

MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
October 19, 2020

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:

In person:	Richard Miller	Chairman
	Ed Brensinger	Vice-Chairman
	Arden Snook Sr	Treasurer
	Lori Books	Assistant Township Manager
	Amy B. Leonard	Henry & Beaver LLP
	Harold Easter	Chief of Police
Not Present:	Cheri Grumbine	Township Manager

Also present were Kevin Boger, NLT resident, Douglas Stump from LDNews, Heather Wenrich, NLT employee, and a few members of the public.

The meeting was called to order and the pledge to the flag was made.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A.) Kevin Boger – 1435 Jay St.

Mr. Boger was present this evening to discuss shooting that is occurring along Jay Street coming from the “Smutzy” area for the past few years. He has filed several complaints with the North Lebanon Police Department (no less than 6 calls over the past few years) but stated nothing has been done about this issue. He states that the rounds that are being shot are military rounds.

Mr. Boger stated both he and his neighbor have had damage done to their homes, due to stray bullets, with his home sustaining damage to the garage door (approximately \$1100 for replacement of door) and his neighbor’s house being struck two times in the same day. This damage happened on a Saturday and he visited one of the property owners on the Monday after the incident occurred and was told that the property owner’s insurance would cover the damage. That Wednesday he went back to the one property owner with an estimate for the replacement of his garage door and stated that the owners of the property stated they would not cover the cost of the damage because they were not aware that anyone was trespassing in the area, which is gated and locked.

Chairman Miller questioned whether the officer that responded to the call had contact with the individuals doing the shooting. Mr. Boger states that when the police were called, the officer had contact with the one individual, but that individual was very disrespectful towards the officer and would not give the officer his name.

Chairman Miller questioned how often this type of shooting occurs and VC Brensinger wondered if it has occurred since June. Mr. Boger stated that this type of shooting is sporadic and has not occurred since June. The most recent shooting he has heard was from shotguns, most likely someone hunting since the area is open for hunting and it is goose hunting season.

Treasurer Snook stated it seems to him that it would be easy for the property owners to change the locks and then decide who gets a key and who does not. He said for the property owners to say they do not know who is on the property does not sound believable. Mr. Boger stated he did bring that question up to the property owners and the one property owner pointed his finger at another property owner and said, “He probably gave out 20 keys already.” Mr. Boger feels that the property owners should have some control over what is going on.

Chief Easter read from the letter dated June 22nd that Atty. Chrisitanson sent to 4 of the other owners that states, “such actions put us at substantial risk civilly.” He told Mr. Boger that he could pursue a civil lawsuit. Mr. Boger stated that he is on disability and this is not an avenue that he can pursue. He stated hiring an attorney would cost more than it cost to purchase a new garage door.

Mr. Boger stated he wanted this issue brought to the Boards attention and put on record because he is genuinely concerned about someone being accidentally shot and injured or killed and that this issue has gone on long enough without any type of resolution.

REVIEW OF STORMWATER CREDIT APPLICATIONS/ BMP O&M Agreements

None to review this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes from the 09/21/2020 Supervisors meeting are ready for action.

MOTION to approve the 09/21/2020 Supervisors meeting minutes was made and seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES

The meeting minutes from the 10/05/2020 Budget Workshop meeting are ready for action.

MOTION to approve the 10/05/2020 Budget Workshop meeting minutes was made and seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL, FUND BALANCES and PAYMENT OF INVOICES

MOTION was made and seconded to approve payroll, fund balances, and invoices for payment subject to audit. Motion unanimously carried.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT – Brian Pelfrey – Assistant Chief – Weavertown Fire Co.

A.) Discussed the number of calls, responses, trainings, and aid for the month of September.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT – Chief Harold Easter

A.) Calls for Service

Chief Easter read the report on various calls for service for the month of September. There was a total of 6,946 miles reported for patrol.

B.) Monthly Code Enforcement Report (Brenner & Haase)

The Board received a written report on Code Enforcement from Brenner & Officer Haase.

C.) Retirement Notice – Det/EMC Dave Lauver (EMC Vacancy)

Chief Easter stated that Detective Dave Lauver’s official date of retirement is November 4, 2020. As of that date, he will no longer be an employee of the Township. Detective Lauver has also been the Emergency Management Coordinator so this will leave a vacancy in that position.

VC Brensinger stated that with the retirement of Detective Lauver, the Township needs an Emergency Management Coordinator, which is a volunteer position. The position is needed for inclement weather and is an important position. VC Brensinger stated that there was an individual interested in the position, but the Township has not heard back from that person.

MOTION to accept the Retirement Notice of Det/EMC Dave Lauver was made and seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

D.) Sale of Air Dryer to N. Cornwall Township

Chief Easter stated the police department has an Air Dryer that is used for criminal investigation purposes that has never hooked up. He stated that the N. Cornwall Township police department has offered \$1000 to purchase this Air Dryer.

MOTION to approve the Sale of the Air Dryer to N. Cornwall Township was made and seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

TOWNSHIP MANAGERS REPORT – Lori Books, Asst. Twp Manager**A.) Marcellus Shale Grant Awards - \$25K**

The Lebanon County Commissioners approved the Township’s application to their Marcellus Shale Grant Program for funds to assist with the construction of the Township’s open-air pavilion at Lenni Lenape Park. The County Commissioners granted approval for \$25,000 (50% match) in funding assistance for this Township project.

MOTION to approve the signing of the Marcellus Shale Grant by the Board Chairman, in the amount of \$25,000 towards the construction of the Township’s open-air pavilion at Lenni Lenape Park, was made and seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

B.) Park & Rec October Meeting Requests

The Board received a memo following the October 6th Park & Rec Board meeting requesting action on several requests. Those requests consisted of the following:

1. Installing a fence behind the back stop of the midget field, between the two dugouts, to create a “safe swing” area and make improvements to the batting cage and warm-up pitching mound. If permission is granted, the Park & Rec Board will apply for a grant to help cover the costs. The Association agreed to pay the balance that would not be covered by the grant.
2. Since the Football Association is officially dissolving their organization, the Baseball Association is requesting access to the garage/shed that the Football Association previously used for storage. If permission is granted, the Baseball Association would pay to have the lock re-keyed so their current key would work. The only question Park & Rec had was if the Township would have any use for this building in the future.
3. On the Teener field, there is a bump-out in the fence along the first base line where they store the “drag” unit for the infield. There is a concrete slab within this area. The earthen bank within

the enclosed area is starting to erode and fall in. The Baseball Association would like permission to install a retaining wall to help prevent soil erosion.

Treasurer Snook questioned whether the Baseball Association would pay for installation of the retaining wall. Asst. Mgr. Books stated yes, the Baseball Association will pay for it.

During the October Park & Rec meeting, the members recommended approval of the above items.

MOTION to approve the recommendations that the Park & Rec Board submitted at their October 6th meeting, of a fence installation, garage/shed access, and installation of a retaining wall, was made and seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

C.) COVID-19 Application to DES

The Township received paperwork from the County to submit a “Relief” Block Grant/CARES Municipal Application. Eligible expenses for municipalities must be incurred between the period of March 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020. This is a Covid-19 Application. Eligible expenses must be “unbudgeted” and related to preparing for and responding to Coronavirus. The Township has provided an itemized listing, with documentation, confirming each expense for submission with the application (total of \$9,592.77).

MOTION to approve the submission of the “Relief” Block Grant/CARES Municipal Application in the amount of \$9,592.77 and for the Board Chairman to sign the application was made and seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

D.) Award of Sale of Municibid Items

On September 23, 2020, the Township listed the following items on the municipal auction site, Municibid. The auction ran until October 14, 2020. The results are as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>High Bid</u>	<u>Bidder</u>
2007 Freightliner w/Leaf Vac	\$30,000	Levi Reyna
2005 Chevy Trailblazer 4x4	\$2,300	Richard Reber
Delta 10” Bench Saw	\$120	Edna Gaye
Craftsman 18V Combo Kit	\$16	Suhirdbir Bhasin
Bosch 18V Combo Kit	\$92	Kevin Hennigan
Electric Heated Mirrors	\$46	Robert Bucher
6” Benchtop Grinder	\$22	Edna Gaye

MOTION to approve the award of each item listed above to the highest bidder and require that they be picked up by no later than November 18th was made and seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

E.) Rural Security Fire Company

Rural Security Fire Company sent an email to the Township requesting to hold a Chicken BBQ sale on November 1, 2020 at their fire station. Allen Firestine would like this request added to the Non-Emergency List.

MOTION to approve a Chicken BBQ sale on 11/1/2020 by Rural Security Fire Company was made and seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

F.) Border Patrol

The Township received a contract from Border Patrol. This company does the goose management at Lion's Lake. The cost for 2021 would be the same as 2020. The contract runs from March 1st through November 30th, covering 38 ½ weeks or 77 visits.

VC Brensinger questioned that even though it is in the budget for 2021, would it be premature to approve the contract before the budget is approved. Solicitor Leonard stated that as a practical matter it is not a new budget line matter for the Board, and it is not an increase in price from the current year.

MOTION to approve the signing of the contract with Border Patrol for 2021 to control the goose population at Lion's Lake was made and seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

G.) Pertinent Matters**1. SW Consortium**

The October meeting for the Stormwater Consortium will be held on October 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. As with the September meeting, the location has been changed to the North Lebanon Township Municipal building for the remainder of the year and will also be available via ZOOM.

Chairman Miller stated that he will not be present for the SW Consortium on 10/20/2020.

2. NLTMA/Supv. Joint Meeting

The annual meeting between the North Lebanon Township Municipal Authority members and the Board of Supervisors will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

3. GO Lebanon Update

Melanie Wells, Community Wellness Coordinator for WellSpan GSH, provided an update to their summer program with the Lebanon County Libraries regarding the GO and Find Your Story! Program. This is program is in its fifth year, but this is the first year they have used one of the Township's parks. Lion's Lake Park had 231 participant visits and had a minimum of total miles walked of 182.49.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT; Solicitor Amy Leonard -- Henry & Beaver

Solicitor Leonard had no legal or pertinent matters to discuss this evening.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**A.) Donation Box at Lion's Lake**

The placement of a "donation" box at Lion's Lake, that was suggested to the Board by Township resident Tom Mulhern at the August 17, 2020 Board of Supervisors' meeting, was discussed again this evening.

VC Brensinger stated he has had numerous conversations with Mr. Mulhern, from August until present time, regarding the donation box. VC Brensinger stated that he was in contact with a vendor that will provide the Township with an aluminum, weather-proof box at a low price and Mr. Mulhern will be given the box to install and maintain.

Treasurer Snook questioned where the donation box will be located. VC Brensinger stated that Mr. Mulhern is requesting to place the donation box near the bike rack, which is in front of the bathroom/old concession stand area at Lion's Lake, within view of the security cameras. Treasurer Snook questioned if Mr. Mulhern was going to install the donation box himself and take care of the monies that were placed into the donation box. VC Brensinger confirmed that that was correct. The Township would not need to do anything but purchase the box.

Treasurer Snook stated that the least the Township can do is purchase the box for Mr. Mulhern since Mr. Mulhern will be installing it and maintaining it. VC Brensinger stated that monies placed in the donation box will not be the Township's money until it is handed to the Township so if the box gets vandalized and the money gets stolen, the Township would not be liable for that because the Township would not know how much money was placed in the donation box to begin with.

VC Brensinger stated that he appreciates the volunteer work Mr. Mulhern has done helping to maintain Lion's Lake.

MOTION to purchase a donation box and have Mr. Tom Mulhern install and maintain was made and seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather M. Wenrich
Recording Secretary