MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUDGET MEETING
October 6, 2026

The duly advertised budget meeting of the North Lebanon Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman Heisey 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 – Chairman
Ed Brensinger – Vice-Chairman
Arden Snook, Sr – Treasurer
Lori Books – Township Manager

The following NLT Fire Company Representatives were present:

Chris Light – Ebenezer Fire Co.
Brian Vragovich – Glenn Lebanon Fire Co.
Rich Werni – Glenn Lebanon Fire Co.
Steven Matthews – Rural Security Fire Co.
Wesley Keener – Rural Security Fire Co.
Donald Steiner, Sr. – Weavertown Fire Co.

Misty Bender, recording secretary, several Fire Company Volunteers and one Township resident were also present.

REVIEW OF ALL GENERAL EXPENSES

Manager Books reviewed the budget line by line, mentioning that some items are marked as placeholders as we still await final numbers in some categories.

Fuel funding will remain at $3,000 per fire company, while operating supplies, including floor dry, are budgeted at $600. Professional expenses for the fire company audits will remain at $8,000, allowing up to $2,000 per company. The group discussed legal fees at length. Although Manager Books had kept the amount unchanged, several fire company representatives requested an increase to cover potential merger-related expenses. An increase to $1,400 was suggested. Communications expenses, including the "I am Responding" software and data plan, will remain at $1,680. The budget also includes $1,500 for safety programs, including trick-or-treat activities. Because the Township has not yet received the new workers' compensation insurance amount, last year's figure was used as a placeholder. Finally, $20,000 was again budgeted for annual inspections of ladders, hoses, pumps, and related equipment.

Manager Books stated the Township will continue to provide the $30,000 to each fire company for their apparatus payments as well as the annual allocation of $48,000 to each company.

Manager Books reminded the fire companies to submit their 2027 Annual Non-Emergency Listings for Board approval, as well as their 2027 rosters for insurance purposes.

Concerns regarding the lack of volunteers were discussed at length. All four fire companies are

experiencing burnout as the number of qualified volunteers' plummets. Brian Vragovich mentioned that all four fire companies have started talks about the possibility of merging. They are in the very early stages but are hopeful things will work out. Supervisor Heisey mentioned that at the County Convention he was able to talk to someone at length and was told this is a statewide issue. The gentleman he spoke with agreed to have a meeting with the Fire Chiefs to have a real discussion with them regarding their options. Supervisor Heisey said he would reach out to set something up.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Snook and seconded by Supervisor Brensinger at 6:50 PM to adjourn. Hearing no other motions, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Misty Bender
Administrative Assistant