

**MINUTES**  
**LEBANON COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION**  
**OCTOBER 08, 2024**

The October meeting of the Lebanon County Regional Police Commission was called to order at 06:30 P.M. by the Lebanon County Regional Police Commissioner Chairman Michael Wahmann at the North Lebanon Township Municipal Building located at 725 Kimmerlings Road, Lebanon, PA. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following Board members and Township staff were present:

Gary Heisey  
Arden Snook, Sr  
Michael Wahmann  
Ronald Sell  
Richard Blouch, Jr  
Lori Books - North Lebanon Township Manager  
Justin Thompson – North Cornwall Township Manager  
Timothy Knight – Chief of Police, North Lebanon Township Police Department  
Paul Savini – Acting Chief of Police, North Cornwall Township Police Department

Also, present was Kori Eder, recording secretary, as well as several members of the public. Ashely Wise from Conrad Siegel and Mike Holland, Sonia Gross and Brett Battistelli from Stifel

**MOTION** was made by Michael Wahmann to approve the Minutes from September 25, 2024, Ron Sell approved the minutes and Gary Heisey second it. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS** from Stifel with Mike Battistelli, Brett Holland and Sonia Gross on pension fund management.

Brett Holland started by explaining Stifel's history. Mike Battistelli reviewed the advisory fees and manager fees. He also stated their firm does not charge custodial fees nor transaction fees. If chosen, the Regional Commission would need to adopt an investment policy which would determine the asset allocation and minimum rate of return. Sonia Gross stated that Stifel has a local branch, and they pride themselves on the fact that you always get a person.

Ashley Wise from Conrad Siegel spoke about pension funds. With the merger of the two plans the vested former members and retirees are also going to merge from two plans into one. For non-uniform staff this will be considered a new role. The next step will be to merge the two together. She explained the difference between service increment and the drop program.

Township Manager Books confirmed that all Police Officers will retain all years of service as far as vesting requirements. It is explained that non-union employees will be recognized for vesting accrual but not for years of service. Non-Uniform Employees would have to start fresh in the new Lebanon County Regional Police Department. A comparison was done between North Lebanon and North Cornwall for the DROP program and to merge the two together. There will be a 4-year DROP program. An inquiry was made to see in the past how it was done to make sure the non-uniform employee does not lose and benefit. There were several options for structuring it without being in the plan so there is no money lost.

Township Manager Justin requested a drafted planned document to be started for the union members. The plan for non-uniform will be tabled for the next meeting to have a study done.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**MOTION** was made by Michael Wahmann to accept the proposal T-Mobile as the cell phone company for the LCRPD. The proposal cost is 485.52 per month for an annual cost 5,826.24 for 17 cell phones. Michael made the motion to accept the plan. Gary Heisey approved the motion. Arden Snook seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION** was made by Ronald Sell to approve the Resolution 2-2024, LSA Grant for \$50,000.00. This motion was second by Richard Blouch. Motion carried unanimously. The grant will be used specifically for a patrol vehicle to be purchased in 2025.

Chief Knight announced that West Lebanon Township wishes to fulfill the contract by switching services from North Lebanon Township Police Department to LCRPD police services. The remainder of the contract will be for 2025-2026. A new contract will be re-negotiated for 2026 for the following years.

Chief Knight requested permission to advertise for the 24<sup>th</sup>. police officer for LCRPD. The deadline is November 18, 2024. Advertisement will be done on North Lebanon and North Cornwall Municipalities websites and Facebook. There will also be an advertisement on the PA Chief of Police website and contact with the Academy graduation class. Approval was given by Mike Wahmann and second by Ron Sell. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CHIEFS REPORT**

Chief Knight announced he ordered the badges and patches. It is 6-8 weeks for delivery.

The MAP grant has been submitted. The new grant will be awarded at the end of 2024-beginning of 2025

The PCCD grant and the LSA grant will be submitted by the end of the week October 12, 2024

There was a department meeting between both Departments, to update and inform everyone about the startup of LCRPD.

The striping of the vehicles will be put off for the next meeting. The cost and length of time to remove and replace the striping of the vehicles will be approved at the meeting on October 22, 2024.

Public Comment – Mike Webster inquired on total of grants applied for. The total for the grants is for a total \$230,000.00. He said he thinks everything is going great and is excited about seeing this come together.

Jim Cicovic addressed Gary Heisey on Kori not losing her time. Gary agreed that she would not lose it. Michael Wahmann said they may make up the difference somehow. The Commission agreed she should not lose any benefits because they formed a LCRPD. Wahmann said Kori is our biggest concern because of her numbered years with the township. Wahmann and Heisey both announced she will not lose any benefits.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement was discussed and will be tabled for a later meeting in the Spring.

Michael Wahmann announced the next meeting is scheduled October 22, 2024, at 0630 at the Lebanon Township building. , Ardy Snook approved the motion to adjourn. Gary Heisey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 0732 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kori A. Eder