

**MINUTES  
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OCTOBER 15, 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. Hawkins ..... Chairperson  
Edward A. Brensinger ..... Vice Chairperson  
Kenneth C. Artz ..... Treasurer  
Cheri F. Grumbine ..... Township Manager  
Harold L. Easter ..... Chief of Police  
Attorney Marc Hess ..... Henry & Beaver LLP

Also in attendance was Kathy Hackleman from the Lebanon Daily, and many other individuals. The meeting was called to order and the pledge to the flag was done.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**A.) Thomas Cicconetti Jr – Intersection of N 8<sup>th</sup> Ave & E Maple Street**

Mr. Cicconetti introduced himself to the Board and told them he is a fairly new resident to North Lebanon Twp. He lives in Briar Lake. He would like to ask the Board to consider the placement of STOP signs at the intersection of E Maple St and N 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Currently there are 2 signs posted on the corners of N 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, which is Twp owned. His request is to place 2 more signs at either side of E Maple St. Heading east there is an incline on E Maple St which makes visibility very difficult when pulling out from N 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. His concern is that this intersection will be the cause of an accident. He has approached the association for Briar Lake on this issue and was advised to contact the Twp. Mr. Cicconetti stated he has spoken to Cathy from the Police Dept. Cathy informed him this intersection is a dangerous one to travel. However she also informed him the intersection of E Maple St and Weavertown Rd is even more contentious than the intersection he is voicing concern about. Cathy also advised him to approach the Board of Supervisors. He is here tonight to ask the Board what direction he should take to get something accomplished at this intersection.

Chp Hawkins told Mr. Cicconetti the Board has done some review on accidents regarding this intersection. She told him E Maple St is a PADOT roadway and as such must meet certain criteria before they will consider permitting any action to be taken. PADOT's crash criterion is for 5 accidents in one year. Chp Hawkins said she is thankful the intersection does not meet the criteria. At this point Chf Easter was asked to offer his input on this issue. Chf Easter explained that in the last 3 years there have been 5 accidents. Chf Easter said he does not wish to make light of the 5 accidents however the number does not fit the category of high. He agrees with Mr. Cicconetti this intersection is dangerous and Cathy is correct about Weavertown Rd intersection being even more contentious. Chf Easter offered that the accidents that are occurring are because motorists are not taking the time to stop for the signs that are already posted. The issue is how to get the motorists to obey the signs that are already posted at the intersection. Chp Hawkins thanked Mr. Cicconetti for attending and asked him to let the Board know should he have any other questions for them.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the minutes from October 1, 2007. Unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL PAYROLL and PAYMENT OF INVOICES**

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

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**POLICE CHAPLAIN REPORT – Pastor Dean Cover**

Pastor started his comments by saying that it has been awhile since he has attended the meeting. However he can assure the Board he is still serving in capacity of Chaplain. He explained he continues to do “ride alongs” with the various Officers when his schedule permits. Also he has offered his services to many of the Officers when they have felt the need of them. Frequent visits to the Police office allow him to remind the Officers that he is available should they and/or their families need his assistance.

Chf Easter reported that one of the times Pastor Cover was called for service was several weeks ago when some young motorists failed to stop at STOP signs and found themselves in the lake off N 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Pastor Cover was called in as a trained scuba diver to assist getting the car out of the lake. Chf Easter stated he appreciates the many talents of Pastor Cover.

Mr. Cicconetti asked about the possibility of the Twp seeking advice from the Twp Insurance Company about placing some type of barrier at the lake to prevent this type of thing happening again. He was told that fortunately this was the first time an accident such as this had happened. Also bad weather was a factor in this situation.

**CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT - Harold Easter****A.) Calls for Service - September**

Chf Easter gave a summary of the calls for service within the month of September. Sunday was listed as the highest volume day.

**B.) Release of Impounded Bikes**

Chf Easter is requesting the bikes that have accumulated and have been held for 6 months or longer be donated to the Marine Corps League for their distribution.

**MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the disbursement of bikes that have been held 6 months or longer to the Marine Corps. Unanimously carried.

**C.) D.A.R.E. Officers**

Chf Easter reported that Officer Keith Rudy has completed his D.A.R.E. training and is now instructing D.A.R.E. classes at Union Canal Elementary School.

**E.) Mall-o-ween – LV Mall**

Chf Easter reported the Department will again be sponsoring a Mall-o-ween at the Lebanon Valley Mall. All treats that are distributed by the Police Dept are donated by Manno Foods, which the department greatly appreciates.

**F.) Abandoned Vehicles**

Chp Hawkins questioned the procedure for abandoned vehicles which are pulled off the Twp roads. Chf Easter explained the procedure followed regarding trying to contact the owners and the final procedure the Code Enforcement Officer follows.

**TOWNSHIP MANAGERS REPORT – Cheri F. Grumbine****A.) Resolution No. 21-2007; Adoption of Appeal Form & Applicable Fees - IPMC**

During the last meeting Resolution No. 21-2007 was discussed. The Resolution included information pertaining to the application for an appeal to decisions made by the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the International Property Code that was recently adopted by the Twp. Two questions were raised during that discussion. Are the fees refundable should the property owner win the appeal and does the hearing have to be advertised to the neighboring property owners. Sol wolf and Officer Wengert have responded that the fee is non-refundable and the information has now been placed on the appeal application. Also notification to neighboring property owners is not necessary as this is not a zoning issue, it is property maintenance issues.

**Adoption of Appeal Form & Applicable Fees – IPMC (con't)**

A neighbor may be subpoenaed to assist the Township's case, as well as any other individual to support the actions of the Code Enforcement Officer. Should an appeal occur, Sol Wolf would most likely be working with Officer Wengert.

**MOTION** was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 21-07 regarding the fee and application for the appeal process for Code Enforcement. Unanimously carried.

**B.) Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan; Lenni Lenape Park Master Plan**

A copy of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan with revisions that had previously been discussed with Tim Staub of Rettew was provided to the Supervisors. Also an updated copy of the Lenni Lenape Park Master Plan has been provided to the Board. Mgr Grumbine is suggesting the Board approve Tim Staub's attendance at the November 19 meeting for a formal presentation of the plans and to answer any questions the public might have regarding the proposed plans. The Board would be asked to adopt the plan that night or request changes to the plan for future adoption depending on comments from the public.

Mgr Grumbine is asking the Board to authorize Sol Wolf and her to proceed with the advertising of these proposed plans for the November 19 meeting. She will also confirm with Rettew in order to allow time to prepare for the meeting. Mgr Grumbine will inform Sheila and the Twp Park & Rec Board members, as well as the task force which had been appointed to work on these plans.

Suv Brensinger questioned if there are changes requested, could the changes still be made? Mgr Grumbine replied revisions could be suggested, as long as it is not the day before the meeting. Chp Hawkins said she would think as long as the suggestions were not too drastic the revisions could be incorporated. Suv Artz stated he still did not read all the information but as of now has no questions. The Board was in agreement to authorize the advertising of the proposed Park & Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan.

**C.) Revised Traffic Study for Brusters Ice Cream & Holiday Inn Express**

The revised Traffic Study for Narrows Dr and Rte 422 has been received and provided to the Supervisors. Mgr Grumbine is asking the Board to provide her with any comments or questions they might have in regards to the Traffic study so she can discuss with Lebanon County Planning. She is informing them that she would like to release her comments in early November.

Suv Hawkins told Mgr Grumbine that she is not in agreement with several of the findings reported in the Traffic Study. She feels there should be a combined entrance off Narrows Drive for both Brusters and The Holiday Inn Express, not two separate entrances. Some discussion took place between the Supervisors. Suv Hawkins said she would appreciate hearing any ideas from LCPD on this issue.

**D.) Community Maps**

Suv Hawkins asked Mgr Grumbine about the Community Maps that have been worked on for several months. Mgr Grumbine reported she had signed the final proof just today and it should not be long before they are sent out in the mail.

**SOLICITORS REPORT - Frederick S. Wolf (Read by Marc Hess)****A.) N 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue RR Crossing**

This issue is still on hold as appeals have been presented to the PUC.

**B.) L.E.R.T.A. Request by LVEDC – HOLD until LVEDC Completed Outstanding Rail Park Issues**

The hearing for the Ordinance will be held once all items on the punch list are completed concerning the Lebanon Rails Business Park. Sol Wolf is anticipating that the hearing will be held the second meeting of November.

**C.) SABVI Plan**

Sol Wolf has indicated that NO approvals should be given for the plan until all open issues have been met or completed. This should occur about November 5, 2007.

**D.) Progress of North/South Lebanon Fireman's Relief Assoc Split**

An EIN tax identification number has been applied for and received. Attorney Kevin Richards is currently working on the completion of the formation of the new organization. All bills must be paid from the previous association and the check returned before the new association is started. This should take about 2 months.

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS****A.) Suv Artz**

Suv Artz questioned if the Twp has received any type of update on the progress of the Business Park. Mgr Grumbine stated that she receives occasional e-mails on some of the issues. Suv Brensinger added that the work on the stormwater inlet had been completed as of Friday afternoon. They did honor their commitment with this issue. Whether or not it will work is another question. Suv Brensinger stated we will not know until we receive a good rainstorm. He watched the work being completed and feels it should eliminate the problem. A good rainstorm will tell the story. The other issues are with the Municipal Authority. He is happy to see some progress being made. Suv Artz said he thinks consistent communication from LVEDC would happen instead of a piece of information every 2 weeks.

**B.) Suv Hawkins**

Suv Hawkins commended Officer Rudy on his D.A.R.E. certification and taking on the role of an instructor. She is happy to see the Police Dept becoming so involved with educational matters.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa L. George  
Recording Secretary