the upcoming year.

Mike Duddy was in attendance on behalf of the North American Matankara Orthodox Syrian Church to complete the subdivision that was started back in April, approval has been given by DEP stating the soil is acceptable, Jim Millett is planning to buy the property (72 acres) from the Syrian Church which will put it on the tax books. Dalton and West Abington have already approved the plan.

The supervisors have signed off on all the plans that Mike Duddy has brought. (2) copies will be stamped by the courthouse and will be left at the township building.

Lisa Huffsmith made a motion to approve the 2026 Budget, 2nd by Jeremy Wohlken. Budget will be filed with the state. Reminder- The Reorganization meeting will be held on January 5, 2026, at the Laplume Township Building.

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Tina Kaleta will remain on as treasurer, contracted by Stone House TBMA, at a rate of \$650.00/mo. effective 01/05/26.

Lisa Huffsmith made a motion to appoint Ginader Jones as CPA firm for a 1year appointment to do the audits 2nd by Gerry Henry, once approved Ginader will send us a confirmation letter, he indicated that the filings in the past years were done incorrectly and will be corrected at a rate of \$400.00 his yearly rate will be \$2900.00.

Jeremy Wohlken will call the election board to make sure there is nothing further we need to do from the township perspective to go from an auditor to a CPA firm.

Adjourn Meeting

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Kaleta - Secretary