

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Marc Laul called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated that in compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” this is a Regular Meeting of the Township Committee as published in the Hunterdon Review, the agenda has been posted at the Municipal Building and distributed to the Hunterdon Review, Courier News, the Express Times, the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Star Ledger.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Laul asked everyone to please stand for the Flag Salute and for a moment of silence in honor of our Servicemen and Women.

**ROLL CALL**

Present - Marc Laul Thomas McKee Brian Wunder Mike Schmidt Beverly Koehler

Absent-

Also Present - Attorney Matt Lyons, Clerk Karen Sandorse and 4 members of the public.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2017**

*Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2017.*

**Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of December 6, 2017**

*Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved minutes of the Executive Session of December 6, 2017.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – for agenda items only.**

*Motion by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee opened the public comment portion of the meeting.*

Ms. Laurie Hoffman asked what is being amended on the LOSAP ordinance. Mayor Laul said that there was an error in a few of the values.

*Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee closed the public comment portion of the meeting.*

## **PROCLAMATION**

*Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Proclamation – Township of Lebanon School Choice Week.*

### **PROCLAMATION Township of Lebanon School Choice Week**

WHEREAS all children in the Township of Lebanon should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and,

WHEREAS the Township of Lebanon recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in the Township of Lebanon to be successful adults; and,

WHEREAS quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of the Township of Lebanon; and,

WHEREAS the Township of Lebanon is home to a multitude of high quality public and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home; and,

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Lebanon has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and,

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Township Committee do hereby recognize January 21-27, 2018 as Township of Lebanon School Choice Week, and call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution No. 117-2017 - Cancel Delinquent Taxes 2017**

*Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 117-2017 as written below.*

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 117-2017  
CANCEL DELINQUENT TAXES 2017

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-17.01 allows for amounts of \$10.00 and less of delinquent taxes to be cancelled, and,  
WHEREAS the following amounts are open and due for 2017, and  
WHEREAS it is the desire of the Tax Collector to clear these amounts,  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following balances be cancelled:

Block/Lot	Amount
10/34	.06
10/49	.20
18/11Q	.15
24/32.05	.01
34/2Q	.22
35/2.01	.16
34/2.03Q	.13
35/31.05	.80
35/76.03Q	.77
36/43	.19
37/23.11	.03
38/10	.99
38/23	.01
38/86.01	.63
38/105	.37
40/29	.31
41/2.04	.01
48/1Q	.01
46/29.02	.01
49/34	.31
49/43	.02
50/6	.01
57/16	.47
57/20.04	.01
57/21.02	.72
60/2	.01
64/5	.18
69/23.01	.54

TOTAL: 7.33

**Resolution No. 118-2017 - CANCEL OVERPAID TAXES 2017**

*Motion by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 118-2017 as written below.*

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 118-2017

CANCEL OVERPAID TAXES 2017

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-17.01 allows for amounts of \$10.00 and less of overpaid taxes to be cancelled, and,

WHEREAS the following amounts are overpaid for 2017, and

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Tax Collector to clear these amounts,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following credits be cancelled to surplus:

Block/Lot	Amount	
11/25	.03	
12/24	.02	
18/49.01	.50	
21/13	.01	
29/32.06	.01	
30/9.02	.01	
35/23	.01	
35/75.01	.01	
35/78	.02	
35/91.09	.29	
36/16Q	.16	
37/23.08	.10	
37/24	.01	
37/35	.04	
38/59	.01	
38/98	.01	
38/103.01Q	.02	
49/11	.01	
49/29	.01	
49/39Q	.18	
50/22.01	.02	
50/23	.01	
54/23.01	.04	
56/13.02T	.01	
59/7.01	.01	
59/16	.01	
60/11.03Q	.27	
60/19	.01	
60/30/01	.01	
60/41.02	.74	
67/6	.36	
69/56.10	.01	
69/56.15	.01	
73/15	.30	
73/27	.01	
73/30	.01	TOTAL: 3.29

**Resolution No. 119-2017 - Transfers**

*Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 119-2017 as attached.*

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON  
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 119-2017  
TRANSFERS

**Resolution No. 120-2017 - Amending Resolution No. 96-2017 - LOSAP**

*Motion by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 120-2017 as written below.*

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON  
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 120-2017  
AMENDING  
RESOLUTION NO. 96-2016  
RESOLUTION APPROVING LOSAP PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN LEBANON TOWNSHIP  
FIRE COMPANY MEMBERS

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-183 et seq., the Township of Lebanon created a Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for the volunteer members of the Lebanon Township Fire Company (the "Fire Company");

WHEREAS, certain members of the Fire Company did not receive LOSAP payments for their first qualifying year of service; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the payments approved in Resolution No. 96-2016 it was realized that the noted modifications (in bold) are necessary; and

WHEREAS, the annual payments are as follows:

2000-2001 = \$300  
2002-2004 = \$600  
2005-2016 = \$700

WHEREAS, the following members and former-members of the Fire Company are owed the referenced qualifying year LOSAP payment:

- Border, William L                      \$600.00
- Clark, Geoffrey I                      \$600.00
- Bisbee, Steven                      \$700.00
- Dantonio, Giulio                      \$700.00
- Duryea, Matthew                      \$700.00
- Freeborn, Steven                      \$600.00

• <b>Freeborn, Russell</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
• Gabriel, Warren	\$300.00
• Guilfoyle, Kevin	\$300.00
• Hallett, Jamie	\$600.00
• Harkin, Joseph	\$600.00
• Hayth, William	\$300.00
• Ibsen, Paul	\$600.00
• Jones, Paul	\$300.00
• Jones, Paul Raymond	\$300.00
• Kiley, Edwards	\$600.00
• Kneafsey, John	\$300.00
• Koschker, April	\$300.00
• Kumka, Michael	\$600.00
• Mangulson, Sven	\$300.00
• Milkowski, Gary	\$300.00
• Milkowski, Ronald	\$300.00
• Paterniti, Robert	\$300.00
• Perry, Louis	\$300.00
• <b>Pezzuti, Joseph</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
• Schaffer, Edward	\$600.00
• <b>Somers, Kenneth</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
• Trujillo, Richard	\$300.00
• Yarnell, John	\$700.00

WHEREAS, the total amount of LOSAP payments owed as set forth above is **\$13,800**; and  
WHEREAS, the Local Plan Administrator has reviewed the above list, requested supporting documentation from the Fire Company to substantiate the information provided, and is satisfied that the list is complete and accurate;

WHEREAS, the following four (4) members are no longer members of the Fire Company and have closed their LOSAP accounts; therefore payments must be made by check directly to such former members:

- Paul Jones (\$300)
- April Koschker (\$300)
- Robert Paterniti (\$300)
- Edward Schaffer (\$600)

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient encumbered funds from the 2016 budget to make payment of the above-referenced LOSAP contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that:

1. Payment of the above referenced LOSAP contributions to the Township's LOSAP Plan Provider is approved in the amount of **\$12,300**.

2. Payment in the following amounts directly to the following former members of the Lebanon Township Fire Company is approved:

- Paul Jones (\$300)
- April Koschker (\$300)
- Robert Paterniti (\$300)
- Edward Schaffer (\$600)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Raffle License Application – Friends of Memorial Park – Event Date - 01/13/2018**

*Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved a Raffle License Application for the Friends of Memorial Park for an event to be held on 01/13/2018.*

### **Hunterdon County Farmland Preservation Administrator – 2019 PIG Application Update**

The Committee received correspondence from the Hunterdon County Farmland Preservation Administrator notifying them that Hunterdon County is applying for a 2019 Planning Incentive Grant and noted that there are farms in the Township that could be considered for farmland preservation.

### **Municipal Clerk Request to Purchase a Server**

*Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the purchase of a Dell PowerEdge T330 Server from Dell EMC, a State Contract Vendor, in the amount of \$2865.06, and the cost of \$900 for Silliman Consulting to install the server.*

## **PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS**

Committee Members provided a description of vouchers exceeding \$1000.00.

*Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the December 20, 2017 bill list, in amount of \$411,434.39.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Tax Collector's Reports for the Months of October and November 2017
- b. Senate President Stephen Sweeney – OPMA – OPRA
- c. Gail Glashoff Memo – 2018 Planning Board Appointments
- d. JoAnn Fascenelli- Recycling Coordinator – E-Waste and Scrap Metal Event
- e. Township Historians November 2017 Meeting Minutes

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee opened the public comment portion of the meeting at 7:25 p.m.*

Mr. Paul Szmajda, resident and beekeeper, was present to inform the Committee of the NJ Dept. of Agriculture's proposed new rules for beekeepers in the State. Mr. Szmajda asked the Committee to consider adopting a resolution in opposition of the rules due to the restrictions they will impose on beekeepers.

Ms. Laurie Hoffman thanked the Committee for their service and said that she supports the beekeeper's effort.

Mr. Ron Milkowski said that bee hives are suffering and he agrees that a resolution should be approved. Mr. Milkowski informed the Committee that the oil tank is being taken down at the power station on the corner of Rocky Run Road and Highway Route 31. Mr. Milkowski questioned if the Township's Environmental expert should be involved. Mr. Milkowski asked if the Township's employment contracts are open to public access.

*Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee closed the public comment portion of the meeting at 7:42 p.m.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen J. Sandorse, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

Approved: January 17, 2018

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Marc Laul, Mayor