

TOWNSHIP OF LEET
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
JULY 28, 2025

The Leet Township Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting 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 Donna Adipietro, Martin P. Zimmer, and Martin C. McDaniel. Rody Nash joined later in the meeting. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Absent: Commissioner Dan Peluso

Also present:

Manager Betsy Rengers

Resident Peggy Adams

Chief Brian Jameson

Catherine Suttig

Engineer John Valinsky

Resident Tom Lench

Dalton Janicki, Police Officer

Planning Commission Chairman Joe Ferrang

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Multi-modal Grant for Sidewalk Improvements

Mr. Valinsky presented the Board with the proposed sidewalk design to replace the sidewalks on Plum Street, utilizing a \$127,000.00 grant along with a \$55,000.00 match from the Township. Two ADA ramps on Chaucer Court need replacement, and this is included in the project plan. Plum Street is the base bid, while Chaucer Court is the alternate bid. The project was discussed, and it will be placed on the August agenda for advertising.

Quaker Heights Drainage Project Plan Review

Mr. Valinsky reported that the Township received a \$165,000.00 grant to eliminate a water drainage problem in Quaker Heights. He reviewed the proposed design with the Board, which would pipe the water through an open space and a sanitary easement. Approval from the Leet Township Municipal Authority, which owns the easement, will be required in writing. Mr. Ferrang showed the Board photos of a 2019 rain event and the water drainage issue, with water running through his front yard. There was a discussion about the project. It will be added to the August agenda to advertise for bids. The grants will be administered through the Township.

Gaming Economic Development Tourism Grant Opening

Mr. Valinsky will submit grant applications to build a new salt shed and for the Watson Street Drainage Project. The Board will vote on resolutions for these applications at the August meeting. Mr. McDaniel explained that the property owner on Watson Street will need to clean out the drainage pipe in her yard for the proposed drainage design to work efficiently. Mr.

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McDaniel asked Allegheny County Representative Susan Filiaggi to find a solution for the resident. At this time, the County Public Works Department will not clean the pipe because years ago, the property owner agreed in writing to maintain the pipe.

Police Officer Resignation

Officer Ken Battaglia has resigned from his role at the police department.

MOTION: Mr. Zimmer made a motion to accept Officer Ken Battaglia's resignation, with regret, from the police department effective July 15, 2025. Mrs. Adipietro seconded the motion. A formal roll call vote was taken, and the following votes were recorded: Mr. Adipietro, yes; Mr. Zimmer, yes; and Mr. McDaniel, yes. The motion carried.

Officer Battaglia has been, according to the law, paid out all owed compensatory time at the overtime rate.

Hiring of a Full-time Officer

MOTION: Mr. Zimmer made a motion to promote Officer Dalton Janicki from part-time to the full-time officer position effective July 29, 2025. Mrs. Adipietro seconded the motion. A formal roll call vote was taken, and the following votes were recorded: Mrs. Adipietro, yes; Mr. Zimmer, yes; and Mr. McDaniel, yes. The motion carried.

Benches, Flagpoles, and Landscaping for the War Memorial

Mrs. Adipietro showed the Board a proposed design for a War Memorial stone. She contacted Rome Monument for prices to have the design put on granite, and she is waiting to hear from them. There is approximately \$15K left in the grant for the purchase of the benches, flagpoles, and picnic table. These items will be decided on at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nash joined the meeting.

Chief Jameson informed the Board that he received a request for body cam footage and a municipal video from Plum Street Park. The body cam footage is subject to Act 22, which requires a \$600 fee to be paid by the requester because it must be processed through Allegheny County before release. The Township needs to vote to set the \$600.00 fee for the Act 22 video. The Right to Know resolution sets the fee for a municipal video at the actual costs of the video. The municipal video needs to be redacted before release and should be handled by a professional. We have not yet received a Right-to-Know request for the videos. We will get estimates on the cost of having a professional redact video to vote on at a later date.

MOTION: Mr. Zimmer made a motion to set the fee for the Act 22 body cam video at \$600.00 per video. Mrs. Adipietro seconded the motion. A formal roll call vote was taken, and the following votes were recorded: Mrs. Adipietro, yes; Mr. Zimmer, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes;

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and Mr. Nash, yes. The motion carried.

Hiring of a Seasonal Public Works Employee

Mr. McDaniel explained that a full-time public works employee is resigning in August. The full-time position will need to be advertised. The Township is also looking for a seasonal employee.

Court Surface and Scooter Ordinance

Mr. Valinsky mentioned that the recently resurfaced courts are durable enough for in-line skates. The board concurred that bikes, motorized vehicles, skateboards, and scooters will be prohibited from the courts, in line with the upcoming scooter ordinance scheduled for a vote at the August 11th meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Zimmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m., seconded by Mr. Nash, with all in favor of the motion.

/s/Betsy Rengers

Betsy Rengers, Manager

Date: August 11, 2025

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/s/Martin C. McDaniel

Martin C. McDaniel, President