

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 6, 2008**

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	Chairman
Kenneth C. Artz	Vice Chairman
Dawn M. Hawkins	Treasurer
Cheri F. Grumbine	Township Manager

Also in attendance was Kathy Hackleman of the Lebanon Daily News, Roger Sands of the Patriot News and several other individuals. The meeting was called to order and the pledge to the flag was done.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A.) Martin Barondick – New Street

Mr. Barondick stated he wanted to speak about the Planning Commission Chairperson. He wanted to know if the Board had the opportunity to research the question of what types of situations requires a resignation request from the Supervisors. Mgr Grumbine had provided the Board with the answer she had received from PSATS after emailing and requesting this information. The answer she received was in regards to what were acceptable situations for requesting a resignation. This particular issue did not fit their criteria for a resignation request. The time to consider this particular situation would be at the time of a reappointment.

Some discussion followed Suv Brensinger's reading of the answer received from PSATS. It is the opinion of PSATS that this situation is not a reason for requesting a resignation. They advised the Board to consider this information when the reappointment time has arrived. Barondick asked the Board to consider sitting down with this individual and asking for a resignation on this person's own volition. Chm Brensinger stated he would not ask this of the Commission member. Suv Artz said he is not of the opinion that a resignation should be asked for at this time. Suv Hawkins agreed that a resignation request at this time is unnecessary.

Barondick stated his dislike of the decision made by this Board. He is not happy about having someone represent him who is not being responsible for paying their taxes but he is expected to be accountable for his own taxes. Following an angry outburst Barondick excused himself from the meeting stating he is tired of taking the abuse the "system" shoves at him, as a taxpayer. He mentioned Wall Street and all the havoc caused by the high powered greedy CEOs. This is where all of it starts, here at the local level, according to Barondick.

Glenn Kreiser asked if any of the Board members had tried to discuss this situation with the Commission member. He suggested that contact be made and try to discuss this issue in order to resolve it.

Suv Hawkins stated she is not of the opinion that she should judge anyone when it comes to the subject of paying their taxes. The Supervisors are not here to act as a judge. That is not part of their duty. When the reappointment time comes due, a discussion may take place at that time. It will not happen at this time.

Bruce Sattazahn said he feels there is a difference between paying your taxes in a delinquent manner and not paying your taxes at all. The choice to pay taxes delinquent, with penalties attached, is totally different than someone who does not pay the taxes at all. As long as the taxes are paid, the fiscal decision should remain within that household.

Ed Arnold stated he feels a discussion should be had with Mr. Barondick. While he, personally, is in agreement that an individual has the right to speak at public meetings, Barondick is borderline disruptive with a lot of his comments and actions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes from September 15, 2008. Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL PAYROLL and PAYMENT OF INVOICES

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

TOWNSHIP MANAGERS REPORT – Cheri F. Grumbine

A.) MMO Calculations for 2009

A MEMO dated September 26th had been presented to the Board outlining the 2009 MMO annual calculations as required. Conrad Siegel, the Twp's Actuary, has prepared the percentages as outlined in the Valuation Report to report the costs of the plan. The Board is being asked to review the calculation in order to determine the police member contribution requirement. A Resolution will need to be adopted once the determination is made. A determination should be made before budget preparation so it can be stated in the budget for 2009. Currently the Police Officers contribute 4%. Mgr Grumbine agreed to provide a copy of the latest Pension statement to the Board to assist their decision making.

B.) Salt Agreement with West Lebanon Commissioners

For several years the Board has entered into an agreement to provide West Lebanon Twp with salt from our inventory. The price of the salt would be the cost paid by North Lebanon and additional fuel surcharge fees incurred. The Board is being asked to approve entering into an agreement for the 2008/2009 winter maintenance season. Some discussion was held about the costs and the availability. Suv Brensinger stated that we have already had some deliveries placed in our salt sheds.

MOTION was made and seconded to enter into a 2008-2009 winter maintenance agreement with West Lebanon for the purchase of salt. Unanimously carried.

C.) Draft of Survey to Residents – Burning Issues

A draft of the survey to be provided to the residents in the January Newsletter had been provided to the Supervisors previously for review. Mgr Grumbine is now asking to finalize the survey draft along with any additional comments the Board might have. The survey will then be placed in the newsletter to get input from our residents. Instead of asking for a name, the address is being requested. This would insure only one answer per household. Chm Brensinger suggested this issue be placed on the next agenda to get comments from the Board members.

D.) Lebanon County Conservation Awards Banquet

The Supervisors have been invited to attend the annual Lebanon County Conservation Awards Banquet scheduled for 5:30 pm at the Lantern Lodge. The date is Thursday October 23rd. Two complimentary tickets have been provided. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$20 each. If there is any interest Mgr Grumbine will need to know in order to respond. The deadline for responding is October 15th so an answer will be needed prior to that date.

E.) Pertinent Issues

1. **Fire Prevention Week** is October 5-11. This year the theme is "It's Fire Prevention Week: Prevent Home Fires". This is the time to check and/or change batteries in smoke detectors. Fire escape routes and designated meeting places should be established. On the backside of the agenda is a grid that can be used to plan the escape routes so everyone understands the plan before an emergency occurs.

2. Traffic Study information for the next lot being constructed in the Lebanon Rails Business Park is being provided to the Board. Originally when Valspar came into the park an overall number of traffic trips had been established. This next company will add to the trips already being completed by Valspar's business. The total from both companies is still well within the established amount. Mgr Grumbine wanted the Supervisors to have this information before their next meeting when the actual Land Dev Plan will come to them for approval.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

A.) Dawn Hawkins – Meeting @ North Cornwall Twp

Suv Hawkins and Cheri Grumbine had attended the meeting involving surrounding municipalities, located within the Cornwall-Lebanon School District, to discuss joint/regional Comprehensive Planning. Suv Hawkins said a lot discussion took place as there were many who were confused as to how this would work. She felt it was a good discussion period and came away with a feeling of excitement. Suv Brensinger explained NLT has been pushing this project to the back burner for the last 3 or 4 years. The County Comp Plan has now been adopted and it is time to move out on our Comp Plan. The idea of joint comprehensive planning could offer a significant savings to the residents of NLT.

B.) Ken Artz – NATAT Convention Attendance

Suv Artz stated it was, once again, a good opportunity to meet with other municipalities that are facing many of the same issues we are facing. It is also a good chance to submit local concerns to the Federal officials. Many different topics were discussed.

C.) Ed Brensinger – Stormwater Documentation

Suv Brensinger stated the Twp is now documenting all the stormwater structures located within the township. The information includes pipes under roadways or inlets in a development. A piece of equipment has been borrowed from the County to collect all the data. In the future, an additional layer will be added on the township map that will show all the stormwater structures. This will assist in keeping the inventory and planning the maintenance of these structures. It will also be a valuable tool for future officials who will hold office within the township.

Charles Allwein questioned future developments. Will the developer be required to provide this information to the township? Suv Brensinger stated this is something the Municipal Authority is already requiring for the sewer system. This is something that will be required once the current documentation is completed. Any new developers will be expected to provide information that can be added to our existing documentation.

D.) Fall Cleanup – Brush Items

The fall cleanup of brush items will start next Monday, October 13th and continue throughout the week. Ed stated that typically it takes one week to complete the cleanup.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa L. George
Recording Secretary