

Lamotte Township Monthly Meeting

Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2025

Present: Fred McNair, Supervisor
Brigetta Brannon, Clerk
Shawn Elder, Road Commissioner
Alan Fulling, Trustee
Rodney Bond, Trustee
Tom Fuller, Trustee
Julie Napier, Trustee
Matthew Wilson, Guest
Ryan Love, Guest
Lugene Bond, Guest

Next meeting: February 27, 2025, 5:30pm, Lamotte Township Building

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the December 2024 meeting minutes was made by Julie Napier, seconded by Tom Fuller and the motion was carried.

Additional November expenditures:

Big R	
-Shop and Dodge Pick-up parts	\$61.60
O'Reilly's	
Productivity Plus (Birkey's)	
-GM Strut	98.50
Crawford County Highway Department	
-Salt/Sand	1,309.85
Progressive Chemical and Lighting	
-2 A-Frame Legs (Barricades)	1,449.20
Tom Fuller	
-Plowing	272.00
Total	<u>\$3,191.15</u>

A motion to approve the January 2025 expenditures was made by Alan Fulling, seconded by Julie Napier and the motion was carried.

New Business

Review Phone Service proposal – the Board asked to requote for only three (3) handsets and to ensure no sales tax is attached. Discussed phone message and it was noted that we would like to have a message directing callers to Robinson Township for General Assistance, directing calls to the Highway Commissioner and Clerk/Cemetery information. Rodney Bond made a motion to approve the new quote with the qualification that does not exceed \$3,000.00, Tom Fuller seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Mowing bid notice will be placed in the paper and posted locally on Facebook. Mowing contract will be for March 15, 2025, through October 15, 2025.

Thanks to Shawn, Tommy, and John for the snow removal!

Clerk Report

Brigetta Brannon notified the board that TOI Scholarships are available, and this has been posted on Facebook. It will be cross posted to the other areas outside of Palestine as some students live outside of the Village but are in the Lamotte Township.

Brigetta noted that she attended an online seminar from TOI on the Statements of Economic Interest forms. This was an informative online seminar and PowerPoint slides, and more information will be filed for use when we must complete this again.

Cemetery Report

Rodney Bond reported several items needing attention during his Cemetery walkthroughs:

Flags need to be put at half-staff when required. Brigetta has signed up for Flag Notifications so that we are up to date on when these needs done.

The Old Palestine Cemetery needs brush cleanup done on the west boundary.

We need to get lighting on the flagpoles at the Old Palestine Cemetery, East Union and Kitchell. Brigetta will reach out to the utilities on this item and if unavailable we can consider solar lighting.

Brigetta related that she is working with Gayle Meeker on getting signage for the New Palestine Cemetery. Gayle will send a draft of this so that it can be presented to the Board for any changes or approvals. Rodney state that the sign at Kitchell should be replaced since it still has information from another Township on it. Brigetta will get a picture to Gayle of this sign for a mockup as well.

Fred McNair will reach out to Laura Collier from 4H to coordinate the annual Cemetery Cleanup. Brigetta will post in the newspaper and on Facebook once this has been coordinated. Tentative dates are April 5, 2025, with April 12, 2025, being a secondary day in case of weather.

Road Commissioner Report

Thanks to Tom Fuller for working during the snow removal. Thanks for the donation of a brine tank for pretreating of the roads. The Crawford County Highway Department helped with tree trimming. We are going to start using the overflow yard, but there is tree trimming that needs done first and Shawn is going to get a quote from the Crawford County Highway Department.

Trustee Report

Nothing reported.

Guest Report

Matthew Wilson and Ryan Love presented the Board with information regarding the Crawford County Airport Authority.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Alan Fulling, seconded by Tom Fuller and the motion was carried.