

The January 2026 Laporte Township Organizational Meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m. by Chairman Jeff Hamilton, who also led the pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Richard Marks and Secretary Kathy Klim were also in attendance.

John Deckard, a resident of Laporte Township was in attendance as a visitor. Mr. Deckard expressed his concerns about the traffic which could be generated from the proposed Dollar General store. He asked that Laporte Township request a Traffic Study of the intersection of Route 220 and Route 154.

Appointment of Temporary positions: Kathy Klim was appointed as temporary Secretary, Jeff Hamilton as temporary Chairman, and Richard Marks as temporary Vice-Chairman.

A motion was made by Richard Marks and seconded by Jeff Hamilton to appoint the following positions:

Appointment of Board positions:

Chairman: Jeff Hamilton
Vice Chairman: Leo Fiester
Secretary/ Treasurer: Kathy Klim

Appointment of Additional positions in the Township:

Caretaker of Equipment: Richard Marks
Roadmaster: Richard Marks
Auditor(s): Denise Amer and Patty Wylie
Tax Collector: Pam Botsford (Elected)
Township Secretary: Kathy Klim
Vacancy Board: Kevin Botsford
Variance Board: Frank Miller, Randy Ruhl, Kevin Botsford
SEO: Paul Baran, Terri Baran, Chip Amer
Legal Counsel: McCormick Law Firm
PSATS Voting Delegate: Leo Fiester
Emergency Manager: Randy Ruhl
Transfer Station Manager: Richard Marks

All being in favor, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Richard Marks and seconded by Jeff Hamilton to approve the following items:

Treasurer's Bond:

Increase bond to \$500,000

Depository: Continue using C & N Bank as the Laporte Township Depository.

Regular Monthly Meetings: The regular scheduled monthly meetings will be held at the Laporte Township at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates: January 5, February 3, March 5 (Thursday), April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1.

Township Holidays:

The Township will be closed on the following seven holidays:

New Year's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas-December 25th.
Holiday pay will be given to those who would have normally been scheduled on those days.

Convention: The PSATS Convention will be held on April 19-22, 2026, at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA. Registration will begin January 13th. Jeff Hamilton, Leo Fiester, and Kathy Klim will attend all three days.

Bid Thresholds for 2026: the new bid threshold for 2026 is as listed:

\$0 to \$13,000.00 ok to purchase
\$13,000.00 up to \$24,500.00 requires 3 written or telephone quotes (documented)
\$24,500 and up requires public bid with advertising.

Wage and Compensation for Township Employees

Regular Meeting Pay for Supervisors: \$75 – Jeff Hamilton, Leo Fiester; \$150 Richard Marks, as per 2025 Ordinance.
 Additional Mtgs, COG, etc.: \$50 for each hour & partial hour for newly elected supervisors, \$25 for continuing terms.
 Secretary/Treasurer: \$975, \$17.59/hour
 Tax Collector: 5%
 Auditor(s): \$10/hr. Trishia Weinhardt; \$18 Denise Amer and Patty Wylie, as per 2024 Ordinance.
 Class A - Transfer Station Attendant: \$14.77
 Class B - General Labor: \$16.22
 Class D - Operator/ Truck Driver: \$23.50
 Employed Supervisor: Set by Township Auditors
 Mileage: IRS rate (\$.72.5/mile)

Accept the following fee schedule for 2026:

\$0.35/bag collected at Transfer Station will be allocated to the Laporte Volunteer Fire Company.
 Laporte Township will pay this allocation to the Fire Company quarterly.

Laporte Township 2026 Fee Schedule

Township Permits
Land Use Permit

100 – 200 square foot \$10.00
 201 – 900 square foot \$25.00
 901 higher square foot \$50.00

Driveway Permit

Single Home Driveway \$25.00
 Multi Home Driveway \$50.00
 Loop Driveway \$50.00
 Commercial Driveway \$75.00
 Temporary Driveway \$50.00
 Paving/tar- chip
 Existing Driveway \$25.00

Fees are double if work is started before permit is obtained (paid and approved)

Township Services

Dumpster
 15 yard (2-ton allowance) \$375.00
 30 yard (3-ton allowance) \$425.00
 \$95.00 per ton over allowance
 Cinders
 Per Scoop \$50.00

Transfer Station

The following change to fees related to trash bags collected was decided by the Laporte Township Supervisors: Small bags (33 gallon maximum size and up to 20 pounds weight) will be charged \$3.00/bag. Large bags (Over 33/gallon size or over 20 pounds weight) will be charged \$5.00/bag. \$0.35/bag from any size bag will continue to be allocated to the Laporte Volunteer Fire Company.

Household Trash (33 gal. bag)	\$3.00/bag (\$0.35 allocated to Laporte Vol. Fire Co.)		
Household Trash Large Bag/Can	\$5.00/bag (\$0.35 allocated to the Laporte Vol. Fire Co.)		
Pick Up Load -Start at	\$50.00 and up	Mattress/Box Spring	\$5.00
T-Tag and Trailer -Start at	\$100.00 and up	Water Heaters	\$10.00
Burner Barrel	\$10.00	Push Mower	\$6.00
Appliances Start at	\$5.00 and up	Riding Mower	\$20.00
Sofa	\$10.00	Car Battery	\$3.00
Chair	\$5.00	Car Tires off rims	\$6.00

The Transfer Station attendant has the right to adjust fees depending on size and weight of items.

LAPORTE TOWNSHIP
 2026 SEO FEE SCHEDULE

*** A 10% Laporte Township Fee is included in all fees.*

RESIDENTIAL ON-LOT SEPTIC SYSTEM:

Applications Per Site:

Evaluation of Two (2) test pits	Total Cost:	\$275.00
Additional tests pits \$49.50 each	Total Cost:	\$49.50
Percolation Test per 6 holes	Total Cost:	\$220.00
Additional perc, Holes \$27.50 each	Total Cost:	\$27.50

SUBDIVISIONS:

Applications Per Site:

Evaluation of Two (2) test pits	Total Cost:	\$275.00
Additional tests pits per site/lot	Total Cost:	\$60.50 each
Back up site per site/Lot	Total Cost:	\$220.00
Percolation Test, six (6) holes per site/lot	Total Cost:	\$220.00
Additional Prc. Holes per site/lot	Total Cost:	\$27.50 each
Evaluation of remaining acres with an existing on-lot Septic System	Total Cost:	\$110.00
IRRIS per test pit	Total Cost:	\$82.50

COMMERCIAL FEE SCHEDULE:

Applications Per Site:

Evaluation of Two (2) test pits	Total Cost:	\$440.00
Additional tests pits \$82.50 each	Total Cost:	\$82.50
Percolation Test per 6 Holes	Total Cost:	\$330.00
Additional Prc. Holes \$82.50 each	Total Cost:	\$82.50
Reviewing design and issuing permit:	Total Cost:	\$330.00

This fee includes final inspection, and all additional visits while septic system is being installed.

(All site testing minimum 2 hours)

Alternate Systems Not Mentioned Above:

Evaluation of Two (2) test pits	Total Cost:	\$275.00
Additional tests pits \$60.50 each	Total Cost:	\$60.50
Percolation Test per 6 Holes	Total Cost:	\$220.00
Additional Prc. Holes \$27.50 each	Total Cost:	\$27.50

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PERMIT FEES
Applications Per Site:

Inground Gravity:

Design Review	Total Cost:	\$33.00
Permit	Total Cost:	\$137.50

Inground Pressurized:

Design Review	Total Cost:	\$82.50
Permit	Total Cost:	\$220.00

Above Ground Pressurized: (Conventional)

Design Review	Total Cost:	\$110.00
Permit	Total Cost:	\$385.00

Sub-Surface Sand Filter:

Design Review	Total Cost:	\$165.00
Permit	Total Cost:	\$275.00

Tank Replacement:

	Total Cost:	\$165.00
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This fee includes final inspection
 All additional visits while tank is being installed.

Holding Tanks, Privies,

Chemical and Composting toilets:	Total Cost:	\$220.00
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This fee includes final inspection, (\$1,000 escrow may be required.)
 all additional visits while tank or tanks are being installed.

Holding tank residential, last resort for malfunction.	Total Cost:	\$165.00
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Holding Tank, Drilling Pads:	Total Cost:	\$1,017.50
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(Per 18 months)

Alternate Systems Not Mentioned Above:

Design Review	Total Cost:	\$330.00
Permit	Total Cost:	\$495.00
Lab Test Fees	Total Cost:	\$220.00
6 Month Site Inspection	Total Cost:	\$132.00

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RATE FOR OTHER WORK (specify)

Application review, (incomplete)	Total Cost:	\$192.50
Malfunction Investigation per hour:	Total Cost:	\$55.00
Site Verification old testing per lot:	Total Cost:	\$104.50
Septic System Site Staked Out Verification:	Total Cost:	\$110.00
Planning or Site Inspections flat rate per hour:	Total Cost:	\$165.00
Re Connect to old system:	Total Cost:	\$165.00
Form B Non-Building Waiver:	Total Cost:	\$165.00
Review Component 1 Module	Total Cost:	\$192.50
Review Component 2 Module	Total Cost:	\$275.00
Court Appearance:	Total Cost:	\$110.00 per/Hr.
Any other services not listed:	Total Cost:	\$110.00 per/Hr.
Return check fee:	Total Cost:	\$82.50

All being in favor, the motion carried.

After completing the Organizational meeting, the board continued with the regularly scheduled monthly meeting.