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September 8, 2026

Board of Commissioners:

During the August reporting period, the Lawrence Park Township Police Department received 769 calls for service. This figure reflects the volume of dispatched and self-initiated activity handled by officers over the course of the month.

Officers continued to respond to the full range of calls for service during this period, from routine patrol matters to emergency response, while maintaining coverage across all shifts.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief John Morell



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Lawrence Park Township

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Aug 2026 Zoning Report:

Permit #	Cost	Fee
7021 Andrew Shade 323Halley Chainlink Fence	\$1,200	\$75
7022 Barb Perez 433 Halley Fence	\$2,820	\$75
7023 Theresa Stratton 225 Lake Cliff Fence	\$6,100	\$75
Closeout Totals	\$10,120	\$225

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Clorley

Zoning Administrator

TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS: Charles Lewis, President (Administration/ Police/Fire); Thomas Buchleitner, Vice President (Sewers)Administration/ Police/Fire); Dale Williams (Sanitation/Streets); Doug Keffer (Parks/Recreation); Joe Golden (Buildings)

TOWNSHIP OFFICERS: Spencer Cadden, Township Manager, Charles Clorley, Zoning/Code Officer; Becky Byers, Tax Collector, Kayla Chadsey, Treasurer

**AUGUST 2026
TREASURERS REPORT**

		BALANCE JULY	DEPST/CRDT	INTEREST	CHKS / DBTS	BALANCE AUGUST
CAPITAL RESERVE	0788	\$5,720.32	\$200,000.00	6.84	(30,697.96)	\$175,029.20
GENERAL FUND	0687	\$1,176,651.15	\$180,022.15		(369,299.81)	\$987,373.49
GENERAL FUND SAVINGS	0737	\$1,176,254.09		849.16		\$1,177,103.25
HIGHWAY AID	4021	\$3,713.72		11.76		\$3,725.48
IROQUOIS FUND ESCROW	0695	\$915.95		0.01		\$915.96
MUNICIPAL PENSION	0711	\$68,468.30		2.91		\$68,471.21
POLICE PENSION	0703	\$118,955.10		4.65	(13,198.31)	\$105,761.44
SEWER SWEEP FUND	5105	\$566,767.00				\$566,767.00
SEWER CONSTRUCION	6221	\$13,014.09				\$13,014.09
SEWER FUND	0745	\$398,438.78	\$121,962.45	332.24	(5,534.99)	\$515,198.48
SINKING FUND	0752	\$1,351.22		0.01		\$1,351.23
SPECIAL SEWER FUND	0760	\$6,677.00		0.28		\$6,677.28
SPECIAL SEWER SAVINGS	4038	\$1,663,486.66	\$5,316.48			\$1,668,803.14
		\$5,200,413.38	\$507,301.08	1,207.86	(418,731.07)	\$5,290,191.25

Township Manager's Report
Spencer Cadden, Township Manager
Lawrence Park Township: September 9, 2026

Roads and Infrastructure

Rankine Avenue and Iroquois Avenue Signal Project

The Township has executed a contract with RCI to rebuild the traffic signal at the intersection of Rankine Avenue and Iroquois Avenue. Administration has remained in regular communication with the contractor, which has advised that supply-chain delays are affecting the project and that it cannot yet provide a firm completion date. RCI initially projected completion in October but has since indicated that the work may extend into November. Administration will continue to monitor progress and share updates as the schedule becomes clearer.

Erie Water Works Lead Gooseneck Replacement

The Erie Water Works lead gooseneck replacement project remains ongoing, and several streets throughout Lawrence Park are currently torn up as the work proceeds. Administration continues to coordinate with Erie Water Works and its contractor and appreciates residents' patience during construction. Updates will be shared as the project advances.

PennDOT County Aid and Pavement Program

Troy, a representative from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, met with Administration to walk through the County Aid program and to wrap up this year's pavement program, for which the Township has received a Certificate of Completion. Administration appreciates PennDOT's continued guidance and looks forward to planning next year's program.

Sewer System

Long-Term Sewer Planning

Administration is meeting with the Township Engineer to pursue a long-term plan for the Township's sanitary sewer system. The plan under development would include televising (camera inspection) and evaluating Township sewer lines to document system conditions, and Administration and the Engineer continue to build out what a comprehensive, multi-year approach might look like. This work is intended to move the Township toward a more deliberate, data-driven capital plan for sewer infrastructure.

Public Works and Parks

New Public Works Staff

Administration is pleased to introduce the Township's two new Public Works employees, Stanley Cartright and Zachery Johnson, both of whom are present at this evening's meeting. Both bring a wealth of experience across all facets of public works operations and have been notably proactive since joining the Township, addressing issues throughout Lawrence Park, identifying new ones, and beginning a full catalog of Township equipment. Administration is excited to have them on board and hopes their energy and initiative continue.

Among their immediate contributions, the new staff have already returned the Township to a 100% response rate on utility locate (One Call) requests, having answered multiple outstanding calls. They have also begun cleaning up Napier Park, started a comprehensive inventory of Township systems, and coordinated with

neighboring municipalities, including Wesleyville, Harborcreek, and Millcreek, on shared equipment, services, and other initiatives that may bring new projects to the Township.

Brush Hogging – Elbow Tree Park

Per the Board's direction last month, the Township has resumed brush hogging at Elbow Tree Park. The work remains slow going, largely due to equipment issues, but Administration continues to make steady progress.

Farmers Market at the Launch

The August Farmers Market at the Launch was highly successful, drawing far more participants than prior markets, and many vendors have requested additional dates. The next market is scheduled for this Saturday, September 13, at 10:00 a.m. at the same location. Administration and the Parks and Recreation Board look forward to welcoming vendors and residents back to the Lake Cliff boat launch and recreation area.

Banner Removal

Residents may have noticed that Township banners were down for a weekend. As the Township transitioned from its Centennial banners to the spirit flags, two new staff members, assisted by Wesleyville, misunderstood the instructions and removed all of the banners rather than only the Centennial banners. The banners came down that Friday and were back in order by the following Tuesday. The removal was entirely accidental, and Administration apologizes for any confusion. If residents notice any remaining errors, please let the office know.

Buildings and Property

Pennsylvania State Police Departure and Second-Floor Vacancy

The Pennsylvania State Police officially vacated their space on or about August 19, 2026, and the Township's second floor is now vacant. Administration has begun seeking new tenants for the space. Importantly, the Township has received no official communication whatsoever regarding the future of the barracks and does not know what is planned for the property. Administration will share information with the Board and the public as soon as any is provided.

Magisterial District Judge Lease

The County has completed its review of the lease for the Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) space, and Administration anticipates that the County will execute the lease agreement this month.

Building Access Agreement – Whitetail

The Township has signed a building access agreement with Whitetail to provide access-control and security services for Township facilities.

Finance, Grants, and Compliance

Transition to Outside Accounting

The Township's transition to outside accounting services with Bookminders continues to progress very well. The firm now has a nearly complete understanding of the full scope of Township operations, which will allow the Township to complete a 2025 audit in which it can have far greater confidence.

Annual Pension Compliance (MMO)

Administration identified and corrected the Township's mandatory annual Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) reporting, which contained incorrect information that had been carried over from the prior year. That information has been resolved, and the corrected figures are reflected in the MMO resolutions before the Board this month.

Wesleyville Coordination – Water Street Corridor

Administration met with Wesleyville Borough to continue coordinating on shared grants and planning initiatives, including the ongoing Water Street Corridor project. The two communities continue to work together to identify the resources needed to complete the corridor and strengthen the connection between them.

Administration, Personnel, and Public Records

Codification of Ordinances (eCode360)

The Township has begun the codification process with eCode360 and has provided the firm with all of its ordinances to date. The project is now well underway.

Civil Service Commission Testing

The Township's Civil Service Commission conducted its testing this month and advanced candidates to the Police Department for background screening.

Right-to-Know Requests

The Township office received an unusually high volume of Right-to-Know Law requests this month. While the Right-to-Know Law is a formal and appropriate channel for requesting Township records, it also demands a formal response from the office. Residents with general questions are always welcome to reach out and contact the office directly, and Administration will always do its best to help.

Tax Collection and New Drop Box

The office also received a high volume of tax-related questions as the discount period came to a close. To assist residents, the Township has installed a new outdoor drop box, which residents are encouraged to use after hours. The box is watertight, secured to the concrete, and under 24-hour camera surveillance. The Township's Tax Collector, a separately elected official, continues to work after hours as well.

Respectfully submitted,
Spencer Cadden
Township Manager