

**MINUTES  
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

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 Hawkins	Treasurer
Cheri F. Grumbine	Township Manager

Also in attendance was Alicia Gurdus, a representative of the Lebanon Daily News and several other individuals. The meeting was called to order and the pledge to the flag was done.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**A.) Paul Schwab – Hunters Chase Lane; Tenaska Issue**

Mr. Schwab questioned what benefits the Township would gain from having a Tenaska plant in North Lebanon. Chm Brensinger stated the only advantage he can think of would be more tax base. Although when considering that South Lebanon Twp gained the Avon playground when AES Ironwood located there, that type of gain might be a possibility. There is no guarantee of that however. Schwab said he is unhappy about the amount of water that is projected for use by Tenaska. Chm Brensinger agreed that it is a huge hurdle to overcome no matter where Tenaska decides to locate.

**B.) Glen Kreiser – Shellie St**

Mr. Kreiser questioned if Tenaska will have to pay taxes. Chm Brensinger said they certainly will have to pay. Although he is not sure what formula is used to assess how much of a tax base they will be required to pay. Kreiser questioned if Met Ed pays taxes. Chm Brensinger stated they pay taxes on any property they actually own. Kreiser said he thought this situation would be like Met Ed and not have to pay taxes. Mgr Grumbine replied they do pay taxes however it is not based on building value. It is called a PURTA tax. She does recall the rate but will check on it until the next meeting. If Tenaska appears before this Board, Mgr Grumbine and the Board would want to see some numbers and any benefits they would offer.

Kreiser said he would think that the Twp would lose revenue. The farmland is taxed now and Tenaska could play games and expect to pay less taxes. Chm Brensinger said that would not happen. Bare farmland is taxed but not very much. It is possible the amount will remain the same but definitely not less.

**C.) Tom Gerhart – Lake Drive; Turkey Trot Day – Closing of Streets**

Mr. Gerhart told the Board a Turkey Trot Day is being planned again this year on Thanksgiving morning (11-26-09). This year they are expecting a larger turnout than they had last year. The reason he is attending tonight is to find out what they have to do to close off the streets for a minimal time during this run/walk. It would be the neighborhood streets such as Lake Dr and maybe Creston Drive. Chm Brensinger directed Mr. Gerhart to make contact with Chf Easter to discuss details. The Chief will determine if he will use the Police Officers or provide Fire Police for this detail. Also the Supervisors meet again before the event should the Chief have any questions for the Board.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the minutes from October 19, 2009 Board meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the Budget Workshop on October 19, 2009. 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 unanimously carried.

**TOWNSHIP MANAGERS REPORT – Cheri F. Grumbine**

**A.) GLRA – Waste Management Program**

The Twp has received a letter from Larry Taylor, Senior Staff Engineer for the GLRA. The Waste Management Plan for Lebanon County is being revised for the next 10-year period. The GLRA is gathering names for representatives from among the various types of local government to be appointed to an Advisory committee. This committee will review and evaluate the revisions to the current Waste Management Plan. It is anticipated there will be 1 representative from the City, 2 representatives from Townships of the second class, 1 representative from the Boroughs and 1 representative from the Townships of the first class. Mgr Grumbine has spoken to Bonnie Grumbine, NLT representative on the GLRA, and she has agreed to serve on this Committee. Mgr Grumbine is recommending the Supervisors approve forwarding Bonnie Grumbine's name to Mr. Taylor.

**MOTION** was made and seconded to approve forwarding Bonnie Grumbine's name as the Twp representative to serve on the Committee which will be reviewing and revising the Waste Management Plan for Lebanon County. Motion was unanimously carried.

**B.) Humane Society Contract**

Chf Easter has received the contract from the Humane Society for the time period beginning Oct 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. This contract is based on last fiscal year's figures of 45 dogs, which Chf Easter's records confirm. The cost for next year is \$2025, which is \$404 higher than last year (\$1620). Chief Easter confirmed that the price per dog remains the same at \$45 but there were fewer dogs (36) during that time. Mgr Grumbine is recommending the Board approve the contract and she will place this amount in the 2010 budget.

The Board discussed the monthly reporting Chf Easter provides for these impounds. Mgr Grumbine mentioned that the Police Dept will invoice the owner of the dogs if the information is known. It is a way of recouping some of these funds.

**MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the contract with the Lebanon County Humane Society for the time period beginning Oct 1, 2009 through Sept 30, 2010 for the amount of \$2025. Motion was unanimously carried.

**C.) Lebanon County Community Development Program**

The Twp has received the annual letter regarding the Lebanon Community Development Block Grant Program for the fiscal year 2010. It is stated in the information received that the applicant is responsible for any engineering/ architectural and r-o-w costs. More than 51% of the persons served by the project must be in the low or moderate income category; Projects will be required to pay the Federal established Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates; and officials must approve of the project on or before January 11, 2010. The funding is limited to \$50,000 per community and the project must be ready to be obligated by June 1, 2011. If there is any project the Board would like to consider that would follow these guidelines, Mgr Grumbine is asking that the Board inform her so it can be pursued.

The Supervisors discussed some of the restrictive guidelines with this grant. Suv Artz questioned if this might be an option for the Municipal Authority to pursue for some of the manhole reline projects that are being reviewed. Mgr Grumbine said she would mention it to Ass't Mgr Wartluft. The Municipal Authority would have to determine if they would like to pursue this avenue.

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**Lebanon County Community Development Program (con't)**

Suv Artz mentioned a few years ago when the Board had considered sidewalks on E Lehman Street near WalMart. At that time the residents from E Lehman Street indicated they did not want any sidewalks. A member of the public spoke out saying she feels the sidewalks in that area are desperately needed. She has witnessed pedestrians walking in that same area and they are forced to walk on the street. Also handicapped people in wheelchairs use the area to get to WalMart. The traffic is moving way too fast, certainly faster than the 25 MPH posted. Mgr Grumbine reminded the Board again that if they think of something they should inform her as soon as possible as there is a lot of “homework” involved before any type of application submission by January 11, 2010.

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS****A.) Offices Closed; Nov 3, Election Day and Nov 11, Veterans Day**

Suv Brensinger told everyone the offices will be closed tomorrow for Election Day and on Wednesday November 11, Veterans Day.

**B.) Suv Dawn Hawkins**

Suv Hawkins encouraged everyone to go vote tomorrow.

As there was no more business to conduct or discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa L. George  
Recording Secretary

After a 15 minute break the Budget Workshop will be held.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP** – the Board will go into a Budget Workshop to review requests/issues for the 2010 budget. The public is welcome to stay for the Workshop; however, no comments will be taken until the Workshop is finished. It is anticipated the Preliminary Budget presentation will be held on November 16, with Final Budget for 2010 being considered for adoption at the December 21 Board meeting.