

Lamar Township Supervisors' Regular Meeting of February 4th, 2025:

Present: Wade Vonada – Chair, Larry Rhine – Vice-Chair, Dan Chappell – Supervisor, Tracy Roberts – Secretary/Treasurer, Breanna Hanley, Norma Hayes, Esther Galentine, Jeremy Williams, Brandon Coleman, Dan Burfield, Tim Yearick, Tom Bossert, Bob Dwyer, Lenny Long, Dave & April Fravel, Cindy Culvey, Beth & Steve Bason, Nate & Maria Weaver, Russ & Donna Smith, Tibben Zerby, Leo Cox

Meeting called to order: W. Vonada called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Motion to accept January 6th, 2025, Organizational Meeting and Regular Meeting: D. Chappell made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. L. Rhine 2nd 3/0

Treasury Report and motion to pay all current and due bills: L. Rhine made a motion to accept the Treasury Report and pay all current and due bills. D. Chappell 2nd 3/0

Secretary Report:

- a. NONE

Fire Report: L. Rhine read the fire report for the month of January 2025. Breakfast is February the 15th from 7:00 am -10:00 am, adults are \$12.00, children 5-12 are \$6.00, under 5 is free. We still have boat raffle tickets.

Police Report: B. Coleman read the police report for the month of January 2025.

Planning Commission Report:

- a. NONE

Zoning Report:

- a. NONE

Public Works: W. Vonada stated they are still trying to get parts ironed out to get the Mackeyville interchange lights working. We have been doing general maintenance, quite a bit of not necessarily plowing, just nuisance slick roads. We are still looking for avenues for grants for different things coming up.

New Business:

- a. **Road Master's Wage – Set by Auditor's** – T. Roberts read the letter from the Lamar Township Auditors meeting held on January 7, 2025, where they set the wages for the Road Master and any working supervisor at an increase of 5.1% above the 2024 wage. D. Chappell made a motion to accept the set wage as presented. L. Rhine 2nd, W. Vonada abstained. 2/1 (*abstained*)
- b. **Dan Burfield – Little League** – D. Burfield presented a proposal from Lakeview Fence Co for a fence around the new t-ball field. The proposal stated they will install 31 sections of 6' high vinyl privacy fence, aluminum inserts in bottom rail, all posts set in concrete. They will also install 68 ft of 10' high galvanized chain-link fence for the backstop. The total cost for the project is \$13,582.00. D. Burfield asked if the township would be willing to split the cost of the project like they have done in the past. D. Chappell made a motion to split the cost of the proposed project, totaling 6,791.00 for the township. L. Rhine 2nd. 3/0
- c. **Mill Hall Pool** – Tom Bossert, Lenny Long, and Bob Dwyer are with the Mill Hall Borough Aquatic Facility Committee. They are currently contacting various potential funding sources to help with the Mill Hall Swimming Pool Rehabilitation Project. The project will cost \$2,000,000+ to complete. They have received a grant from DCNR for \$952,000. They have spoken with Bald Eagle Township and Flemington Borough.

Old Business:

- a. **SunShare Community Solar – Principal Solar Follow Up Discussion** – Leo Cox and Tibben Zerby from SunShare Community Solar would like to establish primary solar as a Conditional Use in the Agriculture Zoning District. Currently, primary solar is only permitted in the Light Industrial and Highway Interchange zoning districts. They are both asking that the township amends the adopted ordinance 2024-01 to specify that Principal Solar Energy Systems are a Conditional Use in the AG Zoning District so that residents and farmland owner can make their own case. D. Chappell stated that if we decided to put a solar project in an ag district, we would have a lot of upset residents. D. Chappell also stated that the only people that are going to benefit from it, are the people who are selling it, while the other residents have to deal with it. L. Rhine stated that we should leave the ordinance the way that it is, they are already farming the ground; they are already raising crops, it's not like it's a hazard to them or a swap area. W. Vonada stated he never thought he would see so many people against it.

Public comment:

Adjournment: L. Rhine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM. D. Chappell 2nd 3/0

Recorded By:

**Tracy Roberts
Secretary**

Lamar Township Treasury Report of February 4th, 2025:

General Account:

Balance as of 1/1/2025:	\$	819,157.71
Deposits of Interest:	\$	18,789.30
Expenses:	\$	45,350.68
Balance as of 1/31/2025:	\$	792,845.80

Street Light Account:

Balance as of 1/1/2025:	\$	15,609.80
Deposits of Interest:	\$	46.29
Expenses:	\$	406.66
Balance as of 1/31/2025:	\$	15,249.43

State Account:

Balance as of 1/1/2025:	\$	504,296.34
Deposits of Interest:	\$	1508.70
Expenses:	\$	6,426.64
Balance as of 1/31/2025:	\$	499,378.40

Marcellus Shale Account:

Balance as of 1/1/2025	\$	214,238.68
Deposits of Interest:	\$	636.86
Expenses:	\$	
Balance as of 1/31/2025:	\$	214,875.54

Cemetery Account:

Balance as of 1/1/2025:	\$	33,986.35
Deposits of Interest:	\$	101.03
Expenses:	\$	
Balance as of 1/31/2025:	\$	34,087.38

Recorded by:

Tracy Roberts
Treasurer