

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JULY 15, 2013**

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:

Edward A. Brensinger	Vice – Chairman
Kenneth C. Artz	Treasurer
Cheri F Grumbine	Twp Manager
Harold L. Easter	Chief of Police
Solicitor Frederick S. Wolf	Henry & Beaver LLP

Absent	Richard E. Miller	Chairman
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Also in attendance was Bert Nye of Red Barn Consulting and several individuals. The meeting was called to order and the pledge to the flag was done.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A.) Brubaker Land Development Plan-Long Lane; Bert Nye –Red Barn Consulting

The plan for Dale & Janelle Brubaker proposes land development located along the north side of Long Lane, east of Russell Road. The plan shows the development of 3 poultry barns, future hay barn, mortality, composter shed, related internal access drives, public road access via an existing farm driveway onto Long Lane, storm water management facilities and associated site improvements. Bert Nye from Red Barn Consulting was present to answer any questions raised regarding this plan.

Mr. Nye explained that all the State regulations that apply to this proposed plan have been approved. An odor management plan, Nutrient Management Plan and NPDES approval have all been received. Mr. Brubaker had been warned that to start earth moving action would be at his risk due to not having Twp approval as of that time. Last Monday the NLT Planning Commission had discussed and recommended approval of this plan. Lebanon County Planning has provided their letter of recommendation.

Suv Brensinger questioned the direction of the fan system. Nye stated the fans will be directing to the west. He explained Bell & Evans has a 6 weeks full house and 3 weeks empty house policy. During the empty period the houses are completely cleaned out. Stormwater facilities are shown on the plan as well as specific traffic patterns including the entrance to the farm.

Suv Artz questioned if there will be any type of tree/shrub barrier around the farm. Nye replied that there are no additional barriers spelled out on the plan other than what is already in place. It is possible Mr. Brubaker may at some point decide to add to the natural barrier.

Sol Wolf questioned Mr. Brubaker's plans for the future remodeling of the farmhouse. Bert Nye replied that the farmhouse will remain in its original footprint. However Brubaker wanted the flexibility to create an additional room(s) or garage if he should have the need to do so.

MOTION was made and seconded to approve the Long Lane Dale/Janelle Brubaker Land Development Plan. Motion unanimously carried.

B.) Russell Heller – Heilmandale Road; Brake Retarder Sign/Speed Limit

Mr. Heller had phoned the Twp office to request the placement of a sign “Brake Retarder Prohibited” and also a reduction of the speed limit along Heilmandale Road. He had contacted PADOT as Heilmandale Rd is a state owned roadway. Mr. Heller stated he had spoken to the Chief Easter on this issue. The major complaint is the garbage trucks using their jake brakes when approaching the intersection at Russell Rd and Heilmandale Rd.

Heller stated that speeding is another concern. He is requesting the speed limit be reduced from 40MPH to 25MPH. His logic is that most people travel at least 5-7 miles over the speed limit. Traffic is coming from the Landfill, the diesel repair shop and the Carpenters School. Heller told the Board at the end of the day these people are all in a hurry to go home. This neighborhood is in agreement that something needs to be done to correct some of the issues before something major occurs. A list of names of the neighboring property owners along with their signatures was provided to the Board.

Suv Brensinger told Heller that there are procedures that need to be followed with PADOT when talking about doing anything to their roads. Heller replied he is aware of that as he had discussed these issues with PADOT. The Twp must apply to PADOT for any type of traffic study or signage (language on sign must also be approved by PADOT). Suv Brensinger said he would think that a traffic study would need to be completed first. Mgr Grumbine informed the Board that PADOT may direct the Twp be responsible for conducting a study. Suv Brensinger told Heller that Chf Easter had visited the site and viewed traffic for a period of time. During that time the average speed was 37MPH. Some were slightly higher and some lower. Heller questioned Chf Easter if he was hidden or was in view of the motorists. Chf Easter replied he had been situated behind a garage.

The Board briefly discussed what the options might be with Mr. Heller’s request. After some discussion Mr. Heller was told the Board would look into options with PADOT. Mr. Heller was told the Chief would be asked to schedule some of the Officers to monitor the area during the various shifts. Heller asked if he would receive a letter updating him on any progress. Sol Wolf said he will be reviewing what the PADOT regulations are and what options the Twp might have. When the Board is ready to discuss this issue again, Mr. Heller will be contacted so that he may attend the meeting. Heller thanked the Board for their time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION was made and seconded to approve minutes from the Supervisors meeting of June 17, 2013. Motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVAL PAYROLL and PAYMENT OF INVOICES

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

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT – George Gettler – Rural Security Fire Co

A.) Monthly Summary for NLT Fire Companies

Chf Gettler provided a summary report for all 4 volunteer fire companies. A total of 37 responses for service were logged for the month of June.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT (con't)

A total of 200 ft of various sized hoses were pulled, 8 training sessions and 6 mutual aid calls were answered during this past month. A total of 249.39 volunteer man hours were logged.

B.) Motorcycle Rodeo & Car Show – September 7&8; Bethel-Berks Fundraiser

Chf Gettler told the Board Rural Security had been contacted by the Lebanon Valley Motorcycle Club regarding a chicken b-b-q and pig roast. The Club is having an event at their recreational grounds and would like Rural Security to provide cooking services. This would be considered a “fundraiser” event for Rural Security and would need to have the Board’s approval to add to the Non-emergency Activity list for Rural Security.

MOTION was made and seconded to approve a chicken B-B-Q/pig roast event for Rural Security Fire Company on September 7th & 8th at the Lebanon Valley Motorcycle grounds. Motion unanimously carried

C.) New Company Vehicles

Chf Gettler reported that Ebenezer has added a 4-wheel drive Ford utility vehicle to their fleet. This new vehicle will be taking the place of the older ambulance type vehicle currently being used for locations that larger vehicles cannot navigate. He reported Weavertown Fire Company has a Dodge utility vehicle on order to accommodate the same type of situations.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT – Chf Harold Easter**A.) Calls for Service Report – Month of June 2013**

Chf Easter reported on the activities for the month of June 2013 and mentioned some of the individual categories for these calls of service. He reported there were a total of 671 Police-citizen contacts for the month of June with a total of 9,629+ miles logged on the cruiser cars.

TOWNSHIP MANAGERS REPORT – Cheri F. Grumbine**A.) Approval to Release Municibid Items**

The Twp recently posted 3 items to be sold on the Municibid website. These items were advertised in the Lebanon Daily News as well. All bids were due July 11. The following bids were received:

- 1987 Bean FMC Sewer Flusher Wagon - \$2400 (Broad Top Twp)
- 1999 Ford Crown Victoria- \$702 (Rebers Auto)
- 2007 Ford Crown Victoria -\$2450 (Michael Makon)

The Board was asked to award these items to the highest bidder so the items can be processed and released from the Twp inventory. Suv Brensinger mentioned that Broad Top Twp is the same municipality that had purchased the John Deere mower NLT had sold previously.

MOTION was made and seconded to award all the highest bids received for the flusher wagon, 1999 Crown Vic and the 2007 Crown Vic. Motion unanimously carried.

B.) Loop Repair – Rte 422/15th Avenue Traffic Signal

Mgr Grumbine informed the Board about a problem with the traffic signal located at Rte 422 & 15th Avenue. A complaint was made regarding the turning arrow for the eastbound traffic on Rte 422. Due to a problem with this turning arrow, the traffic traveling in the westbound lane received lengthy delays.

Loop Repair – Rte 422/15th Avenue Traffic Signal (con't)

C.M. High reviewed the signal and found that the loop at Rte 422 is no longer working and must be replaced. Mgr Grumbine received a verbal estimate for a price “not to exceed” \$1400.

According to the PADOT permit this loop must be corrected. However due to the cost for these loop repairs Mgr Grumbine brought this issue before the Board for discussion. After some discussion Suv Artz agreed with Mgr Grumbine’s remark that we really do not have an option. The traffic signal loop must be repaired. Suv Brensinger agreed saying there is a lot “wear” on these traffic loops and will need to be repaired.

MOTION was made and seconded to approve the proposal from C.M. High to repair the loop for the signal located on St Rte 422/15th Avenue. Motion unanimously carried.

E.) Pertinent Issues**1. Junkyard Renewal License – Reazer’s Inc**

Mgr Grumbine informed the Board the renewal license for Reazer’s Junkyard is ready for action from them. Lt Wengert has indicated that the property is in compliance and the fees have been paid.

MOTION was made and seconded to approve the renewal license for Reazer’s Junkyard located on Elias Avenue. Motion unanimously carried.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Solicitor Frederick C. Wolf**A.) Personnel Manual; Executive Sessions – July – Set Up Dates**

Sol Wolf reported that the Committee has met several times and are now ready to create a draft of the manual. Once the draft is completed the Committee members will review and when they are satisfied the manual will be provided to the Board of Supervisors to review.

B.) Ordinance Updates

Sol Wolf stated that he and Mgr Grumbine have been meeting to review and update some of the existing Ordinances. Some of the zoning Ordinances are being looked at and the recreational burns is one issue that will be updated. Lt Wengert and Chf Easter have been asked to add any input they might have on Police issues. Once they are comfortable that everything has been reviewed a draft will be provided to the Supervisors to look over. At the appropriate time a Public Hearing will be scheduled for one of the regularly scheduled Board meetings before adopting the revisions.

C.) Rockwood Update; Meeting Held @ Glenn-Lebanon Fire Co – July 8th

Sol Wolf expressed his appreciation to Glenn-Lebanon Fire Co for hosting a meeting at their facility for the residents of the Rockwood sewer project. The Municipal Authority Board was present as well as Sheila and himself. The residents had the opportunity to ask any questions or voice any concerns they had about the sewer project, connecting to the system and the quarterly billing process. Ray Bender of the County Redevelopment was present to provide information about grant money that some of the people would qualify for to cover some of their connection fees.

Martin Barondick told the Board he does not understand why North Lebanon was made responsible for a sewer project to service Swatara residents. Sol Wolf explained the decree from DEP that mandated North Lebanon Twp provide sewer services for the Rockwood area due to the location of the neighboring sewer system owned by North Lebanon. He also explained about the Mountville area sewer project being owned and operated by the Northern Lebanon County Authority. Barondick mentioned all this work being accomplished for Swatara Twp. Sol Wolf stated that Swatara Supervisors will be responsible for collecting any delinquent accounts that might occur. Swatara is also paying the debt portion of the Rockwood sewer project. Barondick expressed his dissatisfaction that North Lebanon was told they had to do this sewer project for Swatara Twp.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were no comments from the Supervisors this evening.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Theresa L. George
Recording Secretary