

La Plume Township

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2026

The La Plume Township Board of Supervisors met for a regular session on the above date. The meeting was called to order by Chair Lisa Huffsmith. Present were Co-Chair Gerry Henry, Supervisor Jeremy Wohlken, Township Engineer John Seamans, and Treasurer Tina Kaleta. Visitors in attendance were Planning Commission Secretary Jo Anne Klingel, and Brian and Tammy VanFleet. The minutes of the July meeting were approved in a motion made by Gerry Henry and 2nd by Jeremy Wohlken. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and will be filed by Anne Oswald. Payment of the monthly bills were approved in a motion by Gerry Henry, 2nd by Jeremy Wohlken.

ROADMASTER'S REPORT:

Gerry reported that the ditch cleaning project has been completed on North Turnpike Road. With the recent heavy rain, it appears to be working well. There are a few areas with standing water which are being addressed. Tree branches and brush continue to be cleared on North Turnpike Road. Gerry worked 2 ½ days on College Road clearing brush. There are a few ditch issues on College Road. If Gerry is unable to clear by hand, he will ask Engles Excavation for a price to clear. The pipe on North Turnpike Road near Gerry's end is now collapsing in the middle of the road. Falls Township donated the additional 10' of pipe required to complete the repair at 2094 & 2095 North Turnpike Road. The roof of the township building has a leak and needs repair. Gerry is looking into the repair of the township roof.

The snow removal bid packets are available. The Public Notice was placed in the Scranton Times on Saturday, August 15th and Tuesday, August 18th as follows: PUBLIC NOTICE LA PLUME TOWNSHIP 2026-2027 & 2027-2028 SNOW REMOVAL SUB-CONTRACTORS BID Sealed bids to plow snow for approximately 4 miles of La Plume Township roads and the Township Building parking lot for the 26-27 and 27-28 winter seasons are hereby requested. Bid documents can be requested by calling Secretary, Anne Oswald at 570-563-5053. They can be picked up by appointment and can also be emailed upon request. Bids should be returned in a sealed envelope to Anne Oswald at 2109 Rt. 6 & 11, La Plume, PA and will be received until September 4, 2026 at 12pm. Bids will be opened on September 8, 2026 at 5pm at the Township Building. The Bid will be awarded at the regular scheduled monthly meeting on September 10, 2026 at 5:30 pm at the Municipal Building, Rt. 6 & 11, La Plume. The Supervisors reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

John Seamans worked on the dirt and gravel road grant. He staked out the inlets and potential location for inlets and the pipe outlets. On July 31st, three people from soil conservation came out and they walked the job. The depth of the 8" primary gas line was not known. John contacted Stafursky Paving Company Inc. for a quote to locate utilities. A quote was received from Stafursky for \$3,900.00. On August 12th, Stafursky completed the job. John can now set the inlet boxes where they need to be and at the proper depth. John is also working with John Devine for a grant on the bridge replacement on North Turnpike and Maple Road. A motion was made by Lisa Huffsmith, 2nd by Jeremy Wolken for the Resolution to be signed for the request of a Monroe County Local Share Assessment grant in the amount of \$358,605.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for North Turnpike Road and Maple Road bridge replacement project. The Resolution for the request of grant money was signed and sealed.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:

- The proposal from Hailstone Economics was signed and we are waiting for a date to begin the work on updating La Plume's Zoning Ordinance and Map.
- An Application for a Zoning Hearing Board has been requested by Dalton Sewer Authority. The Zoning Board will meet on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 7:00 at the township building. Proper advertising and posting at property has been completed.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Dalton Sewer Authority expansion – see Zoning Officer's Report above
- Keystone College Miller Library expansion – no update
- Keystone College roundabout signage - no update
- PA PUC – All information was sent to Attorney Shane Scanlon and on 8/6 information was also sent to Mr. Doughton, Marty Flynn's office for review and legal advice

NEW BUSINESS:

- Kalee Graham has replaced Josiah Lewis, as the new website coordinator for La Plume Township's webpage
- Keystone College requested permission for use of College Road for their Homecoming Parade on October 10, 2026 from 11am to 12pm. A letter will be sent to granting approval for their use of College Road.

VISITOR'S:

Brian and Tammy Van Fleet were there to hear any updates regarding the Dalton Sewer Authority expansion project. They inquired about the 5 acres of land owned by Dalton Sewer Authority and whether or not they pay taxes on that parcel of land.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Lisa Huffsmith, 2nd by Jeremy Wohlken.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Oswald - Secretary