

MEETING WEDNESDAY 8-5-2026 6:00P.M.
Municipal Bldg. 306 Byron Street McGrann

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

Citizens: Larry Cecchi, Mary Zarecky, J. Larry Rice, Rita Black, Tom Ludwick, Ricki Evans, Sarah Scholl, Jonathan Gerber, Tom Scholl, Chris Culp and Dennis Phillips from Leader Times.

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

Minutes of 7/17/2026 regular meeting were distributed, motion to approve by Toy, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer stated 1040 Ross Avenue is a dangerous structure. The foundation is falling in, tree falling and the roof is bad. Bureau Veritas has said it is unsafe and Sacco agrees. Palmer said there is also a vegetative growth issue. Palmer wants to send a letter to Ms. Miller that has been approved by legal counsel. It would give her 30 days to make the building compliant and safe or demo the house. Hecker made a motion to approve sending Miller the letter, seconded by Toy, Zarecky said she lives beside the house and they have animals running around but the neighbors have cut some of the grass, unanimous.

Palmer said Sacco suggested getting a structural engineer which would cost between \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00 for 1040 Ross Avenue. Toy made a motion to hire a structural engineer, seconded by Hecker, Cecchi ask if it would be a registered engineer, Palmer told him yes from LSSE. Cecchi ask what the next step would be, Palmer told him we would take down and lien the property. Palmer said someone is willing to purchase the place and tear it down and will make Miller an offer. Ludwick said he lives on King Street, Palmer told him not that house. Phillips ask how many days, Palmer told him 30 days, unanimous.

Palmer said on Monday we became aware of a stormwater issue at 767 Main Street. Palmer, Toy and Davis met with Scholl and walked the property and there is definitely water directed at the property. Palmer called our engineer, the Planning Department and the Conservation District. Our engineer, and representatives from the Planning Department came to look at the problem. Palmer met today with a contractor who claims he installed pipes from Ross Avenue down the field clear to Tub Mill Run but he thinks these pipes were cut when one of the houses was built on the Morda land. Palmer thinks the cut pipes is what is causing the problem of water in basements on Lenape Avenue. Palmer said the Township has an ordinance stating you can't put water on your neighbor's property. The Morda land is 32 acres that has been divided into 12 lots. There is a meeting on August 12th with the Supervisors, Planning Department, Conservation District, Engineers and Attorneys to figure out what the next step should be. Palmer has requested a copy of the Morda subdivision plan but hasn't received it yet. The solution will not happen overnight. Palmer wants to send a letter to Bureau Veritas telling them not to issue any more building permits on these lots until the problem is resolved. Culp said he gets water from the Morda pond. Palmer has documentation from our visit, Scholl has a formal complaint and asking for different documentation, Palmer told her to file a RTK request. She wants help to determine the problem and how to fix it. Cecchi said we should do something but not spend tax

dollars but enforce our ordinance. Palmer said if it is our problem we need to fix. Cecchi said not his tax dollars to fix Morda's problem. Toy made a motion to send the stop permit letter to Bureau Veritas, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer said 1237 Lenape Avenue and his neighbors are getting water in their basements. Palmer said the pipes potentially cut could be blocking floor drains. The timeline with the Ross Avenue excavating and water in the basements lines up. Next week doing a site visit with a contractor that originally installed the pipes to see if they can locate where the pipes were. Toy said if you locate them and open them up you will be putting water on other property, if pipes are broke flood basements and on other side flood houses. DEP said a NPIS permit wasn't needed so stormwater was up to the homeowners. When we get an application, it is sent to our engineer to look at the stormwater for approval. Toy ask how many lots are sold, Palmer told him 6 sold but only 4 have built so far. Culp said there needs to be a pond on each side. Palmer said there is a swell with a pipe but water is blowing out the pipe. Scholl said need to put the history pieces together because it is privately owned now so really tricky moving forward. Culp said over 2 years ago they had concerns but the Conservation District didn't have any answers. Palmer said can't use tax money on private property. Palmer said there is a 10" or 12" pipe under the water and sewage line. Contractor says 4 pipes were there and Monday will try to locate them under Ross Avenue. Toy said terra cotta pipe is untraceable. Palmer wants to expose the open end to try to locate it. Palmer said it will cost some money probably around \$5,000.00. Cecchi said need a camera, Toy said Woodside Plumbing tried and was unsuccessful. Palmer said need to find the break and fix it, Toy said not that easy because opening the pipe will create more water. Culp ask where the water would go, Palmer told him Morda pond. Culp said Morda put a pipe in. Palmer said if we don't try to help the people on Lenape Avenue and Ross Avenue will hire an attorney and will cost us more. Culp said ½ the pond is Morda's and ½ belongs to the people in the brick house. Toy said the pipe under the house needs cleaned, Scholl said they will clean it out. Palmer made a motion to spend up to \$5,000.00 to locate and solve this problem, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Davis got a quote from 2 boys that are starting a window cleaning business to do they windows here. Exterior and Interior windows with frames and seals for \$160.00. Toy said he met them and they are go getters. Robbins said they are minors so need parents ok to put them on Facebook. Palmer made a motion to have all windows cleaned for \$160.00, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer said there is a crisis with paramedic and EMT personnel so we were ask to update the EMS Response Plan. Palmer talked to Rice and McAfoose and updated the plan. Each district will have 7 backup services if one isn't available. Toy made a motion to sign the plan, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Toy made a motion to set budget dates for 3:00P.M. on 8/25, 9/2, 9/28 and 10/3, seconded by Hecker, Cecchi ask if we were in budget and Palmer told him overall, we are good, unanimous.

Police Business:

Police report was read by Chief Robbins. Glabb got an atta boy from his neighbors because they were away and he stopped when he saw people at their house. Hecker made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Toy, no public comment heard, unanimous. Palmer said we budgeted for 6 officers, our 5th officer is in the academy.

There is a person in the academy that wants to work here. In the academy we would hire him as a civilian and when he graduates, he would come here with a 3-year contract. When we pay the academy MPOETC reimburses some of the salary and tuition. This person paid his own way so MPOETC will not reimburse us. Palmer wants to make him an offer of \$2,500.00 tuition reimbursement and \$21.00 an hour with a 3-year contract. At the end of his interview, he said he injured his knee and is waiting on an MRI, Robbins said Tuesday he will have the results. Palmer doesn't want to hire him as he is unfit for duty. Palmer made a motion to hire him as a civilian with a \$2,500.00 reimbursement and \$21.00 an hour but not until he has a doctor release that states no restrictions, seconded by Toy, no public comment, unanimous. Palmer gave everyone information from Andreassi on the use of spike strips. The Deputy Sheriff's Association donated 2 sets to the department. Andreassi didn't really say to allow them or not but there is a liability issue. Palmer made a motion to not allow the police to use them, Toy ask how often would they be used, Robbins said not a lot. Robbins said in his professional opinion he doesn't think that is the right decision. The state police are not always close by and the strips end a pursuit quicker which is safer for everyone. Palmer said he understands but if someone gets hurt or has property damage they will sue the Township. Robbins would like to see the board get a second opinion and discuss the issue. Toy ask how these are different than a pit maneuver, Robbins said good chance of rollover with a pit maneuver, with these the tires don't blow out they just slowly deflate. Scholl ask if there is a training plan documented and does each person know it, Robbins said yes. Palmer withdrew his motion. Toy said if it will keep the officers safe, he would like time to research, Hecker said he wanted to look into it further. Palmer made a motion to table until the September meeting, seconded by Toy, no public comment heard, unanimous.

EMC Report:

Rice said they are training with Pitzer for a mass casualty event. There will be a meeting with the school district and public safety before school starts. KEMA Conference is the end of September. Palmer ask Rice to help Scholl with sand bags. Toy made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous. Palmer would like to apply for a generator grant so the fire hall could be used as an emergency shelter. The grant would pay for the generator and installation. Toy made a motion to have Palmer apply for the generator, seconded by Hecker, Cecchi ask if it would cost us anything, Palmer said no, unanimous.

Fire Hall Report:

Evans said there were 24 incidents in June and 47 in July. Hecker made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Palmer, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Road Foreman Report:

Toy said the road mower hit a fire hydrant because you couldn't see it. They chipped bottom of Guthrie, Camp Road and a section of Brown Hill Road. Finished the pipe on Rose Street. Met with Gregg Smith about a grant for Stitt Hollow. The drains in Dog Town are fixed. The catch basin on Terrace didn't have a bottom in it so that is how the ground hog got into it. New employee has passed his CDL test. Did the ditch behind Dairy Queen and gentleman said good job. Did a curb on James Drive and they said nice job. Rice said the red light is out on the traffic signal angled North. Palmer made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous. Toy would like to have trash week October 8th, 9th, 10th. Palmer made a motion to set fall clean up in October with electronics at \$15.00, seconded by Hecker, Zarecky ask where, Palmer told her the maintenance garage, unanimous. Hecker made a motion to adjust Luketic's pay since he passed his CDL from \$22.00 to \$25.24, seconded by Palmer, no public comment heard, unanimous.

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 Palmer, seconded by Toy, no public comment heard, unanimous.
Adjourned at 7:15P.M.

Jill A. Davis, Secretary