

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 6, 2006**

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:

Dawn M. Hawkins	Chairperson
Edward A. Brensinger	V-Chairperson
Kenneth C. Artz	Treasurer
Cheri F. Grumbine	Township Manager
Harold Easter	Chief of Police

Also in attendance was: Al Winn of the Patriot News, Sarah Barry of the Lebanon Daily News, and many other individuals.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A.)Marion McCurdy – 1690 Christine Drive

Mrs. McCurdy informed the Supervisors that she had made some inquiries about the pacemaker and the Cell Tower issue. She stated that she has found out the tower would definitely affect the pacemakers. Chp Hawkins asked Mrs. McCurdy where she had gotten the information to which she responded Dr. Glick of the Lebanon Cardiology Assoc. Chp Hawkins said the Board has been doing some research also. The American Heart Assoc and The American Cancer Society have not reported any type of interference with pacemakers. Mrs. McCurdy stated she had spoken to the nurse there and she was asked if it is within 5 miles of the tower. The nurse reported that anything closer than a 5-mile radius would have some affect on pacemakers. Suv Hawkins told Mrs. McCurdy that they specifically requested information from the American Heart Assoc. about the pacemakers and the affects of cell towers. There was no information returned about any affects. The response had been that frequency waves go out, not down. She also thanked Mrs. McCurdy for her comments.

B.)Wendy Schucker – 1138 Kochenderfer Road

Mrs. Schucker told the Board she thought at the last meeting it had been mentioned that the public could have access to the minutes from the meeting to review and comment. Is this correct? Chp Hawkins told Ms. Schucker that the minutes are available on the website. Mrs. Schucker stated she had stopped in the office to receive a copy of the minutes from the last meeting and she had been told she could not have the minutes. Mgr Grumbine explained they are only available to the public after the Board has had the opportunity to approve the minutes. Mrs. Schucker wanted to know how the public is able to make comments after the approval process if they disagree with something that was printed in the minutes. Suv Artz said the Board approves the minutes and then the public has access to the minutes. If they have a controversy with something contained in the minutes they are able to bring it to the Board's attention at the next meeting. Mrs. Schucker stated she remembers being told at the last meeting they could review the minutes before the Board approves them. She asked the Board if there is a reason the minutes from the month of February are not posted yet. Mgr Grumbine stated she would look in to it and find an answer.

C.)Andrew Weidman – 806 Patmar Drive

Weidman asked Suv Brensinger if he had located the maps that he had requested at the last meeting. He was told, no, he did not locate the maps. Suv Brensinger said he thought for certain that the Board members had received 8 ½ x 11 copies. Suv Artz said he does not have any recollection of receiving maps. He only remembers the map being posted on the display board up front. Suv Brensinger told Weidman they could contact Omnipoint to ask for a copy.

D.)Thomas Lehman – 55 Mt Lebanon Drive

Mr. Lehman said there are cell towers located behind the Mt Lebanon campgrounds. The original company was Lebanon Mobilfone. He feels these towers could be used for any needs requested for service without adding an additional cell tower. Suv Brensinger asked for the specific location he is talking about. The towers and dishes that he is thinking of are for cable TV. When Lehman said there is a tower owned by Lebanon Mobilfone, Suv Brensinger agreed that is possible, as Leb Mobilfone used towers for the pagers they used to sell pager services. Mr. Lehman repeated that these towers should be used and another tower should not be built in a residential district.

Chp Hawkins informed the public that a written decision about the cell tower variance from the ZHB has been received. However acting on advice from the Solicitor, the Board will not be acting on this until he is present at the next meeting. She told everyone that action would probably be taken at the next meeting with Sol Wolf present. Anyone who wished to attend should be here fro the March 20th meeting.

E.)Martin Barondick – New Street

Martin Barondick mentioned the road area on Water Street near the dam. He asked Ed if he has noticed how the area is sinking. He thinks it is the area where the sewer was placed years ago. Barondick asked Ed to go take a look at it.

Barondick questioned Ed what had happened with the water line at Lions Lake. Was it broken? Ed replied the City has turned off the water. It appears something broke but it could not be dug up as of now. The digging will be done before the concession stand could be opened for the season this year.

The next issue Barondick questioned was the Police Regionalization. Where are we at with that issue? Suv Artz explained that the Mayor of Lebanon had been the one contacting the municipalities and getting them together to meet. Since the issue of the Water Authority nothing has been heard. It seems to have been placed on the back burner. Barondick stated that the issue with the Authority seems to be about money, or the lack of. Barondick said it would be smart for the Mayor to be vigilant on this issue, as he will have to provide Police protection from somewhere. Suv Brensinger explained the study report that had been received indicated that it would not be cost effective for NL Twp or N Cornwall Twp to enter into this type of arrangement. The consideration of dealing with 3 different Union groups would make this a difficult issue to try to come to an agreement that all groups would find comfortable.

F.)Thomas Stewart – N 7th Street

Mr. Stewart asked for clarification on the meeting that action would be taken on the cell tower issue. A discussion was held about the next step for the Supervisors since Stewart's Attorney has filed an appeal.

G.)Janet Krause – 831 Kimmerlings Road

Ms. Krause stated that she has attended several meetings now and would like the Board to know she has a difficult time hearing some of the discussions. She questioned if the Twp has a portable microphone system so that everyone could hear everything that is being discussed? Suv Brensinger explained that with the construction of the new meeting room a microphone system would be available. Currently that is not an option. She was told by Al Winn and Martin Barondick that is the reason they sit up front instead of in the back of the room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from February 20, 2006 were available for action. A spelling error was discovered and will be corrected.

MOTION: Was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the 2-20-06 meeting. 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.)Norfolk Southern Application to Close RR Crossing @ N 11th Avenue

Norfolk Southern had presented an application to the PUC for the elimination of the public rail-highway crossing of the tracks with 11thAve located in NL Twp. In early February the County Commissioners sent a letter to the PUC indicating the agreement of the LEBCO MPO Technical Committee and Policy Board that the 11th Ave Rail crossing is the next priority in regards to needed safety improvements for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. The Technical Committee and Policy Board have also agreed that they would be willing to commit some of the MPO's allocation of highway/ rail grade crossing funds for this improvement project. The letter also indicated that the MPO Committee has reached an agreement with NL Twp and the City of Lebanon to keep this at-grade rail crossing open.

Mgr Grumbine has spoken to Tom Kotay of LCPD. He has suggested that the Board also send a letter to the PUC supporting the position of keeping the at-grade crossing open. Sol Wolf spoke to Mgr Grumbine today and suggested the Board authorize Sol Wolf to contact the City of Lebanon and the County about responding to this issue together, as a unit, when forwarding information to the PUC.

Suv Artz explained to the public that the issue for the 11th Ave crossing was discussed previously and the Twp has taken the stand that it should remain open and not be closed. The Twp has determined there is more traffic on this crossing than had been reported by the Norfolk Southern. Another issue that is raised is the increase of traffic on 15th Ave that the closing of this crossing might create. The Board feels strongly this crossing should remain open.

MOTION: Was made and seconded to authorize Sol Wolf making contact with the City of Lebanon and Lebanon County Planning Dept about coordinating the drafting of a letter to the PUC as united in the effort to keep the at-grade crossing on N 11th Avenue open for public use.

Martin Barondick – New Street

Mr. Barondick asked if there had ever been a study on the number of accidents that occur at 11th Ave and Cumberland Street? Suv Brensinger agreed this is a bad intersection but he feels 8th Ave and Cumberland St is also a dangerous intersection. Barondick said when the bridge is taken into consideration this adds another element to the intersection. This is true especially when you are traveling east and heading away from the City. The traffic from the bridge is always heavy and when making a left hand turn, the car must cross over the oncoming traffic. He said he would really like to know the answer to this question. Suv Brensinger said we could check the history from our department but the City department's history must also be checked.

B.)Non-Emergency Activities – Rural Security

The Twp has now received the list of non-emergency activities from Rural Security. This is the last of the four fire companies. As with the other fire companies, the National Night Out activities will be added to the list provided. The Board is being asked to approve the list provided.

MOTION: Was made and seconded to accept the list of non-emergency activities provided by Rural Security Fire Company with the addition of National Night Out activities. Unanimously carried.

C.)Release of 18-Month Integrity bonds

The 18-month Integrity bond for Deerfield North Phase 5 Development and the Sunrise Meadows Development street dedication are set to expire March 16 and 14 respectively. The Roadmaster has inspected these developments and is recommending the release of the bonds.

MOTION: Was made and seconded to approve the release of the Integrity Bonds for Deerfield North Phase 5 and Sunrise Meadows. Unanimously carried.

D.)Survey – Consultant from Risk Management Admin Dept – Erie Insurance

Mgr Grumbine summarized a report provided to the Twp by Joseph Gerace, with Erie's Risk Management Administrative Department, Loss Control Section. He had met with Administrative employees before being given a tour of the Twp properties by Dave Strohm. Overall Mr. Gerace indicated he was very impressed with the Twp operations, especially the Safety Committee that is active and meets once a month on behalf of all the Twp employees. Mgr Grumbine stated she would like to commend all the employees for being safety conscious and a special commendation to the Safety Committee for taking the time to ensure our safety at work.

When asked about a reference to the Motor Vehicle Reports on all drivers, Mgr Grumbine replied it is the policy of the Insurance holder to obtain drivers records on ALL employees not just the CDL holders.

E.)Recycling Course / PROP Conference

The Professional Recyclers of PA (PROP) course is available in State College on April 4th and 5th. The final course that is needed for our Recycling Coordinator to obtain her certification test will be offered. Following this course Bonnie would also like to attend the annual PROP conference to be held in July 26-28 and take her certification test at that time. The Board is being asked to approve Bonnie's attendance at both of these functions. The cost has been included in the latest 902 Grant application for 90% funding toward the conference costs.

Suv Hawkins questioned what the certification for Bonnie would mean to the Twp. Mgr Grumbine explained that credentials when dealing with DEP would be beneficial. They look for Recycling Coordinators who have gone through all the recycling courses made available. Suv Artz mentioned that fact that the Twp has been #1 or #2 in Recycling with the Landfill for several years. Bonnie's good work has contributed to this fact.

MOTION: Was made and seconded to approve attendance at the Recycling Course to held at State College, April 4&5, and the PROP conference, July 26-28. Unanimously carried.

F.)Bid Specs – Paving Micro surfacing and Fuel

Mgr Grumbine explained that this is the time of year the specs are created and sent out to receive bids for the paving projects including the roadwork materials (E Kercher & W Kercher Ave). The ID2 material is no longer available. Everything is now the superpave. Martin Barondick questioned what happened to the ID materials. Suv Brensinger responded in order to receive Liquid Fuels funding we are required to use the superpave materials. The oil mixture is different and is designed to alleviate problems with the marshal mix. Charles Allwein added that as of January 1st everyone must use superpave when using Liquid Fuels funding. He said you soon wouldn't be able to find ID2. He explained the superpave is more temperature based than the other materials.

There are 5 areas where the micro surfacing is being considered; 25th St (south of tunnel), 24th St (Union Canal Dr to top of the hill), 23rd St (Union Canal Dr to top of hill), W Kercher Ave (hard turn near Kenbrook), and both hills located on N 8th Avenue, Hill on Weavertown Rd. These projects are also included with Liquid Fuels project. Suv Hawkins questioned how many times this application is done.

Bid Specs – Paving Micro surfacing and Fuel (con't)

Suv Brensinger replied it is usually every 8-10 years. A visual is all you need to see the areas that need to be repaired or redone.

The 3rd item is the fuel, gasoline bids and the heating oil for the Township building. Mgr Grumbine told the Board she is asking for approval to seek bids on these items after the Solicitor has seen the prepared bidding documents.

MOTION: Was made and seconded to release the Bid specs for the 3 items discussed contingent upon the Solicitor's approval of the documents. Unanimously carried.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

A.)Chp Hawkins – Police Dept

Suv Hawkins commented on the new Police Officers and the good jobs they have been doing. She said she has received many remarks on the good service being offered. She wanted everyone to know she is happy with the current relationship between the Board and the Police Dept. Suv Artz mentioned the new uniforms the department has now adopted.

B.)Suv Artz – Regionalization Conference

Suv Artz stated he and the new Police Chief are attending a Police regionalization conference on Wednesday. He is looking forward to hearing more information on the subject and bringing it back to the Twp.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa L. George
Recording Secretary