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**Lebanon Township Committee
April 21, 2021**

Minutes of Regular Meeting

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 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 Schmidt asked everyone to please stand for the Flag Salute and for a moment of silence in honor of the First Responders, Health Care Heroes and Servicemen and Women.

Mayor Schmidt stated that former Township Police Chief Gustav Hintz (Gus) has passed away. Chief Hintz was appointed the first Police Chief in Lebanon Township in May of 1972. His wife Helen was Police Matron. Chief Hintz held the position until he resigned in 1981. Mayor Schmidt extended condolences to the Former Chief’s family and thanked him for his service to the Township.

ROLL CALL

Present - Mike Schmidt Thomas McKee Marc Laul
 Beverly Koehler Abe Abuchowski

Absent-

Also Present - Attorney Matt Lyons, Administrator James Barberio
 Clerk Karen Sandorse (via telecom)

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – for agenda items only.

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

There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Abuchowski and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

ORDINANCES

Introduction

Ordinance No. 2021-05 – Accept a Donation of Real Property

Motion by Mr. Abuchowski, seconded by Mr. Laul and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Ordinance No. 2021-05, on first reading as entitled below.

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05
AN ORDINANCE
TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY

Public Hearing to be held on May 19, 2021

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 46-2021 - Providing Service Weapon to Retired Chief Erik Rautenberg in Recognition of His Dedicated Service to the Township

Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 46-2021 as written below.

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. 46-2021
RESOLUTION PROVIDING SERVICE WEAPON TO RETIRED CHIEF ERIK RAUTENBERG
IN RECOGNITION OF HIS DEDCIATED SERVICE TO THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 13:54-1.3(c) permits a municipality to gift a firearm; and
WHEREAS, the Township of Lebanon, in appreciation for 25 years of dedicated and honorable service provided to the Township by Police Chief Erik Rautenberg, retiring April 30, 2021, wishes to turnover and gift to Chief Rautenberg upon his retirement the service weapon he used during his tenure protecting and serving the Township with distinction; and
WHEREAS, this is subject to the execution of a written statement of Chief Rautenberg stating that he possesses all necessary permits to hold and possess such a weapon, including but not limited to a Retired Law Enforcement Officer Permit to Carry a Handgun, and that he is fully authorized by law to hold and possess such weapon, a Glock 23, Serial No. AFDV068, and accepts all liability and responsibility for same; and

WHEREAS, this is further subject to Chief Rautenberg providing proof of all necessary permits referenced above; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, upon his retirement, turnover and gift to Chief Rautenberg the service weapon he used during his tenure protecting and serving the Township of Lebanon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township appreciates the dedicated and honorable service provided to the Township by Chief Rautenberg.

Resolution No. 47-2021- Appointing the Authorized Signatory to Implement the Firefighter Certification Program

Motion by Mr. McKee seconded by Mr. Abuchowski and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 47-2021, as written below.

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. 47-2021
APPOINTING THE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY TO IMPLEMENT
THE FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Township of Lebanon desires to provide public safety and firefighting capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has created a voluntary program to certify Firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Fire Safety is accepting applications from municipal Fire Departments who are interested in becoming an Eligible Organization to conduct training; and

WHEREAS, the Lebanon Township Fire Department is seeking to become a class room only Eligible Organization; and

WHEREAS, this would allow Lebanon Township Fire Department to be able to host Fire Officer Development classes and continue the education of our firefighter's to better serve Lebanon Township; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of Lebanon Township is authorizing and naming the position of Lebanon Township Fire Department's "Training Officer" as the Authorized Signatory.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, and State of New Jersey, appoints the Lebanon Township Position of Training Officer as the Authorized Signatory to sign any documents necessary to implement the Firefighter Certification Program in Lebanon Township.

OLD BUSINESS

Schedule Special Joint Meeting with Planning Board - Cannabis Regulations

Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Abuchowski and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee scheduled a Special Joint Meeting to be held with the Planning Board on May 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Chief's Request to Purchase Ammunition

Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the Police Chief's request to purchase 3 cases of ammunition through Hackettstown Firearm Storage at a cost of \$1600.00.

DPW Manager's Request to Purchase a F7SN Truck TabPro Vehicle Scanner

The DPW Manager has requested to purchase a F7SN Truck TabPro Vehicle Scanner for diagnostic and maintenance purposes for the Townships vehicles. DPW Manager Gabriel has received three quotes for the scanner.

Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Laul and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the DPW Manager's request to purchase a F7SN Truck TabPro Vehicle Scanner through Griffin Automotive, at a cost of \$6500.00, to be paid through the DPW Operating Account.

DPW Managers Request to Auction Surplus Vehicles

Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Abuchowski and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the DPW Manager's request to set up an account with Public Surplus and to auction off the below surplus vehicles.

2008 Ford F-350 Pick-up Truck W/Plow	Vin# 1FTWF31R58EC82528 Mileage: 156,926
2009 Dodge Durango	Vin# 1D8HB38P29F715261 Mileage: 120,413
2005 Dodge Durango	Vin# 1GNEK13K13Z55J195733 Mileage 104,812

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

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

Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the April 21, 2021 bill list in the amount of \$3,180,294.98.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Minutes of the February 1, 2021 EOSC Meeting
- b. March Fire Department Report
- c. Tax Collector's Report for the Month of February 2021

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion by Mr. Abuchowski, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Abuchowski and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee closed the public comment portion of the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Mayor Schmidt stated that the proposal was sent to American Tower regarding the Municipal Complex Cell Tower as discussed at the last meeting. There has been no response received to date.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Committee a motion was made by Mr. Laul, seconded by Ms. Koehler, and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Sandorse, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Approved: May 5, 2021

Mike Schmidt, Mayor