

**Lebanon Township Committee  
February 17, 2016**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Marc Laul called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and stated that in compliance with the “Open Public Meeting 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	Ronald Milkowski
	Brian Wunder	Mike Schmidt	

Absent-

Also Present - Attorney Dick Cushing, Clerk Karen Sandorse and 10 members of the public.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2016**

*Motion by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 2016.*

**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.*

Mr. Bernie Cryan asked if a complete bill list is available for the public prior to the Committee meetings or is it something that can be included with the agenda at the meetings?

*Motion by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee instructed the Clerk to post the bill list on the board in the Clerk’s office and to have a copy available at the Committee meetings.*

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **LTEOS - Ponding at Bunnvale Library**

Ms. Nancy Lawler stated that a few years ago the Committee tried to have the Township Engineer, Steve Risse, work with the County to remedy the problem of stormwater flooding at the Bunnvale Library. Unfortunately, the issue was not resolved at that time. Ms. Lawler noted that there have been concerns raised that the water is unsafe, it may have possible health issues and that it is just unsightly. Ms. Lawler stated that the Environmental Commission is always looking for funding to address environmental concerns in the Township, so when an expert approached her about possibly fixing the problem at the Library with grant funds, they decided to look into it. Ms. Lawler informed the Committee that the timeframe in which to apply for a grant is short so the EOS requested that Mr. Chris Mikolajczyk, of Princeton Hydro, be present at the meeting to discuss the grant opportunity with the Committee.

Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that Princeton Hydro is a water, wetland research firm, located in Hunterdon County. One of the things that they do is find grant opportunities. The particular grant that Mr. Mikolajczyk feels may be available to the Township is the 319(h) program which is through the NJDEP and is funded through the EPA. The 319(h) is for non point source pollution or stormwater runoff. Mr. Mikolajczyk feels that the issue at the Library fits all of the parameters' for the 319(h) grant. Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that he reached out to Ms. Lawler to ask if she thought that the Township would be interested in pursuing a 319(h) grant to correct the problem of the ponding at the Library. Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that Ms. Lawler thought that the Committee might be interested and they had a site meeting last week. Mr. Mikolajczyk noted that the grant application is due on March 11<sup>th</sup> which is 3 ½ weeks away. Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that he came to the meeting to see if the Committee has interest in applying for the grant. Mr. Milkowski asked Mr. Mikolajczyk what his plans are for the site. Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that the initial thoughts are to do a site assessment with regard to soil borings and test pits to determine what the permeability is. This will determine if there is the potential to infiltrate or not and to see if Princeton Hydro can engineer something with infiltration. Design plans can then be prepared based on the soil work along with the engineer's recommendations. The project would then go to bid for construction, followed by the measurement of success, modeling of nutrient removal rates, public education and long term maintenance

Mr. Mikolajczyk informed the Committee that there are no matching funds necessary but the NJDEP does look favorably on an in-kind match. There is no check needed but personnel or volunteer time would be counted as a budget number. If test pits were to be dug and the DPW were to provide a day of excavation, the time would count as in-kind toward the grant. Mr. Milkowski asked how much time would need to be put in. Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that the more time that the Township puts in, the more the in-kind match will count. The DEP does not have a minimum amount but the more that the Township contributes the more the DEP highly regards.

Mr. Milkowski stated that he read in Mr. Mikolajczyk's proposal that he will apply for the grant at no cost to the Township with the condition that Princeton Hydro is awarded the engineering for the project. Mr. Milkowski asked Mr. Mikolajczyk what the cost would be to apply for the grant if the Committee decides that his engineering design does not work for the Township. Mr. Mikolajczyk informed Mr.

Milkowski that there would be discussions during the entire process so the Township Committee will be involved with the design.

Mr. McKee asked if the grant goes to the Township or to Princeton Hydro. Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that the grant monies go to the Township.

Mr. Schmidt asked if the site work would need to begin within the next three weeks. Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that the grant application is due to the DEP in three weeks. The DEP will not make decisions on who gets that grant money until May and then paperwork will take possibly 6 months from that time.

Mr. Schmidt questioned if test holes need to be dug to determine the infiltration condition for the design work. Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that this work would be included with the grant. The grant application will be written as a general idea when it is sent to the DEP. The finalized design cannot be drafted until site specific data is collected. The site specific data will not be collected unless the grant is approved. Mr. Schmidt questioned how the Township knows what they are agreeing to with the application. Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that the grant application is a general guideline with no specific design.

Mr. Schmidt asked if Mr. Mikolajczyk has a rough idea on what the amount of the grant will be. Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that he spoke to an engineer today and a very rough number, start to finish, is \$250,000.00. Mr. Schmidt asked what amount would be DPW or volunteer in-kind services. Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that he has not determined that at this time.

Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that he has done dozens of applications in the past.

Mayor Laul asked what the maintenance costs would be once the project is complete. Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that maintenance may be items such as the DPW cleaning out storm drains or a baffle box, or in the case of a rain garden or swale, it may include picking up garbage or debris and checking on weeds. Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that typically stormwater work is low maintenance.

Mr. Mikolajczyk informed the Committee that there is no out of pocket expense for the Township. All invoices are submitted to the DEP for payment.

Mr. Milkowski stated that he has concerns as it is a small lot with a septic in that location. Also, if the Township were to add on to the building they would build in that direction. If a crypt were to be installed there will be a large area of the property that will need to be avoided. Ms. Lawler stated that during the process the Committee will obtain information which may prove that the Township may not want to put anything in the location and just leave it for collecting stormwater.

Mr. Wunder stated that the County may have issues since they did the last time the matter was discussed. Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that he does not foresee changes to the roadway; however, the County can be involved.

Mr. Schmidt asked if Mr. Mikolajczyk will need to meet with the DPW Manager and the LTEOS. Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that the DEP will request a detailed budget for the RFP, including the in-kind match. Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that he will need to obtain information from the DEP, LTEOS and the Township Clerk for the preparation of the grant.

Mr. Schmidt asked if it is possible for the Committee to receive an update at the March 2, 2016 meeting, prior to the March 11<sup>th</sup> deadline. Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that it may be tight but they have been looking at the site so he can begin preparing a skeleton without much of a problem.

Mr. Milkowski asked if the 319(h) is an annual grant. Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that it is. Mr. Milkowski stated that he does not think that there is enough time this year to apply and suggested waiting until the next grant cycle.

Mr. Mikolajczyk informed the Committee that the grant process, start to finish, is approximately 4 years. Mr. Mikolajczyk stated that he can give the Committee names of other municipalities that they can reach out to see how their projects worked out. Mr. Mikolajczyk will provide the Committee with a list of municipalities to contact.

Mr. McKee stated that he would like to reach out to other municipalities to see how their projects worked out and to receive a visual. He is not sure of how much more self-engineering the Committee must do.

Ms. Lawler stated that it may be a good time to talk to the neighbors of the property to see if they are having a similar problem. The adjacent church may be a good neighbor to team up with to address the problem.

Mr. Mikolajczyk will conduct preliminary site work and may speak with the DPW Manager regarding the DPW work. The Committee will make a final decision at the March 2, 2016 meeting.

### **Schedule Budget Meetings**

*Motion by Mayor Laul, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee scheduled budget meetings to be held on March 3, 2016 and March 10, 2016, March 17, 2016 and March 24, 2016. The meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m.*

### **Raffle Applications (3) for St John Neumann Church**

*Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved three Raffle License Applications for events to be held on (2) June 4, 2016 and (1) December 4, 2016*

## **ORDINANCES**

### **Ordinance No. 2016-02 – BOND**

#### **Public Hearing**

*Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the public hearing for Ordinance No. 2016-02 was opened.*

There were no comments from the public.

*Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the public hearing for Ordinance No. 2016-02 was closed.*

*Motion by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance No. 2016-02 as written below. AYES: Schmidt, Laul, McKee, Milkowski NAYS: Wunder*

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$400,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Lebanon, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey (the "Township") is hereby authorized to make a public improvement and to acquire new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said Township, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. The cost of the improvements includes all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Township.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum

which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (4) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Acquisition of new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of the Fire Department consisting of (i) a command vehicle and (ii) an ambulance.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$325,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 16,400
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$308,600
Period of Usefulness	5 years

B. Undertaking of various improvements to the Public Museum.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 75,000
Down Payment Appropriate	\$ 3,600
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 71,400
Period of Usefulness	10 years

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Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$400,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 20,000
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$380,000

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, does not include any amount to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$20,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Township, are now available to finance

said purposes. The sum of \$20,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 7. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$380,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter

determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$380,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 9. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 10. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 5.93 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk of said Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$380,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 12. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Hunterdon, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes, shall be applied to the payment of

the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 13. The Township intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 14. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 15. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 16. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

## **Introduction**

### **Ordinance No. 2016-03- PEDDLING AND SOLICITING**

*Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Ordinance No. 2016-03 on first reading as entitled below.*

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON  
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 2016-03  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 274 OF THE CODE OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF REGARDING PEDDLING AND SOLICITING

**Public Hearing to be held on March 2, 2016.**

## RESOLUTIONS

### **Resolution No. 24-2016 – Discharge of Housing Rehabilitation Loan**

*Motion by Mr. Milkowski, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 24-2016 as written below.*

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 24-2016**

WHEREAS, a Housing Rehabilitation Loan in the amount of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,0000.00) was made to Annie M. Backer on August 31, 1990; and

WHEREAS, the loan was secured by a Mortgage recorded in the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office in Mortgage Book 933 at Page 95; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Rehabilitation Loan, together with accumulated interest, has been paid in full. Therefore, the Mortgage may now be discharged of record.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon that the mortgage securing the loan be discharged of record, and that the Mayor and Township Clerk sign the necessary Discharge of Mortgage so that the mortgage may be discharged of record.

## OLD BUSINESS

### **Museum Restroom**

Ms. Laurie Hoffman stated that she has come to find that the installation of the new restroom is going to be a difficult task. When applying for the grant the plan consisted of a holding tank that would be under the bathroom, which will never happen. In speaking with the County Department of Health, Ms. Hoffman was informed that the only way the State would approve a septic tank is if it can be proven that they cannot have a septic system. Ms. Hoffman spoke to a septic engineer and he feels that a septic system can be installed but the cost could be \$15,000.00- \$25,000.00. Ms. Hoffman stated that there are two septic authorities and a construction expert on the Committee which have been very helpful in this process. Ms. Hoffman stated that she has received two proposals for architecture work; however, they are very different. Ms. Hoffman noted that she has now been given the name of another architect and would like to go back to all of the architects to request proposals on exactly what the Township is looking for. She would like to receive similar proposals. Ms. Hoffman stated that the County Clerk told her to call the Township Engineer to discuss the issue. Mr. Milkowski stated that he spoke to another engineer who Ms. Hoffman also spoke with and he said the he is willing to assist the Township. Mr. Milkowski suggested that Ms. Hoffman reach out to him for direction as the first meeting will not cost the Township. At that point it can be determined if the Township Engineer should be contacted.

Mayor Laul asked what the cost was in installing the septic system at the municipal offices since the DPW did the work. Mayor Laul asked if it was a good process. Mr. Milkowski stated that if the DPW is going to help out with the Museum system he does not believe that it will be as involved as the

municipal office. Mr. Milkowski stated that when you do something for a living you should be better at it then someone who has never done it before.

Ms. Hoffman stated that she does not think that an architect can be appointed at this time because of the cost of the septic system. Mayor Laul stated that \$75,000.00 has been allocated for the project. Ms. Hoffman stated that the estimates that were received were between \$50,000.00 and \$60,000.00 with \$8000.00 toward the holding tank. The septic system would raise the cost considerably. Mr. Milkowski stated that an architect should know the regulations when installing a septic system. The feasibility of the septic system needs to be determined.

Mr. McKee stated that one of the original proposals is missing the agreement. Ms. Hoffman will provide another copy to the Clerk to distribute. Ms. Hoffman stated that she is confused with the process and requested guidance from the Committee. Mr. McKee will work with Ms. Hoffman to itemize what is needed for the project and to prepare a checklist for the architects.

### **DPW Floor**

Mr. Wunder stated that he has contacted nine companies about the issues with the DPW garage. There is not been much interest shown once they find out that it is a municipal garage. Mr. Milkowski asked Mr. Wunder if they should wait another two weeks to see if there are any responses received and if not the Committee can decide if they should proceed in a different direction.

### **Park Committee**

Mr. Wunder stated that he attended the Park Committee meeting. They discussed setting fee prices for the use of the Park. There was no decision made.

### **Library Property**

Mr. Milkowski stated that there are two monitoring wells on the Library property but no one seems to know whose they are. Mr. Milkowski stated that he contacted the County Health Department and the Tax Assessor and they have nothing on it. Mr. Milkowski said that he has been told that the wells have been abandoned but are still there. He would like to have them filled if possible. Mr. Wunder stated that he thought that the wells are associated with the gas station which is across the street. Mr. Milkowski suggested that a letter be sent to the gas station owner stating that if the wells are not being used they should be closed. Mr. Milkowski will follow up on the issue and speak with the Tax Assessor again.

### **LOSAP**

Mayor Laul stated that there is one last item of the LOSAP matter that needs to be addressed which is the dormant accounts. There are possibly 11 people with dormant accounts and all were rescue squad members. There is no paperwork since the Squad's bankruptcy so there is no way to prove service years. Mayor Laul suggested that letters could be sent to ask the individuals to prove the amount of time that they served or their start date. Mr. Schmidt suggested having two boxes; one to check for those who believe that they were vested and one stating that the member does not believe that they were vested. Attorney Cushing stated that he feels that it would be fairer for the members to be asked the question through a letter. Mayor Laul will prepare a letter for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

## **PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS**

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

*Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the February 17, 2016 bill list in amount of \$ 3,062,257.26.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Tax Collector's Report for the Month of January 2016
- b. Township Historian's January 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- c. Township Recreation Commission January 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- d. Gail Glashoff Memo– Ordinance No. 2016-02 – Planning Board Statement

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Motion by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee opened the public comment portion of the meeting at 8:14 p.m.*

Mr. Cryan stated that he was surprised with the amount of discussion that was had on something that is not listed on the agenda. He recalls a resident who often reminded the Committee about discussing items that were not listed on the agenda. Mr. Cryan cautioned the Committee about the Museum restroom project because they have been provided with an estimated cost of \$60,000.00 for the facility; however, no one had investigated the septic system. He does not feel that homework has been done and suggested that the Committee be provided with a fee schedule outlining what the total cost impact will be prior to the Township becoming embroiled in the project and having to pay much more.

Mr. Cryan asked Mr. Wunder what the \$4900.00 voucher to J & D Auto Body was for. Mr. Wunder stated that work was done on the Police Ford Explorer. Mr. Cryan asked if it was dents that insurance will not cover. Mr. Milkowski stated that the voucher is confusing because there are three different items listed with some for Police and some DPW; however, the work was done on a police vehicle.

Ms. Laurie Hoffman stated that the Library ponding issue has been discussed for years and asked what the apprehensions are in not moving forward with remediating the problem. She said that there is someone who is now looking to correct the problem but the Committee is reluctant in moving forward when there will be no cost to the Township other than manpower. Mayor Laul stated that he is not familiar with Princeton Hydro and would like to have some time to research their work and history. Ms. Hoffman stated that the Committee wants to know what the plan will be; if it will be a rain garden or a swale, but does it matter which one? Mr. Milkowski stated that it does matter because downhill is the churches septic and he wants to be sure that what is put in will not infiltrate their septic. Ms. Hoffman questioned if Princeton Hydro would suggest such a plan. Mr. Milkowski stated that the Committee needs to be sure not to cause any problems for the neighbors. Ms. Hoffman stated that the current situation affects the water in her brook. She is hoping that fixing the problem at the Library will help with the flooding of her property when it rains. Mayor Laul stated that the Committee wants to be sure

that it fits our environment and not something that is high maintenance. Mr. Wunder stated that the rain garden is a good remedy. Mr. Mayor Laul stated that is if content on March 2nd then they can move forward.

Ms. Hoffman asked what timeframe the payment to the retirement fund covers. Mr. Milkowski stated that he is not sure but it is the first time he remembers such a large payment.

Ms. Hoffman asked if the housing rehabilitation reimbursement goes into the COAH account. Mr. McKee stated that it does. Ms. Hoffman asked if the final COAH obligation will come out of the COAH account. Mr. McKee stated that the Committee does not know at this time. Ms. Hoffman questioned possible obligations that could be imposed on the Township. Mr. McKee stated that the Township needs to be aware and do their homework on what is being suggested or direction that is given. Legally the Township needs to stay well-informed of the issue. The Township is a part of a consortium that helps spread that cost so the Committee is doing their due diligence. There is some time before the Township needs to come up with their plan and this time will be used to the Township's advantage. The discussion will continue at the Planning Board meetings for the next few months.

Mr. Gary Milkowski asked about the J & D bill and questioned what was done to the Explorer if there was no damage. The Clerk informed the Committee that the repair was for a deer –vehicle accident with the Police Explorer. The insurance company covered the cost with the exception of the deductible.

Mr. Gary Milkowski said that if a rain garden is installed to correct the ponding at the Library the Committee needs to insure that the property does not become wetlands which can occur with certain types of vegetation.

*Motion by Mr. Milkowski, seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee closed the public comment portion of the meeting at 8:28 p.m.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to come before the Committee a motion was made by Mr. Milkowski, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen J. Sandorse, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

Approved: March 2, 2016

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Marc Laul, Mayor