

LEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
May 11, 2026  
Minutes of the Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

President Martin C. McDaniel called the Regular Meeting of the Leet Township Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Leet Township Municipal Building, 194 Ambridge Ave., Fair Oaks, PA 15003. Formal roll call: The Commissioners present were Paul Magee, Martin Zimmel, Martin C. McDaniel, and Donna Adipietro. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Absent: Commissioner Jessica Cindrich

Also present:

Betsy Rengers, Manager

Chief Brian Jameson

John Valinsky, LSSE Engineer,

Solicitor Steve Chesney via phone

Kris Omencinski, Resident

Donnie Steins, Resident

Joe Ferrang, Planning Commission Chair

Tom Lench, Resident

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident Donnie Stein raised concerns about the Edgeworth Water project on Plum Street. He noted that the water lines were replaced in 2024/2025 and believed that the paving done when they laid the new lines was not properly executed, which he thinks has affected the water temperature. Mr. Valinsky assured him that he would inspect the paving during his sidewalk project inspection. Additionally, Mr. McDaniel advised Mr. Stein to contact the water company regarding the water temperature issue.

Mr. Steins was also concerned about the new sidewalk project because of how his downspouts drained onto the street. Mr. Valinsky explained that there will be a fall from the sidewalk to the street to encourage drainage to the street. Mr. Valinsky will also inspect this when he is in the area.

Mr. Steins was upset over the power scooters that children ride on Plum Street. Chief Jameson explained that he has investigated the issue. The law has not kept up with the new technology. If the bike is pedal-assisted, it is considered a bicycle.

Resident Kris Omencinski informed the board that children had been riding a dirt bike in the park. Chief Jameson caught the dirt bike rider and told him that he was not allowed to ride the bike in the park.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

#### **Approval of the April 13, 2026, Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Adipietro made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2026, Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting as submitted, seconded by Mr. Magee. The following votes were recorded: Mr. Magee, yes; Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; and Mrs. Adipietro, yes. The motion carried.

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**Approval of April 27, 2026, Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting**

**MOTION:** Mr. Magee made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2026, Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting as submitted, seconded by Mr. Zimmel. The following votes were recorded: Mr. Magee, yes; Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; and Mrs. Adipietro, yes. The motion carried.

**Approval of Bills and Current Invoices**

Mr. McDaniel explained that overall, this month's invoices rose due to repayment of the \$200,000 TAN loan, including interest.

**MOTION:** Mr. Zimmel made a motion to pay the bills and invoices as presented in the amount of \$363,132.10. Mrs. Adipietro seconded the motion. A formal roll call vote was conducted, and the following votes were recorded: Mr. Magee, yes; Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; and Mrs. Adipietro, yes. The motion carried.

**Circulation of Department Reports**

The Department Reports were circulating in the meeting room. Later in the meeting, the reports will be discussed, and a vote will be held to accept the reports.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Beech Street Speed Table**

The Board is considering replacing the temporary speed table on Beech Street with a permanent one, and the design will be included in the 2026 Paving Program. Mr. Valinsky clarified that this table will be incorporated into the 2026 Paving Program design, which will be presented at the next meeting.

**Purchasing Owl Webcam and Hosting Live Stream Meetings**

After his research, Mr. Magee submitted a report to the Commissioners about OWL Webcam technology. The OWL Webcam includes an integrated microphone and can focus on the person speaking. It costs \$1,099.00 and connects to a laptop; meetings are primarily conducted via Zoom. Participants can also join remotely if needed. Previously, the Township had borrowed the Owl System from the COG and had used it to broadcast zoning hearings. Mr. Magee reviewed some videos about the OWL and watched Aleppo Township's meetings. Aleppo uses a tech person to run their meetings. Sewickley Borough also uses the technology for its council meetings. Once the meetings are recorded, they are posted to YouTube for three months. The Board discussed the issue and decided to table the decision for further consideration.

**Upgrade Graphics on the 2022 Police Vehicle**

Chief Jameson would like all police car graphics to be uniform across all vehicles. He suggested removing the white wrap from the doors of the 2022 Ford and changing the lettering to match the new vehicle. He was able to negotiate with West Penn Vehicle Specialist to reduce the cost to \$1,050.00.

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**MOTION:** Mr. Zimmel made a motion to approve the estimate from West Penn Vehicle Specialist to update the graphics on the 2022 Ford Police vehicle. Mr. Magee seconded the motion. A formal roll call vote was conducted, and the following votes were recorded: Mr. Magee, yes; Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; and Mrs. Adipietro, yes. The motion carried.

**2020 Dodge Durango Sale**

Chief Jameson discussed pricing for the 2020 Dodge Durango with a car dealer. He suggested to the Board that the car be sold because it is the oldest vehicle in the fleet and the HEMI engines are known to have issues. The engine is covered under warranty if the problem arises. He plans to list the car for sale on SPIN (Shared Police Information Network) to attract potential buyers. If no one is interested there, he will put it out for bid on Municibid.

**MOTION:** Mr. Magee made a motion to post the 2020 Dodge Durango on the Shared Police Information Network for sale for \$18,000.00. If there is no interest, the vehicle will be listed on Municibid. Mr. Zimmel seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded: Mr. Magee, yes; Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; and Mrs. Adipietro, yes. The motion carried.

**MOTION:** Mr. Magee made a motion to amend the motion to sell the 2020 Dodge Durango for \$20,000.00. Mr. Zimmel seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded: Mr. Magee, yes; Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; and Mrs. Adipietro, yes. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**TAN Loan Payoff**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Adipietro made a motion to pay off the First Nation Bank Tax Anticipation Note for \$200,780.38. Mr. Zimmel seconded the motion. A formal roll call vote was conducted, and the following votes were recorded: Mr. Magee, yes; Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; and Mrs. Adipietro, yes. The motion carried.

**Pilgrim/Settlers Intersection Stop Sign**

Chief Jameson received a complaint from a resident about the lack of a stop sign at the corner of Pilgrim Drive and Settlers Drive, at the entrance to the Woods of Quaker Heights. She had witnessed cars flying through the intersection. The Township would be required to conduct a traffic study to install a stop sign. Mr. Magee lives in the area and has not had any close calls with traffic accidents at the intersection. Chief Jameson invited the complainant to attend the meeting to address the issue with the Board, but she did not attend tonight's meeting. The Board discussed the matter, and the consensus was to hold off on taking any action for now.

**Zoning Officer Amendment Update**

Leet Zoning Officer Chris Rearick emailed the Board regarding the consideration of a zoning amendment to change the rear yard setbacks in Residential A, AA, and AAA to 25'. Currently, the setback is 50'. Mr. McDaniel had previous personal experience with the setback issue and felt there were times over the years when the ordinance had not been enforced. Mr. Chesney suggested sending the zoning amendment to the Planning Commission for review and consideration. Mr. Valinsky will provide the Board with an aerial map showing the GIS lot lines.

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The Township has had a few zoning variance hearings over the years regarding this subject. The Board discussed the issue. Mr. McDaniel explained that the Planning Commission had already reviewed the accessory structure and dumpster ordinances, so those ordinances would not be sent back to the Planning Commission.

**2025 Quaker Valley COG Act 77 Regional Asset District Tax**

The Township received a notification from the Quaker Valley COG Director that the 2025 Regional Asset District (RAD) Tax was calculated to be \$929.23. Act 77 requires municipalities to dedicate 25% of their year-over-year RAD increase to intergovernmental cooperation.

**MOTION:** Mr. Zimmel made a motion to approve the payment of the Regional Asset District (RAD) tax distribution in the amount of \$929.33 to the Quaker Valley Council of Governments. Mrs. Adipietro seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded: Mr. Magee, yes; Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; and Mrs. Adipietro, yes. The motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Mr. McDaniel directed Ms. Rengers to investigate the EIT revenue, as it was down from the previous year. He reported that he did not see any other issues in the budget report. Mr. Magee questioned the payment to the auditor, which was higher than it was at the same time last year. Ms. Rengers noted that the payment was due to timing, and that last year they had not completed the audit by April, so only a partial payment had been made by April 2025.

Chief Jameson indicated that Officer Josh Armstrong might be deployed as soon as July, earlier than the initial October plan, and will serve until next spring. The digital speed sign has been installed on Plum Street. Chief Jameson received an estimate of approximately \$13,000.00 for a camera system at the municipal complex and is awaiting a second quote from another company. He is monitoring patrol miles and has observed a 550-mile increase per month. Patrol activity on Camp Meeting Road has risen due to complaints about speeding.

Mr. Magee reported that a Nextdoor post asked about a recent large police presence in Quaker Heights. Chief Jameson reported that it was due to a domestic situation. However, the Board should be aware of a new internet game called "Assassin." The game requires players to engage in a car chase, and once a player is cornered, they jump out of their car with brightly colored water guns to shoot the cornered player. So far, there has been one incident of this in Quaker Heights.

Chief Jameson has contacted Ambridge Borough about providing jail services starting next year. Coraopolis is discontinuing its jail services as of 2027.

Chief Jameson is monitoring a parking issue with Quaker Heights. A new resident has moved in and is parking on the street, causing a sightline issue at Alden Drive.

Mr. Valinsky stated that the grant projects, the Quaker Heights Stormwater Project and the Plum Street Sidewalk Project, should begin within the next three weeks. They were delayed in December due to the weather.

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Mr. McDaniel reported that the stakes placed for the Quaker Heights Stormwater Project had been removed by the Public Works Department during a recent grass-cutting operation. The stakes will need to be reset using the survey file provided by LSSE.

The Case Backhoe will be listed on Municibid within two weeks. The Public Works Department installed new shelving in the garage bays and organized the space. They rented a mini excavator to dig stormwater pits and began landscaping for the Veterans' Memorial. The concrete for the flagpoles was poured, and the poles will be installed once the concrete sets. Mr. McDaniel received a call from Wayne Hyjek at the Rotary Club regarding the purchase of trees. The trees are to be placed at the new picnic table at Plum Street Park, and the Rotary Club will reimburse the Township for the purchase.

**MOTION:** Mr. Magee made a motion to accept the department reports, seconded by Mr. Zimmel. All were in favor of the motion.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Workshop Meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 26, because of Memorial Day. We will post the agenda if the meeting is to be held.

Resident Kris Omenceski asked if the Township would be cleaning stormwater drains this year. Ms. Rengers replied that the Township jets the storm drains every year, usually in August.

She asked about the project in Markaloy's parking lot. Ms. Rengers stated that it was a Leet Township Municipal Authority sewer project.

Mr. McDaniel mentioned that a storm drain on Camp Meeting Road was reconstructed several years ago. However, it often collects debris, causing water to flow across the road instead of into the drain. The problem needs to be fixed by the Allegheny County Public Works Maintenance Department. The guardrail on Camp Meeting Road has been repaired.

Mrs. Adipietro distributed a written update to the Board on the Fire Department merger.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mr. Zimmel moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m., seconded by Mr. Magee, with all in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

/s/Betsy Rengers

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BETSY RENGERS, MANAGER

TOWNSHIP OF LEET

/s/Martin C. McDaniel

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MARTIN C. MCDANIEL, PRESIDENT

Date: June 8, 2026