MINUTES NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUDGET WORKSHOP - OCTOBER 4, 2010

Following a 15-minute break at the end of the regular October 4, 2010, meeting, the Board of Supervisors commenced their budget workshop with the following persons present.

Kenneth Artz Chairman
Richard Miller Vice-Chairman
Edward Brensinger Treasurer

Cheri Grumbine Township Manager

Sheila Wartluft Assistant Township Manager

Harold Easter Chief of Police

There were no residents that remained for the budget workshop following the regular meeting.

Chief Easter informed the Board that he had invited Lt. Wengert and Chris Miller-High Safety to discuss Township Code Enforcement. The Board indicated an issue was discussed by a resident earlier this evening and upon referring to the particular issue raised by Mr. Porter on Penny Lane asked them to start with this issue. Lt. Wengert and Chris Miller provided background information regarding the Porter property and outlined the chain of events that took place by them as Code Enforcement officers acting on behalf of the Township. Following their presentation, the Board was satisfied with what took place and that Mr. Porter was properly billed by the Administration Office. They asked that Lt. Wengert follow up with Mr. Porter regarding this issue, as he has all the supporting information.

Regarding Code Enforcement, Chief Easter requested that the Board consider hiring a full-time person (Mr. Miller) to handle Code Enforcement for the township, as Lt. Wengert anticipates retiring down the road. However, no exact timeframe was given. The township could consider contracting out services to other municipalities such as Myerstown and Cleona Boro that, per Chief Easter, would be interested in contracting for these services.

Following the Code Enforcement issues, Chief Easter reviewed his budget requests which included the hiring of another full-time police officer, bringing the current force to eleven. Chief Easter also reviewed various capital purchase items, as well as regular costs connected with a police department. Chief Easter reviewed anticipated revenue associated with his department such as fines, police services contracted out to West Lebanon Township, Task Force/Check Point and other similar details, and LV Mall security, which is about 4 hours per weekend.

The budget workshop adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheri F. Grumbine Secretary/Manager