

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NOVEMBER 7, 2005**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the North Lebanon Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building located at 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 Twp Manager

Also in attendance was: David Mekeel Lebanon Daily News, Al Winn of the Patriot 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Was made and seconded to approve the minutes from October 17, 2005. Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL PAYROLL, PAYMENT OF INVOICES, FUND BALANCES

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

TOWNSHIP MANAGERS REPORT - Cheri F. Grumbine

A.)Police Regionalization Study

Per a motion approved by the Board last year, the Twp was included in a Police Regionalization Study through the Dept. of Community and Economic Development. The report on the completed study, which was done by Chief Howard Dougherty, a Peer Consultant has now been received. Mr. Dougherty was Chief of Police for the Boro of Leymone before that community was regionalized. He is now the Chief of the Regional Department.

The study includes standard background information on the municipalities of North Lebanon Twp, North Cornwall Twp and the City of Lebanon. Financial information and breakdown costs are listed in the study. The study also provides the “needs” list of issues, including financial start up costs, that would be involved in any type of a Regional Police Force.

Mgr Grumbine stated that this is a study and does not in anyway mean the Twp is in agreement or disagreement with the contents of the study provided through DCED. She has asked the Board to review the study report before making any decisions.

Martin Barondik – New St

Mr. Barondick questioned where do we go from here, after the results of this study have been received? Chp Artz replied the Supervisors would review the information and then determine if it is worth going any further with this idea or dismiss it completely. Suv Hawkins said the Board has to determine if this is feasible for North Lebanon or not. Barondick said he feels this is an issue that should be placed on a referendum. It is the public that will be affected by this and they should really have a voice in this decision, according to Barondick. Just listening to Chf Wolfe's monthly report, it is obvious we are already giving out "freebies" which we are not getting back from the other municipalities. His concern is that we will get "sucked" into the City's problems more and more. An alliance with the City would not be a good thing for NL Twp in Barondick's opinion. The Police Dept for North Lebanon Twp is good. The protection and coverage provided is also very good. Joining with the City has to affect the good coverage we now have, in Barondick's opinion.

Suv Hawkins stated that in quickly glancing through the information, it appears the regionalization would be cost effective. Would it be the right thing to do is still questionable? The results need to be reviewed carefully by the Supervisors before making any type of decision.

Paul Schwab – Hunters Chase Lane

Will this information and discussion be during a public meeting? Chp Artz responded there would be public discussion about study results, yes. Suv Brensinger stated the Board's decision would have to be a public announcement.

B.) Approval to Purchase Used Vehicle

Previously the Board had granted authorization for Suv Brensinger to attend auctions to find a replacement vehicle for the Bronco that he is currently driving and is in need of repairs. A suitable vehicle has not been found within the price range the Board has provided. Several vehicles have been located at Used Car Lots in the area. A 4-door 2001 Chevy Blazer listed at a cost of \$7445 is being proposed. Authorization from the Board is being sought to make this purchase. Township Code allows the trade-in of the Bronco and the rest of the purchase price would be made from the Capital Reserve Fund.

MOTION: Was made and seconded to approve the purchase of a used 2001 Chevy Blazer using the Bronco for a trade-in. Unanimously carried.

C.) 2007 Transportation Improvement Program – LEBCO MPO

Earl Meyer of County Planning and Tom Kotay-Consultant with LCPD provided information about the Transportation Improvement Program at the August 15 meeting. As part of their presentation forms were presented to the Twp to submit requests to the MPO for funding consideration. Mgr Grumbine has followed through with (2) requests from the Supervisors. Mgr Grumbine had a meeting with Tom Kotay and John Fitzkee to discuss the requests. The first project would be the widening of Kochenderfer Rd/ Kimmerlings Rd from Mt Zion Rd to Sandhill Rd. The cartway is currently 22' and the thought is to widen it to 28'. This would allow a 3-ft paved shoulder area on each side of the road. The paved road shoulder would also allow for pedestrian and bicycle traffic safety.

2007 Transportation Improvement Program (con't)

The average daily traffic for Kimmerlings Rd is 4425 vehicles and is 8900' in length. The daily traffic for Kochenderfer Rd is 1750 and is 4900' in length. A subdivision plan is being reviewed currently by the Twp for a development known as Spring Creek that is located on N 8th Avenue. During the review process the Twp is requiring the developer to upgrade the cartway width for the south side of Kimmerlings Road in front of the property along with other stormwater related improvements.

The second project would be the installation of a traffic light at the Kimmerlings Rd/ Kochenderfer Rd and Rte 343 (7th Street). This of course is a PADOT road and PADOT would definitely become involved in this project. Mgr Grumbine stated she would continue to attend the MPO meetings and keep the Board informed as to how NL Twp projects are fairing against other projects throughout Lebanon County.

Martin Barondik – New Street

Mr. Barondik had some questions about the widening project of Kimmerlings Rd/ Kochenderfer Rd. He voiced his opinion that some of the property owners along Kochenderfer Rd would not like the idea of their properties being used for this project. Mgr Grumbine said the most that would be used would be 3 feet on each side of the road. Suv Brensinger pointed out the Twp has a 33' right-of-way and he felt that some of the residents might be happy for this extra width.

Paul Schwab – Hunters Chase Lane

Mr. Schwab questioned the relocating of any utility poles that might be located along these roads. There is usually a charge for relocating the poles according to Schwab. Suv Brensinger replied that Met Ed would not charge for moving any poles located in the Twp right-of-way.

D.)Cell Tower Lease Agreement

The Twp has been presented with a lease agreement for the installation of a cell tower on the Twp property. A hearing is required before the Zoning Hearing Board to take into consideration public comment from the surrounding property owners' agreement or disagreement. The proposed tower is to be located on the west side of the municipal building next to the new parking area and will be completely fenced in. Sol Wolf has reviewed the lease agreement and listed some comments for the Board to review. Mgr Grumbine will forward these comments and any of the Board's comments to Mr. White (cell company) so he can make the revisions to the agreement. The company is hoping to go before the ZHB at their November meeting. After some discussion the Board agreed to have Mgr Grumbine forward the Solicitor's comments to the cell tower company for revisions to the draft of the agreement between the cell company and the Twp.

E.)Proposed Ordinance Updates

Sol Wolf has provided a draft of the proposed Ordinance updates. The updates are regarding various issues discussed throughout the year and are incorporated into one Ordinance to save on associated costs. A public hearing is necessary before adoption of the Ordinance updates.

Proposed Ordinance Updates (con't)

Mgr Grumbine is asking for direction from the Board to authorize Sol Wolf advertising a public hearing on December 19 for the Ordinance update. Even though all items are included in one Ordinance, the Board has the option to omit any item prior to adoption of the Ordinance.

Some discussion followed about some of the issues that will be included in this Ordinance. Mr. Barondik questioned if he could get a copy of the proposed Ordinance changes. Mgr Grumbine informed he could look at a copy that is located on the bulletin board in the Twp office.

MOTION: Was made and seconded to authorize the Solicitor to advertise a public hearing regarding Ordinance updates for the December 19 Supervisors' meeting. Unanimously carried.

F.)Resignation from Clyde Ebersole from Park & Recreation Board

Clyde Ebersole, who has served on the Park & Recreation Board since January of 2003, has offered his resignation from that Board. Mgr Grumbine is recommending that the Board of Supervisors look to the Park & Recreation Board for a recommendation. A suggestion would be to ask one of the individuals that have been appointed to serve on the Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan. Due to the fact that their next meeting is scheduled for December 6th, a recommendation would not be forth coming until December 19th at the earliest.

Suv Brensinger stated he would regretfully accept the resignation. He said Clyde has been a good board member and served well during his time. Chp Artz asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to Clyde Ebersole from the Township. He also agrees it is a good idea to appoint someone from the Comprehensive Plan Committee, if one of them is agreeable.

MOTION: Was made and seconded to accept the resignation of Clyde Ebersole from the Park & Recreation Board. Unanimously carried.

G.)Resignation from Officer William Snyder

Mgr Grumbine informed the Supervisors that another resignation has been received. Officer William Snyder, who has been with the Twp for the last 4 ½ years, has submitted his resignation. His resignation is effective October 23. She is suggesting the Board regretfully accept his resignation with a letter of appreciation for his years of service.

Chp Artz stated this is another sad issue to be dealing with. Officer Snyder had met with the Supervisors and informed them the issues that prompted this resignation were personal and not Twp related. The Board is appreciative of his meeting with them and expressing his reasons for leaving Twp employment. The Board has agreed, should Officer Snyder ask for a recommendation for another post, they would provide a favorable recommendation for him.

Barondick told the Board he noticed this is the third officer to resign in one year. Did the Board ever stop to think there might be a problem here? Suv Brensinger asked how he arrives at the number 3? Barondick answered that the Chief is leaving also. Chp Artz said he is leaving to a District Judge position. That cannot be considered in the same category as the other 2 resignations.

Resignation from Officer William Snyder (con't)

Suv Brensinger responded that the last 2 officers, Snyder and Ecker before him, both indicated their reasons for leaving were of a personal nature. There was not a problem within the department the Board was assured. Both officers conveyed this to the Board when they had met with them.

Chp Artz offered that Kim Wolfe could not be included as a resignation as he simply has chosen a variation of enforcement work. Mgr Grumbine added that both Kim Wolfe and Officer Wengert have enough years of active service to retire whenever they choose. Chp Artz added that the resignation from Officer Snyder came as a complete surprise to them.

MOTION: Was made and seconded to accept the resignation of William Snyder from the NLT Police Department. Unanimously carried.

Suv Brensinger informed the public that the replacement for Officer Snyder's position is well under way. The position was offered to one of the applicants that had been interviewed after Officer Ecker had resigned. The position has been offered and accepted and is now completing all the evaluation tasks that are required prior to starting.

Paul Schwab – Hunters Chase Lane

Mr. Schwab asked if a decision had been made regarding the Chief of Police position? Chp Artz replied, no, a decision has not been made yet. He said there were some excellent interviews conducted. Mgr Grumbine reminded everybody that Kim Wolfe has not tendered a resignation as of yet. As tomorrow is Election Day that will probably change.

H.) Construction Plans for SR 0343 Project by PADOT

A set of plans for the PADOT reconstruction of Rte 343 with 2 ½ inches of Superpave asphalt mixture and selective base replacement has been received for Twp review. They are asking the Municipal Authority to locate their underground facilities in order to determine if a conflict exists with the proposed construction. Project start date is April 2006. A set of plans is located in the office if anyone wishes to view the plans. The Wastewater Dept will be reviewing the plans in order to depict their facilities.

Suv Hawkins questioned if PADOT is aware that the Twp is considering a traffic light at the intersection of Kimmerlings/ Kochenderfer and RTE 343? Mgr Grumbine responded yes, she had spoken to County and the thought is to coordinate the 2 projects. The idea is uncertain due to the fact that turning lanes may or may not be needed. Suv Hawkins asked if once Rte 343 is paved will there be a moratorium placed? The answer was that the State does not place moratoriums on their roads. Mgr Grumbine stated that PADOT is very much aware of the Twp's proposed plan for the traffic light. After the November 15th meeting at the County she will have more information.

Paul Schwab – Hunters Chase Lane

Mr. Schwab asked if County had already approved the traffic light idea. Mgr Grumbine said the request has been made. An approval has not been determined as of this date. He asked if there would be digging required along the road to place conduit.

SR 0343 Project by PADOT (con't)

After that will the area be resurfaced again? His concern is the ditches that are always dug around traffic light installation areas. The restoration work is usually not very good. However he did want to add that whoever had completed the restoration work after the recent water project had done a good job. Suv Brensinger said the conduits that Schwab is thinking about are able to be bored under the road for placement.

Suv Hawkins offered her opinion that the traffic light project is not in the very near future. Chp Artz agreed with this statement.

I.)Traffic Signalization at the RR Tunnel @ N 25th St

As part of the review process for the North Lebanon Business Park subdivision plan and the Valspar Land Dev plan, West Leb and North Leb Twps agreed that a signal light would improve safety at the tunnel located on 25th Street. The plans have been signed, submitted by West Lebanon Twp and approved by PADOT. Lebanon Valley Economic Dev Corp bid the project with bid opening held on Oct 31st. Mgr Grumbine reported she had spoken to Susan at the LVEDC and was told the bids would be going before their Board tomorrow and the completion of the installation for the signal light is anticipated to be January of 2006. Another piece of information was relayed regarding the wall on Windsor Drive. A change order is to be submitted tomorrow and work will then again proceed with the wall.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**A.)Suv Dawn Hawkins**

Suv Hawkins offered her praise to the Fire Companies that were involved with the fire on Kochenderfer Road. She stated two of the fire company members had voiced their appreciation of the assistance they had received from (2) of North Lebanon Twp Police Officers. The Police Officers quick response and knowledge relayed to the Fire Company when first entering the scene saved valuable time for the fire companies.

Suv Hawkins also encouraged everybody to go to the polls tomorrow and vote.

As there was no more business to conduct or discuss the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa L. George
Recording Secretary