

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 4, 2004**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the North Lebanon Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 PM at the North Lebanon Township Municipal Building, 725 Kimmerlings Road, Lebanon, PA, with the following people present:

Kenneth C. Artz.....	Chairperson
Dawn M. Hawkins	Vice-Chairperson
Edward A. Brensinger	Treasurer
Cheri F. Grumbine	Township Manager

Also in attendance was, a representative of the Lebanon Daily News and several other individuals.

The meeting was called to order and the pledge to the American flag was done.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public this evening.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

MOTION: Was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2004 meeting. Unanimously carried.

**MOTION TO APPROVE PAYROLL AND PAYMENT OF INVOICES
SUBJECT TO AUDIT**

MOTION: Was made and seconded to approve payment of payroll and payment of invoices subject to audit. Unanimously carried.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT – Cheri F. Grumbine

A.)Update on Leon Zimmerman Subdivision Plan

The Board at the September 20th meeting had granted a conditional approval to a 4-lot subdivision plan for Leon Zimmerman. The Board had requested confirmation that the original wells had been capped. In conversation with Matthew & Hockley it has been discovered there were 7 wells included within these 4 lots. A map of the 4 lots showing the location of these wells and the proposed location for future structures has been provided for the Supervisors. Also the legend on this map will indicate these capped wells. They have advised Mr. Zimmerman that the Supervisors are requiring these wells to be capped before a signature is placed on the plans for recording. Matthew & Hockley is asking if this will meet the requirements of the Board. Mr. Zimmerman has agreed to make arrangements to have these wells capped as soon as possible.

Leon Zimmerman Subdivision Plan (con't)

MOTION: Was made and seconded to grant approval of the well capping for the 4-lot subdivision plan of Leon Zimmerman. Unanimously carried.

B.) Resolutions No. 27-2004; 28-2004; 29-2004; Pension Funding Requirements

Resolution No. 27-2004 and 28-2004 acknowledge the funding requirements for the Non-Uniform and the Police Pension Plans. Resolution No. 29-2004, requires the 5% police contribution as established for 2004 and to continue for 2005. In reviewing the requirements for the Police Pension the total cost to the Township is \$5,781, per officer, which is after considering projected State Aid to be received and after the 5% contribution requirement. The cost for the Township for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan is \$2,817 per employee, which is after taking into consideration, projected State Aid to be received.

Suv Brensinger questioned at what point would the Township know how much State Aid we will receive? Mgr Grumbine explained the check was received late yesterday and has not yet been calculated.

Martin Barondik – New St

Mr. Barondik asked if all employees are now making a contribution toward the Pension Plan? Mgr Grumbine replied just the Police not the Non-Uniform employees. Not yet anyway. Barondik asked if this was part of the arbitration process the Township had with the Police Dept earlier this year? Mgr Grumbine agreed this was a part of the arbitration process. Barondik questioned if the arbitrator had decided the Police must contribute the 5%? Mgr Grumbine stated a decision has not been received as of yet. He asked if this Resolution is a formality since the decision has not yet been received. Mgr Grumbine agreed saying the Township is mandated to adopt these Resolutions annually. Barondik asked if the arbitration decides the 5% must not be paid, what then? Mgr Grumbine explained the money would then have to come from the General Fund.

MOTION: Was made and seconded to adopt Resolutions No. 27-2004; 28-2004; and 29-2004 regarding the Pension Plans for both Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension Plans. Unanimously carried.

C.) Update on Lions Lake During Rainfall From Hurricane Ivan

Sheila Wartluft has provided a report on the emergency activities that had been enacted on September 18, 2004 as a result of the rainfall received from hurricane Ivan. Anytime a significant rainfall is forecast precautions are required to be taken. In this situation there was no prediction for this amount of rainfall. Officer Ecker had contacted Dave and reported the water level was very high. Dave, Sheila, Ed and Ron Miller proceeded with the necessary steps to engage the Emergency Action Plan for the dam. Our Emergency Action Plan had been initiated previously for hurricane Isabel in September of 2003 when the forecast had been for 6" of rain.

Lions Lake During Rainfall (con't)

That day things went well considering it had been the first time the plan had to be enacted. Some flaws in the Plan were brought out and a chance to correct for any future occurrences.

Mgr Grumbine stated she had been out of town on this particular date and had learned of the rainfall from family members. She would like to commend Dave Strohm, Sheila Wartluft, Ron Miller, Ed Brensinger and Ptlm Mike Ecker for quick response and implementation of the plan in order to avoid any real catastrophe. Mgr Grumbine reported to the Supervisors she had felt assured the proper steps would be taken to implement the plan and protect the community from any dangers. The individuals involved did not disappoint her, which helps to create a comfortable feeling for her when traveling out of town.

The one concern that evolved from this situation was the use of the Nextel phones. The Township pays a fee for the priority connect/first responder services. This should have ensured the Police phone would have priority over the other calls. Problems were encountered when the officer tried to use his Nextel. It appeared to be jammed from activity. After contact with Nextel, they too expressed concern and agreed to check all towers to confirm everything is working correctly. Unfortunately for us, the only way we will know if things are working correctly will be during the next emergency.

Martin Barondik – New St

Barondik questioned why Rte 72 had to be closed? In his opinion there was not much water on the road. He said during Agnes there was a lot more water and the cars were driving through the water. Mgr Grumbine stated that PADOT directed the Twp to close the road even though steps had already been taken to close the road. Barondik said he was happy the valve had been opened. All the homes in Ebenezer would be in trouble if the water level rises. Barondik said his concern was for traffic that could not negotiate the changes in the traffic pattern due to the closing of the road. Conversation followed about some of the various traffic problems that could be encountered.

D.)Correspondence from Community Library

A letter has been received from the Lebanon Community Library in reference to a reading program they would be participating in. The program is called One Book One Community, Our Region Reads Campaign. The program begins in October. The Book chosen is Rocket Boy, also known as October Sky. Throughout the month of October there will be various discussion groups on the book and the film October Sky will be available at the library for viewing. Mgr Grumbine explained this is the first time the library has participated in this program. This is for the Board's information only. No action is needed.

Martin Barondik – New St; Emergency Action Plan

Barondik referred to a conversation several meetings ago when a discussion had taken place about the “wetland” area and the walking path at Lions Lake. He asked is anything had ever been decided on this issue? Suv Brensinger told Barondik this situation is still being worked on. DEP will be determining what actions will be permitted. The plan being considered is designing the path out around the wet area and then removing the old path, according to Suv Brensinger. Barondik told the Board his wife had been walking in this area and had slipped and nearly fallen. Some conversation was had about various methods that would eliminate the water from running over the walking path. Barondik asked if it had been noticed that the storm drain is now caving in. Suv Brensinger stated he was aware of the situation.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**A.)Suv Dawn Hawkins – DEP Meeting for GLRA Request**

Suv Hawkins stated she would like to remind the Public of the meeting being held at the Ebenezer Elementary School on October 14, 2004 regarding the GLRA request for Increased Daily Capacity. The meeting is being hosted by DEP and the public is invited to attend.

There being no more business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa L. George
Recording Secretary