

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING – NOVEMBER 4, 2015**

The duly advertised budget workshop meeting was held on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at 6:15 PM, at the North Lebanon Township Municipal Building, 725 Kimmerlings Road, Lebanon. The following members were present.

Edward Brensinger	Chairman
Bruce Sattazahn	Vice-Chairman
Cheri Grumbine	Township Manager

NLT Fire Company Representatives:

Ebenezer: Rusty Weitzel
Glenn Lebanon: Brian Vragovich
Rural Security: Barry Kendall, Gary Boyer
Weavertown: Brian Pelfrey

No residents attended the budget workshop.

The Board of Supervisors and Fire Company representatives reviewed the various budget items for 2016. The proposed contribution remains at \$39,000/Fire Company based on the .207 millage for fire protection. The Board agreed to continue to monitor the overall assessment value of the township, as it relates to their millage.

Brian Vragovich discussed that the line item for CO₂ meters in the amount of \$2200 be included in the annual allocation allowing each fire company to decide on their specific need for these meters. The Board agreed that if the majority is acceptable to this, they would include the \$2200 (\$550/each) with their annual allocation and they would be responsible for purchase and maintaining their CO₂ meters. Each Fire Company was requested to speak with their representatives and provide a response to Manager Grumbine by November 10th, so she could adjust the budget accordingly.

Manpower issues were discussed with some members of the fire company stating that there continues to be the same number (10-15) of active fireman for the past 30 years within a company. The members stated they feel they are doing a great job in coordinating equipment needs, so you don't have unnecessary duplication.

Brian Vragovich next stated that following the most recent ISO rating where they found they were lacking in training (according to ISO) they obtained training through Berks County, which included SVRT (Special Vehicle Rescue Training). Brian Vragovich stated there is no specific law requiring a fireman to have a certain amount of training hours, this is their requirement and is something the Fire Chiefs may need to take a look at as a group. This does not include the requirements under NIMS.

Brian Vragovich discussed the PA Fire Recovery where they perform billing for the individual fire companies for accidents involving non-residents. They charge a fee of 15% of total billed/recovered. The Supervisors would need to adopt an Ordinance providing for this recovery. This would be new for the township and more research needs to be completed by the fire companies before coming to the Board.

The next advertised budget workshop is for Thursday, November 5, at 3:00 PM.

The budget workshop adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheri F. Grumbine
Manager/Secretary