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**Lebanon Township Committee  
March 29, 2022**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Rescheduled March 16, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mike Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated that in compliance with the “Open Public Meeting Act” this is a Carry Over 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 Schmidt asked everyone to please stand for the Flag Salute and for a moment of silence in honor of our First Responders and Servicemen and Women.

**ROLL CALL**

Present -                   Mike Schmidt                   Thomas McKee                   Marc Laul  
                                  Beverly Koehler                   Guy Wilson

Absent-

Also Present - Attorney Matt Lyons, Clerk Karen Sandorse, Deputy Clerk Kim Jacobus and approximately 300 members of the public.

Mayor Schmidt thanked the school custodians, the municipal staff, the DPW and the Police for making iT possible to hold the meeting at the school this evening.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Regular and Executive Session Meetings of February 2, 2022**

*Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved minutes of the Regular meeting of February 2, 2022.*

*Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Laul and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved minutes of the Executive Session meeting of February 2, 2022. AYES: McKee, Laul, Wilson, Koehler ABSTAIN: Schmidt*

**Minutes of the Special Meeting and Special Executive Session of February 10, 2022**

*Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Laul and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved minutes of the Special Meeting of February 10, 2022.*

*Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved minutes of the Special Executive Session of February 10, 2022. AYES: McKee, Laul, Wilson, Koehler ABSTAIN: Schmidt*

**Minutes of the Special and Special Executive Session Meetings of February 16, 2022,  
Minutes of the Regular and Regular Executive Session Meetings of February 16, 2022,  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 2, 2022  
Minutes of the Budget Meeting of March 3, 2022**

*Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved minutes of the Special and Special Executive Session meetings of February 16, 2022, the Regular and Regular Executive Session Meetings of February 16, 2022, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 2, 2022 and the Minutes of the Budget Meeting of March 3, 2022.*

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Mayor Schmidt, Mr. Laul and Mr. McKee made comments relative to the Business Administrator Position.

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

*Motion by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee opened the public comment portion of the meeting at 7:20 p.m.*

Seventeen members of the public spoke with regard to the Business Administrator's position.

*Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Laul and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting at 8:19 p.m.*

**2022 BUDGET INTRODUCTION**

**Resolution No. 44-2022- Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations**

*Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 44-2022 as written below.*

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 44-2022**

WHEREAS, the 2022 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 16th day of March, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2022 the Township of Lebanon has been allocated a state grant for various programs in the amount of \$268,970.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2022 Local Municipal Budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of "**Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:**"

<b>Clean Communities Program-2022</b>	<b>\$ 26,726</b>
<b>NJDEP Grant – Backhoe</b>	<b>55,026</b>
<b>NJDOT Grant – Little Brook Road</b>	<b>162,360</b>
<b>Body Worn Camera Grant</b>	<b>20,380</b>
<b>Body Armor Prior Year Unappropriated</b>	<b>1,175</b>
<b>Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant – Prior Year Unappropriated</b>	<b>3,303</b>
	<b><u>\$268,970</u></b>

**Resolution No. 45-2022- Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Other Special Items**

*Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 45-2022 as written below.*

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 45-2022**

WHEREAS, the 2022 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 16th day of March, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2022 the Township of Lebanon will receive revenue for various other special items in the amount of \$235,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2022 Local Municipal Budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of "**Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Other Special Items:**

<b>Lebanon Board of Education-Police SRO Ss</b>	<b>\$ 215,000.00</b>
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**Lebanon Board of Education-Property Maintenance** 20,000.00  
\$ 235,000.00

**Resolution No. 46-2022- Introduction of the 2022 Municipal Budget**

*Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 46-2022 as written below. AYES: Laul, Wilson, Schmidt NAYS: McKee, Koehler*

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 46-2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Lebanon is holding a meeting on March 16, 2022, for the purpose of introducing the 2022 Municipal Budget and conducting other matters; and,  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, that the Township of Lebanon hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2022 Local Municipal Budget be introduced and approved on March 16, 2022.

**2022 LEBANON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Surplus anticipated general revenues	\$ 550,000.00
Total Miscellaneous revenue	3,367,712.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	240,000.00
Local Property Taxes	<u>2,786,766.00</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>\$6,844,478.00</u>
Salaries and Wages	\$2,620,783.00
Other Expenses	1,835,194.00
Capital Improvements	906,611.00
Debt Service	360,108.00
Statutory Expenses	653,987.00
Reserve for Delinquent Taxes	<u>467,796.00</u>
Total 2022 Municipal Budget	<u>\$6,844,478.00</u>
Municipal Tax Rate	\$0.2995

**Public Hearing to be held on May 4, 2022.**

**ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 2022-04- Salaries – Public Hearing**

*Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the public hearing for Ordinance No. 2022-04 was opened.*

Comments were received from several members of the public on the ordinance.

*Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the public hearing for Ordinance No. 2022-04 was closed.*

*Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Laul and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance No. 2022-04 as written below.*

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON - COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
 ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04  
 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE 2022 SALARY FOR OFFICERS AND  
 EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON,  
 COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, that:

SECTION A. This Ordinance shall be known and may be referred to be its short title which is “The 2022 Salary Ordinance.”

SECTION B. The annual salary of the following officers and employees of the Township of Lebanon shall be as set forth hereafter:

Employee	Salary Ranges	
Mayor	4,000.00	6,000.00
Committee	3,000.00	6,000.00
Township Administrator	52,000.00	110,000.00
Open Space Coordinator	4,000.00	6,000.00
Tax Assessor	26,000.00	55,000.00
Municipal Clerk	40,000.00	110,000.00
Deputy Clerk	30,000.00	60,000.00
Tax Collector	28,000.00	55,000.00
Chief Financial Officer	2,000.00	40,000.00
Treasurer	30,000.00	40,000.00
Planning Board Clerk	15,000.00	35,000.00
Zoning Officer	11,000.00	35,000.00
Board of Adjustment Secretary	15,000.00	35,000.00
Police Office Manager	29,000.00	60,000.00
Certified Public Works Manager	55,000.00	115,000.00
Ass't Road Supervisor	40,000.00	85,000.00
Chief Mechanic	29,000.00	75,000.00
Road Employee	27,000.00	75,000.00
Police Chief	86,000.00	140,000.00
Police Sergeant	66,000.00	125,000.00
Police Officer	32,000.00	115,000.0
Office of Emergency Management	2,000.00	6,000.00
Dog Census	2,000.00	6,000.00

SECTION C. The hourly wage of the following employees of the Township of Lebanon shall be set forth hereafter:

Employee	Salary Ranges	
Buildings and Grounds	13.00	16.00
Library Clerk	19.00	26.00
Assistant Library Clerk	13.00	18.00
Museum Curator	13.00	21.00
Associate Museum Curator	13.00	18.00
Special Police Class II & Matrons	20.00	30.00
Dog Wardens	13.00	15.00
Mechanic Helper – over base pay	2.00	4.00
Fire Official	24.00	30.00
Perc Test Witness	100.00	125.00
Per-Diem Substitutes	13.00	15.00
Road Department -Temporary Labor	15.30	20.00
Special Traffic Guards	25.00	38.00
SLEO Class III	32.00	35.00
Office Assistants	15.30	20.00
Accounts Payable	20.00	26.00

Section D. The rate for mileage shall be the current federal limit.  
 This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

**RESOLUTIONS**

*Ms. Koehler moved, Mr. McKee seconded motion to place a non-binding referendum on the ballot for the 2022 November General Election. AYES: McKee, Koehler NAYS: Laul, Wilson, Schmidt Motion failed.*

**Resolution No. 47-2022 - Resolution Appointing New Business Administrator,  
 Karen Brown**

*Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Laul and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 47-2022 as written below. AYES: Laul, Wilson, Schmidt NAYS: McKee, Koehler*

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON  
 HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
 RESOLUTION NO. 47-2022  
 RESOLUTION APPOINTING NEW BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR,

KAREN BROWN

WHEREAS, the Township of Lebanon (“Township”) has established the position of Township Administrator as set forth in Article VIII, Chapter 63-38 of the Township Code of the Township of Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a need for the services of a Business Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to hire Karen Brown as the new part-time Business Administrator, effective March 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee and Karen Brown agreed that her employment is subject to all of the Terms and Conditions of the Offer of Employment and Terms of Employment dated February 16, 2022 (“Agreement”), attached hereto as Exhibit “A;” and

WHEREAS, the Township has approved that the applicant, Karen Brown, as Business Administrator, shall not be required to reside in the Township of Lebanon.

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

1. Karen Brown is hereby appointed as a new part-time Business Administrator for the Township, effective March 16, 2022.
2. Karen Brown will not be required to reside in the Township of Lebanon.
3. The Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit “A” is approved.
4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Township of Lebanon.

**Resolution No. 48-2022 - 2022 Salaries**

*Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 48-2022 as written below.*

RESOLVED, BY THE Township of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey fixing the Compensation and Salaries of certain officers and employees of the Township.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of

Lebanon that this Resolution be known as the 2022 Salary Resolution and the annual salaries of the following officers and employees be set forth hereafter:

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON  
COUNT OF HUNTERDON  
RESOLUTION 48-2022  
SALARIES

SECTION A:	<u>2022 Salary</u>
Mayor	5,000.00
Committee	4,000.00
Township Administrator - Brown	66,000.00
Open Space Coordinator	5,000.00
Tax Assessor - Brandmaier	29,713.82
Deputy Clerk - Jacobus	56,037.90
Township Clerk - Sandorse	107,920.08

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Tax Collector - Silva	29,131.20
Chief Financial Officer - Della Pia	33,367.22
Planning Board Secretary - Glashoff	33,148.19
Board of Adjustment Secretary - Glashoff	33,148.19
Police Office Manager - Goracy	58,228.21
Zoning Officer - Flemming	20,223.54
Road Supervisor - Gabriel	
	113,261.3
Chief Mechanic - Stevens	55,161.52
Road Employee - Rivers	80,729.31
Road Employee - Beam	69,493.79
Road Employee - Candler	62,407.97
Road Employee - Gabriel III	48,902.72
Road Employee - Apgar	53,312.54
Road Employee - Ruppe	47,608.70
Road Employee - Jacobsen	47,608.70
Chief of Police - Cronce	136,714.08
Sergeant - Lane	119,139.12
Sergeant - Plimpton	114,932.69
1st Class - Thomsen	109,590.72
1st Class - Unkert	111,007.44
4th Class - DaSilva	80,334.72
5th Class - Larowe	70,912.56
7th Class - Lechner	57,451.20
8th Class - Bourque	52,335.60
8th Class - Savage	52,335.60
Office of Emergency Management -	5,452.10
Dog License Agent - Jacobus	5,743.99
Recycling Coordinator - Fascinelli	6,322.69

SECTION B: The hourly wage of the following employees of the Township of Lebanon shall be set forth hereafter:

Special Police II - Goracy	26.45
SLEO Class III - Clyne, Hale, Hash, Moyle, Perna	32.00
Office Assistant - McInerney	15.30
Library Clerk - Drumm	24.62
Museum Curator - Sampaio	20.43
Museum Associate Curator - Mwangi	16.32
Library Clerk - Lebida	16.48
Library Assistant - Wentz	15.96
Per Diem Substitutes - Codoyannis, Dunleavy, Maloy, Schwarz	13.00
Fire Official - Apgar	29.14
Perc Test Witness -	100.00
Special Traffic Guards	42.58
Accounts Payable - Fascinelli	25.29
Road Department - Laborer	15.30

SECTION C: The rate for mileage shall be the current federal limit.



**Resolution No. 49-2022 - Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate – Block 49 Lot 38**

*Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 49-2022 as written below.*

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 49-2022  
REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE

WHEREAS the Tax Collector did sell a Tax Sale Certificate #20-4 on November 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 to Christiana T C/F CE1/Firsttrust,

WHEREAS the amount of \$12,206.79 has been collected from the Title Company for Block 49 Lot 38, 438 Little Brook Road, Glen Gardner, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #20-4,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to prepare and the Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk be authorized to sign a check in the amount of \$12,206.79 for the redemption amount and a separate check for \$17,500.00 for the premium amount payable to: Christiana T C/F CE1/Firsttrust

Christiana T C/F CE1/Firsttrust  
P.O. Box 5021  
Philadelphia, PA 19111-5021

**Resolution No. 50-2022 - Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate – Block 36 Lot 26 Q0083**

*Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 50-2022 as written below.*

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 50-2022  
REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE

WHEREAS the Tax Collector did sell a Tax Sale Certificate #201904 on 9/13/2019 to Jeff Lanka,

WHEREAS the amount of \$6216.64 has been collected from the Estate of Robert A. Maino for Block 36 Lot 26 Q0083, 109 Anthony Road, Glen Gardner, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #201904,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to prepare and the Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk be authorized to sign a check in the amount of \$6,216.64 payable to:

Jeff Lanka  
2 Oak Hill Trail  
Glen Gardner, NJ 08826

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**Resolution No. 51-2022 - Return Overpayment of Taxes – Block 50 Lot 1**

*Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Laul and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 51-2022 as written below.*

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 51-2022  
RETURN OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

WHEREAS there exists an overpayment of \$320.32 for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter taxes, due to the granting of a 100% Disabled Veteran Deduction which deemed this parcel TAX EXEMPT for Block 50, Lot 1, 36 Anthony Road, Glen Gardner, assessed to Fabian Cintron and,

WHEREAS this amount has been requested for refund by the Tax Collector on behalf of Fabian Cintron who submitted the overpayment,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to prepare and the Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk be authorized to sign this refund check in the amount of \$320.32 to:

Fabian Cintron  
36 Anthony Road  
Glen Gardner, NJ 08826

**Resolution No. 52-2022 - Return Overpayment of Taxes - Block 38, Lot 38**

*Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 52-2022 as written below.*

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 52-2022  
RETURN OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

WHEREAS there exists an overpayment of \$563.55 for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter taxes and all quarters for 2021, due to the residents' mortgage company making tax payments for a block and lot not owned by their client: Mary Makar, for Block 38, Lot 38, 646 Winding Brook Lane, Califon, assessed to Brad Brozek and,

WHEREAS this amount has been requested for refund by the Tax Collector on behalf of Mary Makar whose mortgage company submitted the overpayment,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to prepare and the Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk be authorized to sign this refund check in the amount of \$563.55 to:

Mary Makar  
646 Winding Brook Lane  
Califon, NJ 07830

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Cancel Budget Meetings - Thursday, March 17, 2022/Thursday, March 24, 2022**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DPW Manager Memo – Request to Seek Employee Applications**

The DPW Manager has informed that Committee that Mr. Robert Candler is retiring. Mr. Gabriel is seeking to advertise for a new employee. The Committee thanked Mr. Candler for his 27½ years of service to the Township and thanked him for his service.

*Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the DPW Manager’s request to seek applications for a new employee who holds a Class B CDL license with Air Brake Endorsement at a rate of pay of \$20.51 per hour.*

**Police Chief’s Request to Purchase – 2022 Police Interceptor SUV  
2022 Police Interceptor Utility All Wheel Drive Base Vehicle**

*Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the purchase of a 2022 Police Utility All Wheel Drive Base Vehicle from Winner Ford, State Contract # 20-Fleet-01189, in the amount of \$ 31,141.00.*

**Police Vehicle Equipment and Detailing**

*Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Ms. Koehler, and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the purchase of equipment for the 2022 Police Vehicle from General Sales Administration T/A Major Police Supply, State Contract # 17 FLEET-00760, in the amount of \$ 14,529.28.*

**Raritan Headwaters Stream Cleanup– Request for Clean Communities Contribution**

*Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved a donation to Raritan Headwaters for a Stream Cleanup in the amount of \$500.00 to be paid through the Clean Communities Grant.*

**Spring/ Fall Cleanup**

*Motion by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Laul and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the Recycling Coordinator’s request to hold the Spring and Fall Clean up days at a cost of \$2000 to \$3500.00 per event.*

## **PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS**

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

*Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Laul and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the March 29, 2022 bill list in the amount of \$\$162,395.62.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Animal Control Officer's Report for February 2022
- b. EOSC Minutes of the June 14, 2021 and February 7, 2022 Meetings
- c. Curator's Report
- d.. Lisa River's Correspondence – Request to be read into the record.

Ms. Koehler questioned why the letter from the DEP regarding the Museum property has not been discussed by the Township Committee. Discussion held. Mr. Wilson will obtain information from the County Health Department with regard to the well.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Laul and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting at 9:35p.m.*

Seventeen members of the public provided their thoughts to the Committee.

*Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee closed the public comment portion of the meeting at 10:16 p.m.*

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 53-2022**

*Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 53-2022 and convened in executive session at 10:17 p.m. Action may be taken.*

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 53-2022**

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act; *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.*, declares it to be the public policy of the State to insure the right of citizens to have adequate advance notice of and the right to attend meetings of public bodies at which business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act also recognizes exceptions to the right of the public to attend portions of such meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Committee find it necessary to conduct an executive session closed to the public as permitted by the *N.J.S.A. 40:4-12*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Committee will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the executive session;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that they will conduct an executive session to discuss the following topic(s) as permitted by *N.J.S.A. 40:4-12*:

\_\_\_\_\_A matter which Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court requires be kept confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon: \_\_\_\_\_);

\_\_\_\_\_A matter where the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

\_\_\_\_\_A matter whose disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

\_\_\_\_\_A collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions thereof (Specify contract:);

\_\_\_\_\_ A matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

\_\_\_\_\_Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

\_\_\_\_\_Investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

\_\_\_\_\_ Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party; (The general nature of the litigation or contract negotiations is): **Animal Control**  
public disclosure of such information at this time would have a potentially negative impact on the municipality's position in the litigation or negotiation; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the potential for negative impact no longer exists.)

\_\_\_\_\_Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his or her ethical duties as a lawyer; (The general nature of the matter is: \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_ the public disclosure of such information at this time would have a potentially negative impact on the municipality's position with respect to the matter being discussed; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the potential for negative impact no longer exists.);

\_\_\_\_\_Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective or current public officer or employee of the public body, where all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected have not requested

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in writing that the matter(s) be discussed at a public meeting; (The employee(s) and/or general nature of discussion is: And whereas the public disclosure of such information at this time would violate the employee(s) privacy rights; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the threat to privacy rights no longer exists

\_\_\_\_\_Deliberation occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty or loss of a license or permit;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Committee hereby declare that their discussion of the subject(s) identified above may be made public at a time when the Township Attorney advises them that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Township or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Committee, for the reasons set forth above, hereby declare that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place.

Pubic meeting reconvened at 11:09 p.m.

*Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee accepted the resignation of Laura Roerig as Animal Control Officer effective March 24, 2022.*

*Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved a Shared Services Agreement between Washington Borough, Warren County and Lebanon Township for Animal Control Services, with Lebanon Township being the recipient and with the provision that the proposed contract is amended to reflect that the term of contract will be March 30, 2022 through the end of 2023 and excising Section 3.2n.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to come before the Committee a motion was made by Mr. Wilson seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to adjourn the meeting 11:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen J. Sandorse, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

Approved: April 20, 2022

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Mike Schmidt, Mayor