

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 6, 2007**

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. HawkinsChairperson
Edward A. BrensingerVice Chairperson
Kenneth C. Artz Treasurer
Cheri F. GrumbineSecretary

Also in attendance were several other individuals. Kathy Heckleman of the Lebanon Daily News and Roger Sands of the Patriot were in attendance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A.)Michael Johnson – July 4th Fireworks

Mr. Johnson said he would like to address some statements that may have been made at the last meeting. He had heard that one of his neighbors had attended the meeting and made several allegations about the 4th of July party that the Johnsons had hosted. It concerned him that someone might believe the allegations and he wanted to inform the Board these allegations are hearsay and he considers the statements to be slanderous. The issue of blocking traffic, which had been discussed previously, is also an untrue statement according to Johnson. He estimated the attendance at the party to be approximately 200 people.

Mr. Johnson told the Board he would like to commend the Police Dept on their excellent handling of the situation. He said he has tremendous respect for Officer Knight and his professionalism. Many of the neighbors had comments regarding the issue of cleaning up the debris from the fireworks. Suv Hawkins reminded the public about the dangers of fireworks, let alone the fact that they are illegal. Anyone displaying fireworks runs the risk of being fined and being held accountable for an illegal activity.

B.)Rick Hoffman – Sholly Ave

Mr. Hoffman questioned the repair of his yard and curbing. During the plowing season Hoffman said his curbing was damaged and he is still waiting for the repair work to be completed. Ed Brensinger said he had visited Hoffman’s property to see what the damages were and added the repairs to the list of projects to be completed. This particular chore has not been completed as of yet. Brensinger assured Hoffman it will be completed once it surfaces on the list. Mr. Hoffman thanked the Board for their time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes from July 16, 2007. Unanimously approved.

After receiving a request from someone to read the portion of the minutes regarding the party, Suv Hawkins agreed to read the portion about the July party. Some conversation followed about the controversial neighborhood issues. The question of the use of port-a-pottys was brought up. Mgr Grumbine told the public the Municipal Authority might have specific regulations pertaining to the use of port-a-pottys and they should check with the Municipal Authority in regards to the adopted regulations the Authority has in place.

George Dodson

Mr. Dodson stated two questions occurred to him while listening to the conversation. Number 1 what is a nuisance call? And the second question is why now, after all these years, has the issue of the fireworks become such a problem? Suv Artz stated the use of fireworks is illegal. The State enacts this Ordinance. He continued to say that the use of illegal fireworks has gotten out of control. When a call is received the Police Dept must respond to the complaint. Suv Artz stated because the use of fireworks has occurred in the past and complaints were not received does not change the fact that the fireworks are an illegal activity.

Martin Barondick – New St

Mr. Barondick shared his opinion that when a neighbor is setting off fireworks, the privacy and peace of others is being invaded. That is something that is not permitted according to Barondick. Fireworks are illegal, period.

APPROVAL PAYROLL, PAYMENT OF INVOICES, SUBJECT TO AUDIT

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

TOWNSHIP MANAGERS REPORT – Cheri F. Grumbine**A.)2007 Bridge Inspections Report**

On May 9th Wilson Consulting as part of the County program completed the inspection of Halfway Dr Bridge. The Twp contracted with Wilson Consulting to complete inspections on two smaller bridges located in the Twp, one on Long Lane and the other on Emma Rd. The reports provided show the approaches to the bridges and the underside area of the bridges. The report also contains recommendations from the engineer regarding maintenance needs that are categorized by priority. Dave Anderson has reviewed these reports with Ed Brensinger and Mgr Grumbine in order to research possible funding for the necessary repairs in the 2008 budget.

B.)Access Management Ordinance

Tom Kotay discussed Access Management Ordinances at the February 19th meeting and the County's involvement with this pilot program. North Lebanon Twp and North Cornwall Twp are the 2 municipalities participating in the program. The engineering firm of Orth-Rogers has completed a draft ordinance for North Leb Twp. Dan Kueper, the project manager, will be attending the meeting of August 20th to review the proposed Ordinance and answer any questions that might be asked regarding this draft Ordinance. Mgr Grumbine is asking the Board to inform her before the meeting if there are any questions in order that she might forward the questions to Dan. He will then be able to prepare accordingly for the meeting. Suv Hawkins asked if the County has adopted the County Ordinance to date. Mgr Grumbine replied that the County has not yet adopted an Ordinance but is planning to do so in the near future.

C.)Annual Housing & Community Development Plan by City of Lebanon

The City of Lebanon has provided notification regarding their Annual Housing and Community Development Plan for submission of its 2008 Community Development Block Grant application to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City is asking for comments from the Board regarding their plan, which is available for inspection at 3 locations:

- 1) Lebanon Community Library
- 2) Senior Center
- 3) Webster Manor

All comments should be submitted to the City by September 7, 2007.

D.) PUC Decision on 11th Avenue RR Crossing

Mgr Grumbine told the Board the decision on the request from Norfolk Southern to close the 11th Ave RR crossing has been issued. Sol Wolf stated he has received the decision but has not yet had the opportunity to read through the written decision.

PUC Decision on 11th Avenue RR Crossing (con't)

The request for the closure has been denied and Sol Wolf will prepare a written explanation to provide to the Board for the next meeting. The Board members expressed their relief at having this decision go the way it did.

E.)Auction – Lebanon Valley Fairgrounds

Information on a consignment auction sponsored by East Tool Auction on September 13 at the Lebanon Valley Fairgrounds has been received. Mgr Grumbine and Suv Brensinger are suggesting that a list of old unused /equipment tools and some left over unused office furniture be put together. Sol Wolf is reviewing the questions regarding this type of activity meeting all the requirements of the Second Class Twp Code. This would be an opportunity to get rid of some of the old equipment and unused items that have been stored since the building renovations have been completed. Sol Wolf suggested the Board approve participation in this auction as long as everything is in good standing with the Second Class Twp Code. The list of consignment items must be submitted by August 20, 2007 to be advertised.

Some conversation was held about the procedures involved with the actual auction. Suv Artz questioned the bidding requirements for the items. Suv Brensinger stated that there will be bids accepted for the items provided. He mentioned an old roller and tailgate spreader that is not being used any longer when asked about what types of equipment. He explained the other municipalities are not interested due to the fact the items are old and obsolete. Suv Artz asked about any items that do not get sold. Suv Brensinger said the items would not come back. They will get sold. If anything should not get sold he would think we would have to take it back.

MOTION was made and seconded to participate in this auction should Sol Wolf find that the standards of the Second Class Twp Code allow for this activity. Unanimously carried.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**A.)National Night Out – Lions Lake Aug 7th**

Suv Hawkins reminded the public about National Night Out tomorrow evening starting at 6PM.

B.)Suv Brensinger

Suv Brensinger suggested to the group of people, who were attending this evening, that next year the neighborhood people should consider offering their joint financial collection and donate to Colemans Park Fireworks fund. The Board mentioned that at some point in time the Township might consider hosting a fireworks display. They also discussed the fact that a professional licensed pyrotechnician would have to be hired and this process would be quite cumbersome.

C.)September 4, 2007 Supervisors Meeting

An announcement was made that the meeting for 9-04-07 will be cancelled due to a lack of quorum. Suv Artz and Suv Brensinger will be attending the NaTAT convention in Washington DC that week. Suv Artz explained that this is always a great source of information about impending legislation and many other issues confronting all municipalities. He feels valuable information is always brought back to NL Twp.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa L. George
Recording Secretary