

The March 5, 2026 Laporte Township Supervisors Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Jeff Hamilton, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Supervisors Richard Marks and Leo Fiester, as well as Secretary Kathy Klim. There were also four visitors: Elsa Fawcett, Lauren Fawcett, Marie Rose Doogen, and John Deckard.

The visitors were given time to express their concerns. Most were regarding the proposed Dollar General store. Some questioned whether the plot was large enough and were particularly concerned about possible traffic problems or accidents which could result at the intersection of Routes 220 and 154 if the store is built. Great concern was voiced about the safety of young drivers and school buses going to and leaving school. Another issue raised was extra brightness at night, and the general appearance of the store in this rural area. Mr. Deckard also had questions about when repairs would be made to Lake Road.

Rich Marks made a motion, seconded by Leo Fiester, to approve the meeting agenda. All being in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Rich Marks and seconded by Leo Fiester to approve the February meeting minutes. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Richard Marks made a motion, which was seconded by Leo Fiester to approve the Treasurer's report. All being in favor, the motion carried.

Rich Marks made a motion to pay the monthly bills listed below. This was seconded by Leo Fiester, and all being in favor, the motion passed.

| Name | Type | Num | Date | Amount |
|--|-----------------|-------|------------|------------------|
| General Bills: | | | | |
| Visa | Bill Pmt -Check | ACH | 02/17/2026 | 81.89 |
| Visa (Includes QB-P/R \$1,229) | Bill Pmt -Check | ACH | 02/17/2026 | 1,442.18 |
| Sullivan County Rural Electric | Bill Pmt -Check | ACH | 02/20/2026 | 147.97 |
| Sullivan County Rural Electric | Bill Pmt -Check | ACH | 02/20/2026 | 177.98 |
| Dushore Agway | Bill Pmt -Check | 13978 | 02/09/2026 | 43.94 |
| McCormick Law Firm | Bill Pmt -Check | 13979 | 02/09/2026 | 66.00 |
| NTSWA (February) | Bill Pmt -Check | 13980 | 02/09/2026 | 2,703.98 |
| Postmaster (PO Box) | Bill Pmt -Check | 13981 | 02/16/2026 | 162.00 |
| Ed Fitzgerald | Bill Pmt -Check | 13987 | 02/20/2026 | 131.00 |
| Laporte Volunteer Fire Co. | Bill Pmt -Check | 13988 | 02/20/2026 | 1,741.60 |
| Bressler's Garage | Bill Pmt -Check | 13989 | 02/20/2026 | 562.50 |
| Pamela Botsford Tax Collector | Bill Pmt -Check | 13990 | 02/26/2026 | 485.53 |
| Henry Dunn, Inc | Bill Pmt -Check | 13991 | 02/26/2026 | 29.00 |
| Bergey's Truck Centers | Bill Pmt -Check | 13996 | 03/02/2026 | 177.83 |
| County of Sullivan | Bill Pmt -Check | 13997 | 03/02/2026 | 132.12 |
| Mirabito Energy Products (Fuel) | Bill Pmt -Check | 13999 | 03/02/2026 | 1,101.14 |
| Service Tire Truck Centers | Bill Pmt -Check | 14000 | 03/02/2026 | 349.32 |
| Steve Shrawder Construction | Bill Pmt -Check | 14001 | 03/02/2026 | 145.00 |
| Sullivan Review | Bill Pmt -Check | 14002 | 03/02/2026 | 25.00 |
| Mirabito Energy Products (Heating Oil) | Bill Pmt -Check | 14003 | 03/02/2026 | 1,302.76 |
| | | | | <u>11,008.74</u> |
| State Bills: | | | | |
| Mirabito Energy Products (Fuel) | Bill Pmt -Check | 5553 | 02/27/2026 | <u>277.59</u> |

Septic Permits:

Robert Trump DEP Approval Letter

Summit DEP Update – Paul Baran, SEO, is sending more information to DEP. No action is needed by the township at this time.

Larson Design Group/Foundry-Dollar General DEP paperwork

Old Business

Review status of Enforcement of Junk Ordinance, 154 Sunrise Drive, Muncy Valley. Rich Marks stated that five cars have been moved out; there is no junk now on other landowners' property. Rich also has a meeting with Mr. Graves over the weekend.

New Business

Choose replacement attendee for March 24 COG meeting – Leo Fiester has another meeting that night; Rich Marks will plan to attend.

The Supervisors will keep the June 2 Meeting Date as scheduled, as two of them will be available to attend.

2026 Road Project. We will advertise for bids to tar & chip the entirety of Little Road.

We will also advertise for bids to do General Road Work in 2026. The bids for both the Road project and general road work will be opened at the next meeting.

We appointed a Deputy Tax Collector, Melissa Swiegert, with a motion by Richard Marks, a second by Leo Fiester, and approval by all supervisors.

Road Report

Rich Marks reported that there was plowing and cindering done on the roads, and that they had filled in a hole on Lake Road.

Correspondence was reviewed by the supervisors.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rich Marks, seconded by Leo Fiester, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Klim, Secretary