

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McKee called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 McKee asked everyone to stand for the Flag Salute and for a Moment of Silence.

ROLL CALL

Present - Thomas McKee Patricia Schriver Ronald Milkowski
 Bernard Cryan Brian Wunder

Absent-

Also Present - Attorney Dick Cushing, Deputy Clerk Kimberly Jacobus and 12 members of the public.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Re-Organization Meeting of January 7, 2014

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved minutes of the Re-organization meeting of January 7, 2014.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 15, 2014

Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mayor McKee and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved minutes of the regular meeting of January 15, 2014. AYES: McKee, Milkowski, Wunder, Cryan ABSTAIN: Schriver

Minutes of the Executive Session of January 15, 2014

Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. Cryan and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved minutes of the executive session meeting of January 15, 2014. AYES: McKee, Milkowski, Wunder, Cryan ABSTAIN: Schriver

PUBLIC COMMENTS – for agenda items only

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Milkowski and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee opened the public comment portion of the meeting.

Ms. Laurie Hoffman asked about the Cap Bank Ordinance. Mayor McKee stated that it is a way for the Township to increase the budget to 3½% over last year's budget. Attorney Cushing explained that it allows the cap limitation to be banked and in the event the Township needs to go over the 2%, it gives the Township the right to do so. They are passed every year. Ms. Hoffman thought that there was a new law, that if the budget goes over 2% the residents had to vote on it. Attorney Cushing stated that was correct, but that was a Levy Cap, different from this one.

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

ORDINANCES –Public Hearing

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Cryan and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2014-01.

There was no comment from the public.

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Cryan and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee closed the public hearing for Ordinance 2014-01.

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance 2014-01 as written below.

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
ORDINANCE NO. 2014-01
CALENDAR YEAR 2014
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to .05% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon in the County of Hunterdon finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2014 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that a .05% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$20,890.46 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon, in the County of Hunterdon, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2014 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Lebanon shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$146,233.19, and that the CY 2014 municipal budget for the be approved and adopted in accordance with Township of Lebanon this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 22-2014 –Public Improvement Financing - \$636,855- Bond Anticipation Note

Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mayor McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 22-2014 as written below.

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. 22-2014**

Member Brian Wunder introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution and Member Thomas McKee seconded the motion:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, COVENANTING TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, APPLICABLE TO THE EXCLUSION FROM GROSS INCOME FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES OF INTEREST ON OBLIGATIONS ISSUED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWNSHIP CLERK, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND OTHER TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS THEY MAY DEEM NECESSARY OR

ADVISEABLE TO EFFECT SUCH COMPLIANCE AND DESIGNATING A \$636,855 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE, DATED JANUARY 31, 2014, PAYABLE JANUARY 30, 2015, AS A "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATION" PURSUANT TO SECTION 265(b)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, the Township of Lebanon, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Township") from time to time issues bonds, notes and other obligations the interest on which is excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes and desires to take such action as may be necessary or advisable to establish and maintain such exclusion; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), contains provisions with respect to the exclusion from gross income for Federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations, including provisions, among others, which require issuers of tax-exempt obligations, such as the Township to account for and rebate certain arbitrage earnings to the United States Treasury and to take other action to establish and maintain such Federal tax exclusion; and

WHEREAS, the Township intends to issue a \$636,855 bond anticipation note, dated January 31, 2014 and payable January 30, 2015 (the "Note"); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to designate the Note as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Township Committee hereby covenants on behalf of the Township, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Jersey, to do and perform all acts and things permitted by law and necessary to assure that interest paid on bonds, notes or other obligations it issues (including the Note) be and remain excluded from gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Code.

SECTION 2. The Mayor, Township Clerk, Chief Financial Officer and other officials of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to take such action, make such representations and give such assurances as they may deem necessary or advisable to effect compliance with the Code.

SECTION 3. The Note is hereby designated as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for the purpose of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

SECTION 4. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the Note is not a "private activity bond" as defined in the Code and (2) the Township and its subordinate entities, if any, do not reasonably anticipate issuing in excess of \$10 million of new money tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds) during the calendar year 2014.

SECTION 5. It is further determined and stated that the Township has not, as of the date hereof, issued any tax-exempt obligations (other than the Note) during the calendar year 2014.

SECTION 6. The Township will, to the best of its ability, attempt to comply with respect to the limitations on issuance of tax-exempt obligations pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code; however, said Township does not covenant to do so, and hereby expressly states that a covenant is not made hereby.

SECTION 7. The issuing officers of the Township are hereby authorized to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the original purchaser of the Note and to further provide such original purchaser with a certificate of obligations issued during the calendar year 2014 dated as of the date of delivery of the Note.

SECTION 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Schriver, McKee, Milkowski, Wunder, Cryan
Nays: None

Resolution No. 23-2014 – Historic Preservation Grant Application – LT Museum

Motion by Mr. Cryan, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 23-2014 as written below.

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
RESOLUTION NO. 23-2014**

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved an Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund and established a Historic Preservation Grant Program to provide County funds in connection with the acquisition of historic properties and the preservation of historic properties, buildings, structures facilities, sites, areas or objects, in Hunterdon County; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lebanon desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$60,000 from the County of Hunterdon to fund the following historic preservation project: Construction of bathroom facilities at the Lebanon Township Museum at New Hampton at a cost of \$60,000 (project cost);

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body resolves that Mayor Thomas McKee or the successor to the office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such Historic Preservation Grant Funds,
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hunterdon shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Hunterdon County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Plan, adopted Freeholder Board Policies and the Procedures Manual for the Historic Preservation Grant Program adopted thereto, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County funds in accordance with such adopted Policies and Procedures, and rules, regulations and applicable statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon:

1. That the Mayor of the above named body is hereby authorized to execute any documents and agreements with the County of Hunterdon known as Lebanon Township Museum Bathroom Facility;
2. That the applicant has its share of funds, if required, in the amount of \$60,000;
3. That, in the event the County of Hunterdon's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 24-2014 - 2% Cap on Interest Arbitration Awards

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Cryan and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 24-2014 as written below.

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
RESOLUTION NO. 24-2014**

**Resolution Calling on the Legislature to Make Permanent
the 2% Cap on Interest Arbitration Awards**

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2010, Governor Christie signed into law reforms to the Arbitration process that took effect January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the reforms capped arbitration awards on economic factors to no more than 2%, provided for random selection of arbitrators, expedited the determination of awards, required the arbitrator to provide a written report detailing the weight accorded to each of the required considerations and expedited the appeal process; and

WHEREAS, these reforms marked a dramatic change to the arbitration process and have helped municipalities to control the never-ending rise in public safety personnel costs; and

WHEREAS, a key element of the reforms, capping arbitration awards on economic factors to no more than 2% of the property tax levy will expire on April 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, while municipalities are statutorily limited to raise their property tax levy by no more than 2%, with very limited exceptions, failure to extend the 2% cap on interest arbitration awards will force municipalities throughout the State to further reduce or even eliminate crucial services, personnel, and long-overdue infrastructure improvement projects in order to fund an arbitration award; and

WHEREAS, the 2% Interest Arbitration cap has controlled one of the largest municipal expense, public safety salaries, not only through arbitration awards but through contract negotiations; and

WHEREAS, absent further action by the Legislature, any contract that expires on or after April 1, 2014, will be subject to all new procedures and requirements, EXCEPT the 2% awards cap; and

WHEREAS, without those limits, arbitrators will be able to impose awards that do not account for the 2% limit on the property tax levy, which would immediately threaten funding for all other municipal services; and

WHEREAS, without the 2% cap on Interest Arbitration Awards but with the 2% cap on property tax levy local budget makers could be forced to reduce other essential municipal services to fund an arbitration award;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of Lebanon strongly urges the Legislature to permanently extend the 2% cap on interest arbitration awards prior to the April 1, 2014 sunset; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a that a copy of this duly adopted resolution be forwarded to Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto, the legislators of the Twenty Third State Legislative representatives, Governor Chris Christie, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

OLD BUSINESS - Schedule Township Dinner

The Committee discussed the dates that are available, March 29, April 5 or 12 for the Township Dinner to be held at Riverview in Bloomsbury as Califon Fire House did not have any openings. The dates did not work for everyone. The Deputy Clerk will check and see if April 26, May 3 or May 10 is available.

Mr. Wunder asked about the OEM Ordinance. Mayor McKee stated that it would be placed on the next agenda.

Mr. Milkowski asked about email addresses for the Committee. Mayor McKee stated that he had talked with the Clerk and it was being looked into. Mayor McKee had spoken to someone who lives outside the Township who does this and he asked him to send him a letter with his information.

Mr. Wunder asked if there was any movement on the cell tower. Attorney Cushing stated that he wrote a letter and had good news. He spoke to the attorney for Verizon and he indicated to Attorney Cushing that Verizon had signed a three party agreement having to do with the co-locator. Sprint had signed one of the documents. The attorney for Verizon was hoping that Sprint would get the other one signed very soon. Attorney Cushing stated that he also wrote a letter to the attorney for Sprint saying that the Township would consider, in the next 30 days, a legal action to pursue its claim for rent, retroactive to the date they should have had it lined up.

Ms. Schriver stated that the Township should follow up on the gross receipts. Mayor McKee explained that there was an article in the paper about the generating facility on Route 31 and Rocky Run Road that is scheduled to be decommissioned in 2015. Before closing, they had to make sure there was a reliable replacement company who could provide power for the peak need time and it seems that they have all the necessary approvals from the other generating plants. Mayor McKee believes the company is PJM in Valley Forge PA.; they have many of generating stations and they could provide the peak need power. The problem now is that it leaves the state and goes to Pennsylvania; it may have implications on the energy tax as far as the sale of energy not being here. The thought is to contact our state legislators and let them know that there is a company leaving the state and the money is going with them. It is a concern because it is a revenue source for the local municipalities. The state gives it to us as aid.

Mr. Wunder asked if there was anything new with the Township garage floor. Mr. Cryan stated that he spoke to the architect who suggested cutting rectangular floor drips. Mayor McKee questioned if the engineer had contacted the architect and builder about his findings and also asked where the problem lies. Mr. Cryan stated that it lies on the poor job that was done. Mayor McKee stated that the floor was supposed to be level, but the floor is elevated where the drains are and everything runs away from the drains. The Engineer Risse, in his opinion, feels what needs to be done now is to cut rectangular drains around the outside of the truck area, so that when it drips, it goes into the drain and into the collection system. He did not give a cost estimate. Mayor McKee asked if it would be wise for the Township to get an estimate. Mr. Cryan stated that something has to be done as the DPW is left with a mess. There were fluids leaking into the cafeteria that are a potential hazard. Someone could slip on it. There was snow melting off the trucks and running by the electronic tire machines and Mr. Gabriel has been working very hard trying to keep it contained into the drain system. Mr. Cryan thinks at the very least a border drain should be put in to keep fluids from running outside of the containment area. The architect claims that the trucks should be in another bay area to dry off before they are brought in because it was never supposed to handle melting snow; the intention was to handle leaks, like hydraulic fluid or a radiator leak. Even with that, it does not run to the drain, it runs away. The drawings called for it to be level and the floor is not. The floor settling has cracked on the perimeter. Mayor McKee asked Attorney Cushing about the AIA contract and the architects' statement that the floor is to be level; there must be tolerances on what is considered level. If Engineer Risse could shoot the elevation and the actual height elevation were possibly off and if it fell out of the guidelines with the AIA contract, which the architect had to work under, would it fall back on them? Attorney Cushing stated that the Township would have to look back on the specifications that were actually attached to the contract. That would define what

was required for the floor. It would be something that they would have to look at. The Township needs to get the Engineer Risse out to shoot the floor and then they need to check the language in the contract to see what it says. If it is within the tolerance, then the question is, was it designed correctly?

Mr. Victor Hoffman asked to speak as this item was not on the agenda. He asked was the pitch determined before the cold weather, during the fall or when it started to leak toward the kitchen? Mr. Cryan stated around December. Mr. Gabriel explained that after the first snow fall, in the morning the lunchroom was full of water. Mr. Hoffman questioned if the perimeter had sunk or had the middle rose? And if so, is the floor done settling? Mr. Gabriel stated that he does not think it settled, it has stayed at the same height, it just cracked around the perimeter. Mr. Milkowski stated that generally when something moves like that it would develop at crack. Mr. Gabriel has not seen any cracks. Mr. Milkowski stated that during construction, it was noted that the floor was not level and there were a few cracks and they said they were going to take care of them. They thought that they were original stress cracks, not settlement and they said they would address it. Mr. Hoffman felt that it is not a Township issue and the Township should not be paying for it and asked if there was still a bond on the builder or had the money been released. Mr. Gabriel thought that there was only a bond for the outside. Mayor McKee stated that the Township would review the contract and see what the tolerances are and then the Township would have a better idea if the Township had something to go on.

NEW BUSINESS

Junkyard License Renewal – Burd Salvage

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Cryan and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the Junkyard License Renewal for Burd Salvage. AYES: Schriver, McKee, Wunder, Cryan ABSTAIN: Milkowski

Raritan Headwaters and NJ Water Supply Authority Correspondence – Stream Corridor Protection /Restoration Plans

The Committee tabled discussion regarding the plans. They would like someone to come in and talk to them about it.

NJSADC - Application for Farmland Preservation – Block 18, Lot 28 w/Engineer Steve Risse Comments

Mayor McKee stated that Mr. Gabriel and Engineer Risse did not foresee any need to widen or realign Cokesbury Road in the area. It was suggested that this be brought to the Planning Board for discussion.

LTVFD – Request for Assistance in Applying for Training Funds

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee authorized the Mayor and Clerk to send letters on behalf of the Fire Department stating that they are volunteers and they do not charge for their services.

Applications for Solicitor's License (3) – Renewal by Anderson

No action taken.

Mr. Bill Swartz – Melick's Town Farm Pesticide Violations

Mr. Swartz came to the meeting and stated his concerns with the drifting and overspray of pesticides that has been happening at the Melick Town Farm. There has been an investigation by the Department of Environmental Protection and it failed to discover evidence or obtain documentation of actual harm or injury to human health, animal health or the environment caused by the active ingredients involved in the drift investigation. Melick Town Farm has a settlement agreement which states that they must notify the neighbors when they will be doing the spraying application so to eliminate any possible short-term exposure to low, non-occupational levels of airborne residues and or exposure to potential ingestion of residues which is well below food tolerances allowed by the USEPA. The DEP has come out and sampled for pesticide drift and found it and established the settlement agreement. The settlement explains the laws and the actions that were taken. Mayor McKee asked if there was a violation found and was there some kind of action that they had to follow after the violation. Mr. Swartz stated yes, there were plenty. Melick's were not to drift pesticides any longer. Mr. Swartz followed up with the DEP for the next 4 years informing them that there was drifting on a regular basis and the DEP showed up again in 2013. Mr. Swartz wanted a secondary verification by the DEP that they were still drifting pesticides. The report states that they issued a notice of violation for record keeping and pesticide drift. Mr. Swartz stated that in reviewing the Township's Zoning code, Section 400-2 under purposes: to plan and guide the appropriate use or development of all land in a manner which will promote the public health safety morals and general welfare; and in another Section: to insure land development that does not conflict with the development and general welfare of neighboring municipalities, county and the state as a whole. Mr. Swartz stated that the right to farm is recognized to exist in this township, provided that the operation of the farm conforms to agricultural management practices and the operation does not pose a direct threat to public health and safety. He stated that it is clear that these ordinances had been violated, multiple times, two verified by the NJDEP. For over 25 years the surrounding community has experienced pesticide drift off of Melick's Town Farm orchard. Mr. Swartz is concerned with the potential health issues from these pesticides. He wants the Township to be aware of the issue. The Township does not know what they can do because the DEP would have jurisdiction over the Township.

Schedule Budget Meeting

The Committee discussed dates for the Budget meetings deciding on March 3 at 6 p.m., March 5 at 5 p.m. and March 10 at 6 p.m.

Raffle License Application – Lebanon Township PTA - 03/23/2014

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Cryan and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the raffle license application for the Lebanon Township PTA for an event to be held on 3/23/2014.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

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

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the bill lists for February 5 and 19, 2014 in the amount of \$1,078,085.61.

CORRESPONDENCE

Township Historian's January 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes
Board of Chosen Freeholders - Animal Control Resolutions
Tax Collector's Annual Report
Tax Collector's Report for the Month of January 2014

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Ms. Laurie Hoffman commended Mr. Gabriel and his crew on the condition of the roads.

Ms. Hoffman questioned how long the Township would be paying for the monitoring of the wells for the remediation at Fire Station #1. Mr. Milkowski stated that the Township has to keep monitoring them according to the State.

Ms. Hoffman asked Mayor McKee if there could be something put on the website regarding the energy tax receipts and who to contact about it.

Mr. Bill Swartz stated that one of his concerns with the pesticides drifting is the impact on property values. Now that people know what is going on there, he wouldn't buy his house. He also would not sell his house and let someone else experience what he has.

Mr. Hoffman stated that he wanted to emphasize that the Road Department did a fantastic job this year.

Mr. Hoffman asked if there has been a date set for the reformation for the quarry with Glen Gardner. Mayor McKee told him the meeting would be February 25 at the Township's Planning Board meeting.

Mr. Hoffman stated, in the past, Skinner Road and Mt. Kipp Road were controlled by the State. Now he understands that the Township has it back again and they have to do the plowing and maintenance of them. Years ago the State closed the road down to the public. Mr. Milkowski questioned if the Township could plow Sanatorium and leave Skinner Road alone for the rest of the winter, if the State is notified. Mr. Gabriel stated that the State does not maintain any of the roads since Veteran's Haven took it over. Mr. Milkowski stated that the State still has the power plant which supplies power to Veteran's Haven. The maintenance man from Veteran's Haven came to Mr. Gabriel

and told him that the State is not doing anything; it's up to them to maintain the roads and they do not want to take care of Skinner Road.

Mr. Hoffman asked if there was a contract for the Rescue Squad building. Mayor McKee stated there is one and it is being reviewed by whom ever is doing the attorney work for the Fire Department.

Mr. Hoffman stated that on behalf of the Swartz's, he thinks that he would ask Mr. Melick if he could supply the Township with a weekly spraying schedule. He also wants to know what chemical or combination of chemicals they are using. Mr. Gabriel stated that the OEM Coordinator should have a list of all the chemicals they are using under the "Right to Know".

Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Ms. Schriver and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Attorney Cushing stated that he had nothing for executive session and stated that he is waiting for a letter from Mr. Yager.

Having no further business to come before the Committee a motion was made by Mr. Milkowski seconded by Ms. Schriver and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly S. Jacobus
Deputy Clerk

Approved: March 19, 2014

Thomas McKee, Mayor