

TOWNSHIP OF LEET
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 25, 2024

The Workshop Meeting of the Leet Township Board of Commissioners was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Martin C. McDaniel at the Leet Township Municipal Building, 194 Ambridge Ave., Fair Oaks, PA 15003. Roll Call: The Commissioners present were Martin C. McDaniel, Rody Nash, Dan Peluso, and Martin P. Zimmer. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Absent: Commissioner Donna Adipietro

Also present:
Public Works Foreman Andy Wanto

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Mr. McDaniel said that the Township received a federal grant four years ago, and with interest accrued since then, the account value was \$168,936.82. At the November 11, 2024, Regular Meeting, the Board agreed to purchase a carport for the police department to use for \$6,540.00, leaving a balance of \$162,396.82 in the account.

Public Works Chairman Nash worked with Foreman Wanto to find a used JCB backhoe with minimal hours and a two-year factory warranty from Stephenson Equipment for \$84,000.00. These are CoStar prices, and an additional warranty may be purchased at a later date. They also had an ODB leaf machine for \$70,000.00 and a Super City MFG 8' leaf box for \$10,000.

There were no questions regarding the purchase. Mr. McDaniel stated that the dealer had offered a trade-in for the backhoe and leaf machine, but the auditors preferred that the equipment be put out for a bid to receive the most competitive price.

There was a brief discussion about trading in the equipment versus bidding it out for sale. The Township can keep both the old and new leaf machines and eliminate the need to use Brian Brown's leaf pickup services.

There was a discussion about storing the backhoe in the garage, but it would take much effort due to the size of the garage doors. The Public Works Department will need to add a lean-to structure to house the new backhoe, which has a Kubota engine. The ODB leaf machine is more expensive than another model, which has a diesel engine due to the remote-control system, which allows for easier operation, and it has a gas engine. The Board considered

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keeping the old leaf machine, and the old backhoe will be listed on Municibid.

MOTION: Mr. Nash made a motion to purchase a \$84,000.00 (CoStars pricing) JCB Global 14' backhoe from Stephenson Equipment using the American Rescue Act Plan funds. Mr. Peluso seconded the motion. A formal roll call vote was taken, with the following votes recorded: Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; Mr. Peluso, yes; and Mr. Nash, yes. The motion carried.

MOTION: Mr. Nash made a motion to purchase a \$10,000.00 (CoStars pricing) Super City MFG 8' leaf box from Stephenson Equipment using the American Rescue Act Plan funds. Mr. Peluso seconded the motion. A formal roll call vote was taken, with the following votes recorded: Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; Mr. Peluso, yes; and Mr. Nash, yes. The motion carried.

MOTION: Mr. Nash made a motion to purchase a \$70,000.00 (CoStars pricing) ODB 600 Leaf Vac with remote/3 axis and a gas engine from Stephenson Equipment using the American Rescue Act Plan funds. Mr. Peluso seconded the motion. A formal roll call vote was taken, with the following votes recorded: Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; Mr. Peluso, yes; and Mr. Nash, yes. The motion carried.

MOTION: Mr. Nash made a motion to list the Case backhoe on Municibid and keep the leaf machine. Mr. Peluso seconded the motion. A formal roll call vote was taken, with the following votes recorded: Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; Mr. Peluso, yes; and Mr. Nash, yes. The motion carried.

The Board will vote on a confirming resolution for these purchases at the December 9, 2024, Regular Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Safety Chairman Zimmel stated that one full-time police officer has been offered a position at another department, while another is currently testing to work for a different department. He proposed that the Board authorize the Civil Service Commission to conduct tests to establish a full-time officer eligibility list. Chief Jameson had spoken to three potential candidates who were interested in testing for the position. Both full-time officers expressed their desire to continue working part-time.

MOTION: Mr. Zimmel made a motion to amend the agenda to authorize the Civil Service Commission to test for a part-time and full-time officer. Mr. Nash seconded the motion, with all in favor of it.

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There was no public participation.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Nash moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Peluso, with all in favor of the motion.

/s/Betsy Rengers
Betsy Rengers, Manager

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/s/Martin C. McDaniel
Martin C. McDaniel, President

December 9, 2024
Date