

MEETING WEDNESDAY 9-2-2026 6:00P.M.
Municipal Bldg. 306 Byron Street McGrann

In attendance: Supervisors Palmer, Hecker and Toy, Chief Robbins, Allie Pence
Planning Department and Secretary Davis
Citizens: Larry Cecchi, Carol Cecchi, J. Larry Rice, Rita Black, Tom Ludwick, Ricki
Evans, Cody Martin, Larry Rupert and A.J. Panian from Leader Times.

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

Minutes of 8/21/2026 regular meeting and 8/25/26 budget meeting were distributed,
motion to approve by Hecker, seconded by Toy, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Hecker made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-9 to submit the CDBG Application at
the end of October, seconded by Toy, Panian ask the amount, Pence told him
\$95,416.00 with 18% for administration and the balance for Pattonville road
reconstruction, unanimous.

We received a grant for 1.8 million for Lenape Area Stormwater and Roadway
Improvements. Palmer said bids were opened on August 31st, 9 contractors requested
bid packets but only 4 bids. Palmer said W.A. Petrakis Contracting was the low bidder.
If we accept the bid then LSSE will send out a letter tomorrow to proceed. Palmer said
most of the work will be done by Thanksgiving. We have applied for Phase II in the
amount of 3 million to finish the project but it will not be awarded until November. These
grants don't require matching funds. Martin ask what streets, Palmer told him Center,
part of Park, part of Meadow, part of Hansotte and part of Chaplin. Hecker made a
motion to award the bid to W.A. Petrakis Contracting, seconded by Toy, Rupert ask
where they are from, Palmer told him Delmont. Cecchi said the houses created the
problem so plans in the future need reviewed. Palmer said he has talked to 2 people
from DEP, Planning Department and the Conservation District and we are all doing our
own thing and nobody communicates. Cecchi said everyone should sign off on the
plan. Panian ask where the grant was from, Palmer told him Community Financing
Authority, unanimous.

Palmer said we use the backhoe everyday and we have spent \$5,000.00 to get it
running but to fix all the problems would cost \$20,000.00. Rupert ask what was wrong
with it, Toy told him it kept derating and shutting off. Palmer can't see putting
\$20,000.00 in a machine worth \$26,000.00 and they don't guarantee it will be right. We
received quotes and we can't afford John Deere; CAT is coming tomorrow and JCB has
a 2025 with 106 hours on it for \$114,703.00 with a 2-year warranty and a \$5,200.00
option for a 3-year warranty. Palmer would like to move forward with the purchase and
told Cecchi no it wasn't budgeted but an emergency and he and Davis have found we
can pay for it from the rainy-day fund. Palmer said if we finance for 5 years, we will pay
back over \$200,000.00. Rupert ask if any service with it, Palmer said it isn't offered.
Rupert ask where the company is from, Palmer told him Butler. Rupert ask what we
would receive for a trade-in, Palmer told him \$26,000.00. Toy said we have also
replaced the water pump by ourselves. Cecchi ask if we had to bid, Palmer told him no
we are purchasing from a Costars vendor. Palmer made a motion to purchase the JCB
for \$114,703.00, seconded by Hecker, Cecchi ask if any other old equipment, Toy told
him roller then the HI lift and we service the equipment unless electrical. Panian ask

how much that would leave in the fund. Palmer told him we didn't drain the account, unanimous.

Palmer made a motion to vote for Jack Hines and John Wilkes to fill trustee positions on the Pension Trust and the Health Insurance Cooperative Trust, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

The MMO for the police pension is \$21,942.00 for 2027. Hecker made a motion to pay the MMO in 2027, seconded by Toy, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer said he has more information on 1040 Ross Avenue. Bureau Veritas deemed it an unsafe structure and our solicitor agreed but said we needed to have a structural engineer. A structural engineer has been there and said the house needs to come down but now we believe there is a mortgage on the house so we can't proceed until we find out. Panian ask if there is restrictive signage, Palmer told him Bureau Veritas posted the property. Palmer and Robbins closed the door but it is open again. Panian ask if someone gets hurt are we good, Robbins said yes they will be arrested. Cecchi ask if we got a quote to tear it down, Palmer told him no. Palmer would estimate \$5,000.00 to \$8,000.00.

Palmer said the Ross Avenue stormwater is on private property. We will hold a public meeting and make recommendations how to fix the problem. Cecchi ask if we have notified the Morda Estate that no more houses can be built, Bureau Veritas notified her.

Police Business:

Police report was read by Chief Robbins. Robbins said trauma kits have been donated to the department, Cecchi ask if everyone is trained, Robbins said yes. Hecker made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Toy, no public comment heard, unanimous. Spike strips were tabled last meeting, Toy said he doesn't believe we need them and Hecker agreed. Hecker made a motion to negate using strips, seconded by Toy, Martin ask if they were here, yes but will not use. Panian ask if they have been used, he was told no. Palmer said the solicitor pointed out the liability and the training requirement. Panian ask if we will keep them in stock, told yes for now, unanimous.

EMC Report:

Rice said the KEMA Conference is this month. Rice said he did get sandbags for Ross Avenue, Palmer said they hired people to help fix the problem. He said the school safety director had a death in family so meeting was postponed. Hecker made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Toy, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Fire Hall Report:

Evans said there were 33 incidents in August. Roast beef dinners will start in October and run until May. They are also considering some other takeout dinners. Hecker made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Toy, no public comment heard, unanimous. Palmer said he received the ISO rating and they were down rated to a 6 because of the quint. When the quint comes back, they can look at the pump capacity to see if it changes. The people with the contract to refurbish the quint are not responding so the fire department got an attorney. Palmer said the ISO will affect homeowners' insurance, Panian ask how much, Palmer said not sure what percent it will raise by. Evans had no comment.

Road Foreman Report:

The pipes on Rose and Chaplin have been replaced. Tar and chipped Byron and Goat Hill. Hecker made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Palmer, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Other Business:

Palmer said we have been trying to get additional street lights for over a year. Last meeting he ask if he could contact the PUC, he did file a complaint and West Penn called they will be installing the lights.

Comments:

Tom Ludwick – ask if there is a soliciting ordinance. He lives on King Street and has had X-finity and a solar company there. He was told to call 911 immediately and the police will come to see them. They must get a permit and the resident should be asking to see the permit signed by Davis. When the police know a company is in the area they put it on their Facebook page.

Larry Rupert – the solar is a scam because they were in his area and told him his neighbors signed up and they actually didn't. Said truck is still going up and down Ping Wing Hollow Road, gave Robbins a picture.

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

Motion to adjourn by Hecker, seconded by Toy, no public comment heard, unanimous.
Adjourned at 6:58P.M.

Jill A. Davis, Secretary