

MEETING WEDNESDAY 3-4-2026 6:00P.M.
Municipal Bldg. 306 Byron Street McGrann

In attendance: Supervisors Palmer, Southworth and Hecker, Secretary Davis and Chief Robbins

Citizens: Roger Toy, Jeremy Vensel, Cody Martin, Larry Rupert and A.J. Panian from the Leader Times

Meeting called to order by Chairman Palmer at 6:00P.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of 2/20/2026 regular meeting were distributed, motion to approve by Hecker, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

The KEMA registration opens in May and Rice and Evans would like to go. Palmer made a motion to permit Rice and Evans to attend the KEMA Convention, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer made a motion to advertise bids for road materials to be opened on April 1, 2026 meeting, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer stated the Multi-Modal Grant is open without any match and would like to apply for Lenape area Phase II. Rupert ask what this is about, Palmer told him in need of stormwater in that area and they don't meet the income level for any other grant. We received 1.8 million for Phase I and would apply 1.5 million for Phase II and apply each year until the area is completed. Hecker made a motion to apply for the Multi-Modal Grant for Lenape Area Phase II in the amount of 1.5 million, seconded by Palmer, Panian ask amounts, Palmer told him Phase I is 1.8 million and Phase II probably 1.5 million, unanimous.

Palmer said we budgeted for new barricades because ours are old and wooden. Palmer said after April 29th storm we need them, Southworth said we couldn't find any. Palmer said we set the money aside from 2 different funds. Rupert ask how many, Palmer told him 20, Martin ask if they are orange and white, Palmer told him yes. Palmer said it will include additional road closed signs. Hecker made a motion to move forward with purchasing barricades and signs, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer said we budgeted \$3,000.00 to upgrade the website to meet handicap accessible regulations. Palmer said he contacted the person who built the website and he will do it for \$1,000.00. Hecker made a motion to proceed with the website upgrade, seconded by Southworth, Panian ask who would be doing the work, Palmer told him SanPix from New York, unanimous.

Palmer said the County had a kickoff for America 250 last week. We budgeted money to do something at the township level. Will be doing a Freedom Tree at the park and would like to purchase 10 banners for around the township. 10 banners with the hardware would be \$1,618.00. Hecker made a motion to order 10 banners, seconded by Southworth, Panian ask about trees, Palmer told him 1 Elm tree at the park where trees fell and the road crew removed the roots, unanimous.

Police Business:

Police report was read by Chief Robbins. Robbins said they will participate in Operation Sober Shamrock. Hecker made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous. Palmer stated we need to hire an officer and we have 3 applications but all need to go to the academy. Palmer said his only problem with this is we haven't been reimbursed for Officer Daub yet, but once we are paid would like to start the interview process. Panian ask if we advance the tuition, Palmer said yes, we hire a few months in advance and they work here as a civilian, Daub said it really helped when he got to the academy. It is a MPOETC grant that reimburses 75% tuition and 45% salary. Hecker made a motion to move forward with the interview process once we receive reimbursement, seconded by Southworth, Martin ask if they have a contract, Palmer told him must work here 3 years, unanimous.

EMC Report:

Palmer said we covered the KEMA Conference.

Fire Department Report:

Palmer read there were 28 incidents in February. Hecker made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Road Foreman Report:

Toy said they didn't have any accidents. 1 truck has a radio. Toy ask Southworth if he wanted the radio in his truck or the F550, Southworth said his truck. Palmer told him once all radios are installed he will have EMA program them. Toy said there has been a lot of nuisance storms so they are going to work on trees hanging over the road. Toy said the 811 class was educational. Southworth said he has been out of commission but hasn't heard anything bad about their work. Need to contact Penn Sweeping for the end of the month or April, Panian ask if it is carryover, Southworth said we use Penn Sweeping. Palmer said we had the yellow truck and police uniforms on Municibid and didn't receive any bids, Davis put them back on without a reserve. Hecker made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Other Business:

Palmer went to a meeting with the County and the Horse Park because the County is trying to take the deed from the Township. Palmer made it clear we were not interested in giving up the Horse Park. While in this meeting they filed a grant application to add the roof to the arena and the County has already done an application for an expansion at Lenape Vo-Tech. Rupert said he thought they had to raise so much money, Palmer told him they have raised around \$300,000.00. Hecker made a motion to apply for the Community Projects Grant from G.T. Thompson, seconded by Southworth, Panian ask if Lenape gets a grant over the Horse Park if the Board has to make a motion to accept, Palmer told him no the school is separate from the Township, unanimous.

Rupert said about incinerating toilets all that is left is a pan of ash. Palmer said he doesn't know anything about them, would be handled by MTJMA and the Sewage Enforcement Office. Toy said if you fall within the distance of the sewage you must hook in. Palmer said he will draft a letter to the Armstrong County Sewage Enforcement Agency.

Davis said we need to adopt Policy and Procedures for the Police Pension to be compliant with Act 44, we did resolutions last meeting. Hecker made a motion to adopt Policy and Procedures for Act 44 Pension, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer stated he has tried to call the man who wants to buy the small piece of land below Lenape Elementary that we own, but he hasn't returned the calls. Palmer said we sent an email to Sacco and he said we can't just sell it we would have to advertise and bid it out if it worth more than \$6,000.00. Palmer stated it would have to be surveyed, Rupert ask how much is there, Palmer told him approximately 1/3 of an acre. Palmer thinks it is worth more to us as a place to stockpile stone, and would like to put the issue to bed and not sell it. Southworth agreed they do use it a lot. Hecker made a motion not to sell the land, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer stated we had 2 residents complain about the water from Ross Avenue washing out their driveways. Hecker, Palmer and 2 engineers met with the owners. The Engineers told the owners how to correct the problem because it isn't the township's problem. The owner has excavated more than an acre so they would have needed a permit. The Conservation District did talk to DEP and it didn't meet the requirements for a permit but they are going to reach out to DEP again.

Comments:

Rupert – in the last minutes it says the supervisors received a postcard about the 287 agreement, Palmer said the individual doesn't agree that we should work with ICE or assist ICE.

Martin – said a friend bought a place on Ross Avenue and what are the regulations for dirt work, Palmer told him if you disturb more than 1 acre you need to apply with the Conservation District. Southworth told him to do a 1 call for utilities, Palmer said if you don't and hit something you can be fined.

Palmer said it is nice to see Southworth back at the meeting.

Motion to pay the bills by Southworth, and give the secretary the authority to pay any bills until the next meeting, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous

Motion to adjourn by Southworth, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Adjourned at 6:45P.M.

Jill A. Davis, Secretary