La Plume Township

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 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 Engineers John Seamans and David Johns, and Treasurer Tina Kaleta. Visitors in attendance were Planning Commission Secretary Jo Anne Klingel. The minutes of the September meeting were approved in a motion made by Jeremy Wohlken and 2nd by Lisa Huffmsith. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and will be filed by Anne Oswald. Payment of the monthly bills were approved in a motion made by Lisa Huffsmith, 2nd by Gerry Henry.

ROADMASTER'S REPORT:

Engles Excavating completed the additional ditch cleaning work discussed at last meeting on College Road while Gerry cut brush. Gerry and John Seamans met with the new township engineer David Johns and Lynn Torrick to go over ongoing plans. Gerry showed David Johns around La Plume township to familiarize him with the area and ongoing projects. They discussed South Overbrook and potentially finishing that project. Dave had some good ideas about combining a couple projects under one grant. Gerry and Jeremy cleared brush on Sunset and Turnpike Road. Gerry supplied John with the blueprints for the sewer line for Turnpike Lane and Maple. Also met with Lynn Torrick who picked up the plans from HRG regarding Bowhunters solar farm project. Gerry met with Nate Engles about washout on College Ave. Engles Excavation gave an estimate of $750.00 to fix the washout on College Road. A motion was made by Lisa Huffsmith and 2nd by Jeremy Wohlken for Engles Excavation to complete the work on the washout on College Road. Gerry power washed and cut the grass at the township building. Gerry received a dig call for work being done at the Keystone College library. Gerry will contact Kate at Keystone for on-site inspection of the project.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

John and Gerry met with Mike Burke from UGI. John met with Ned Graham from sewer plant. Gerry was able to find the original 1992 sewer line extension for Maple, North Turnpike, and Turnpike Lane which John copied. The lines in question, John is able to get around with the sluice pipes. It's possible the inlets will come in far over budget because they have to be specially made. The soil conservation said they would like another inlet and another outlet pipe right at the end of North Turnpike Lane and Road. John staked everything out on the creek side for inlet and outlet pipe. John will not be at every meeting, but he will keep the township updated on the dirt and gravel road project he will continue working on. John will send Anne the information needed for the newspaper advertisement regarding the dirt and gravel project

(Turnpike Lane) bid process. David Johns put together an overview of the scope of work for College Road, South Overbrook Road, and the bridge for North Turnpike Road for the grant writers. DesignBLD will be meeting with their grant writers next week to go over those three projects. There is a statewide LSA grant which closes at end of November. David Johns is reviewing the Bowhunters Lane solar project information. David Johns will be in contact with John Devine soon.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Dalton Sewer Authority expansion – Ray Rinaldi provided the final report from the Zoning Hearing Board held on September 1st
- Keystone College Miller Library expansion – Gerry will check on progress
- PA PUC – Nothing to report - Gerry will follow up on our August 7th email to Brian Doughton, District Director for State Senator Marty Flynn

NEW BUSINESS:

- Zoning book update - Sara Hailstone, President and Shannon Calluori of Hailstone Economics, LLC held the first meeting via zoom on October 1st with the steering committee. The steering committee who were present for the zoom meeting were: Lisa Huffsmith, Jeremy Wohlken, Jason Burke, and Bruce Weisenfluh. Future meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month at 4:30. Hailstone Economics, LLC is looking to interview residents for feedback.
- HRG, Inc. will be contacted regarding Bowhunters Lane solar project to see if they need a Planning Commission meeting
- We received notice that Barb Scanlon has resigned as the Emergency Management Coordinator. We will look for a replacement at the January meeting
- Resolution #3 – Berkheimer - Lisa made a motion to keep Berkheimer as our tax collector and it was 2nd by Gerry Henry
- Resolution #4 – Lackawanna County 2026 Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Plan – Lisa made a motion to approve and it was 2nd by Jeremy Wohlken

VISITOR'S:

Nothing to report

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Lisa Huffsmith, 2nd by Gerry Henry

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Oswald - Secretary

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Treasurers Report
October 8, 2026

GENERAL FUND			
Beginning Balance	$	218,986.81	
Allocated Grant money	$	(61,525.00)	
Available Township Funds to spend minus Grant money	$	157,461.81	
Prior Report Correction-DGK Insurance	$	1,714.29	Payment corrected from $1,729.00 to $14.71
	$	221.44	Real Estate tax deliquent
	$	371.23	Berkheimer-Earned Income
	$	1,446.06	Permit for 2048 N Turnpike Rd (Russell Hazlett)
	$	3,037.56	VFRA 2026 Fund Dispersement
	$	95.70	Interest-Checking Account
Total Deposits	$	6,886.28	
Berkheimer Assoc	$	(7.14)	Berkheimer-Earned Income
Comcast Business Service Sales Support	$	(360.25)	Services from 09/18/26-10/17/26
Dalton Do It Center	$	(31.36)	42 Gal contractor bags, screws, concrete mix
Dalton Fireman's Relief Assoc.	$	(1,518.78)	Distribution of Foreign Fire Insurance Premium Tax split payment of total deposit
DGK Insurance	$	(14.71)	Renewal of CPKG effective 8/19/26
Engles Excavation	$	(1,500.00)	Swale Clean up per ft. unit price $2.73
Factoryville Vol. Fire Relief Assoc	$	(1,518.78)	Distribution of Foreign Fire Insurance Premium Tax split payment of total deposit
Jeremy Wohlken (V)	$	(360.00)	Roadmaster Assistance- mitigation; N. turnpike; Sunset Rd.
John K. Seamans	$	(3,369.50)	General Business;Dirt & Gravel Rd; Bow Hunter Lane;
Kaylee Graham	$	(140.00)	September Township bldg clean; Website maintenance
MBC Solutions	$	(250.00)	Missed invoice from 08/16/26 & Current October invoice combined
NEIC	$	(349.00)	Balance forward $139.00; Zoning hours 3.5 $210.00
Scranton Times	$	(1,274.96)	Public Notice; Audit; Hearing Notice; (multiple advertisements)
Steve House	$	(650.00)	Monthly Treasurer Service 09/11/2026-10/08/2026
U.S. Post Office	$	(80.00)	12 month P.O. Box renewal fee
Anne Oswald	$	(485.15)	Monthly Secretary Service 09/11/2026-10/08/2026
Total Bills Paid (Expenses)	$	(11,909.63)	
Ending Balance (INCLUDING GRANT FUNDS)	$	213,963.46	
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PLIGIT Plus Savings Account			
Beginning Balance	$	2,377.20	
Interest	$	0.20	
Ending Balance	$	2,377.40	
State Fund Account			
Beginning Balance	$	7,335.87	
Interest	$	0.60	
Ending Balance	$	7,336.47	
Cemetery Fund Account			
Beginning Balance	$	528.84	
Interest	$	0.05	
Ending Balance	$	528.89	