

PUBLIC COMMENTS – for agenda items only.

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There were no comments from the public.

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ORDINANCE

Introduction

Resolution No. 40-2020 – Passing Ordinance No. 2020-05

Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. Laul and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Ordinance No. 2020-05, on first reading, as entitled below.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-05

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$675,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP.

Public Hearing to be held on June 3, 2020

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 41-2020 – Green Acres Program Enabling Resolution

Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 41-2020 as written below.

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. 41-2020
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
GREEN ACRES PROGRAM
ENABLING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and
WHEREAS, the Township of Lebanon has previously obtained a grant of \$500,000 from the State to fund the following project(s):

#1019-17-054 - Lebanon Township Preservation Priorities; and

WHEREAS, the State and the Township of Lebanon intend to increase Green Acres funding by \$350,000; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with its rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an Amendment of the Agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT:

1. The Mayor of the above-named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as Lebanon Township Preservation Priorities, and;
2. The applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required, in the amount of \$350,000.
3. In the event the State’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, and;
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update

Mayor Schmidt stated that the Township has remained at 14 cases of the virus, with no deaths reported. Mayor Schmidt noted that at the Governor’s press conference he said that Hunterdon had a spike in cases and needs to do better. Mayor Schmidt said that the spike in cases was due to late testing at the prisons located in the County as well of long-term care facilities. Mayor Schmidt stated that the virus is still in the public and is still a concern. Mayor Schmidt said that Hunterdon County will be reopening next Tuesday, May 26, 2020. They will be bringing back all employees and opening to the public with modified measures. Lebanon Township is monitoring this closely and will be bringing the Township employees back, step by step, when practical.

Mr. Barberio suggested having meeting, next Wednesday, to prepare for the opening of the Township Offices. The Township needs to protect the employees and the public.

Mayor Schmidt said that he has been informed that the Governor may soon relax the number of people that can gather outdoors. Mr. Laul asked if the Township’s Subcommittees should be informed that they can meet outdoors. Mayor Schmidt suggested to wait until the Governor’s Orders

are received. Discussion was held on the way in which to hold Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings with a large number of members and attendants.

Mr. McKee asked if there will be regulations provided to the public once the Township buildings are open. Mr. McKee asked Mr. Barberio how the cleaning will be handled in the Municipal Building. Mr. McKee said that it is a concern in having two DPW employees driving in one vehicle. Mayor Schmidt said that the DPW Manager will be involved in the meeting and has a handle on this sort of situation.

Mr. Laul provided the Committee with materials and a quote for GPS Units that the company he works for installs. The unit creates ions in the air stream which help to clean the air. The ions will deactivate bacteria in the air, within 60 seconds, with continuous air flow. Mr. Laul is able to purchase the units, at cost, for the Township. Mr. Laul spoke with the DPW Manager and he will install the units on the air handlers in each of the Township buildings. Mr. Laul will install the unit in the Museum as there is a different system there.

The Township will need to purchase 12 units. The cost for each unit is \$354.60 with the 2 units for the Museum being \$268.20 each. The overall cost for the Township will be \$4143.64.

Ms. Koehler asked Attorney Lyons if there is a conflict in the Township purchasing the units from Mr. Laul's employer. Attorney Lyons said that the purchase will need to be authorized by the QPA. Mr. Laul should not participate in the vote. Mr. Barberio will contact the QPA tomorrow.

Motion by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the purchase of 12 Units from Global Plasma Solutions at a total cost of \$4143.64, subject to the approval of the QPA. AYES: Wunder, McKee, Schmidt ABSTAIN: Koehler, Laul

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Mr. Barberio said that he will be discussing the Police Policy and Procedures Manual with the Township Attorney as he has questions.

Mr. Barberio will be meeting with the CWA next week to resume contract negotiations.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department's Request for Donation

Mayor Schmidt said that the CFO informed the Committee that the State is extending its fiscal year. They did not indicate when the energy receipt tax revenue will be coming in. The CFO asked for the Township to be cautious with non-time sensitive expenditures. In light of this, the Fire Department is asking for 50% of their 2020 donation and will ask for the additional 50% later in the year.

Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved a \$40,000 payment to the Lebanon Township Fire Department as part of their annual donation.

Surplus Sale - Mini Pumper

Mayor Schmidt stated that the Fire Department has a mini pumper (Tack19) that has not been used for some time. The vehicle is older and in need of upgrades. The Fire Department and DPW have decided that there is no use for the vehicle. The Fire Department is requesting to put it up for surplus sale.

Motion by Mr. McKee, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee authorized the Mini Pumper to be put up for surplus sale.

Banner for VHS Senior Graduates

Ms. Koehler said that an email was received from Ms. Joann Letters requesting support for the 2020 graduates. Due to the pandemic they will not have their prom or graduation. Ms. Koehler said that a banner, for the Voorhees Seniors, was discussed because they will miss out on these very important events. The 8th grade graduating students will expectantly have their prom and graduation when they are seniors. Ms. Koehler created a banner for the Committee to consider. Ms. Koehler received a quote from Second Impressions for a 3ft. x 8ft., double sided banner, at a cost of \$95. She would like it to be hung in front of the municipal office. Ms. Koehler will take a picture of the banner and put it on various social media sites.

Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the purchase of the 2020 Voorhees High School Graduating Class banner, from Second Impressions, at a cost of \$95.

Food Pantry

Mr. Wunder said that the Food Pantry is doing very well and they are restocked. They are not permitting people into the building but have packages outside.

Mr. Laul said that his wife and daughter-in-law were just approved to open a food pantry on Route 31 in Warren County. The facility will also be a giving center through Norwescap.

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 May 20, 2020 bill list in the amount \$156,005.76

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Fire Department's Request for Donation
- b. Surplus Sale - Mini Pumper
- c. Banner for VHS Senior Graduates

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Ms. Joann Letters thanked the Committee for honoring the 2020 Voorhees High School graduating seniors. Ms. Letters said that the parents and students will be very appreciative. Mayor Schmidt thanked Ms. Letters for all of her contributions to the Township.

Ms. Jean Lang said that when the schools were closed, about a month ago, she asked what savings the taxpayers would receive for their property taxes. Mayor Schmidt stated that in the guidance received from the State, there is no reduction in school costs. Mayor Schmidt noted that the Township Committee can only relay the information that is received. Mayor Schmidt noted that the Township cannot give reasoning on the matter as it is the school board's jurisdiction.

Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Laul and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee closed the public comment portion of the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

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 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Sandorse, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Approved: June 3, 2020

Mike Schmidt, Mayor