

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Patricia Schriver 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

Deputy Mayor Patricia Schriver asked everyone to stand for the Flag Salute and for a Moment of Silence.

ROLL CALL

Present - Patricia Schriver Francis Morrison
Brian Wunder Ron Milkowski

Absent George Piazza

Also Present - Attorney Dick Cushing, Clerk Karen Sandorse and 20 members of the public.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. Milkowski and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved minutes of the regular meeting of September 21, 2011. AYES: Schriver, Milkowski, Wunder ABSTAIN: Morrison

Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. Milkowski and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved minutes of the executive session of September 21, 2011. AYES: Schriver, Milkowski, Wunder ABSTAIN: Morrison

PUBLIC COMMENTS – for agenda items only.

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

Ms. Nancy Darois asked if there has been any progress with the Township Garage Project. The Township received rebids for the project on September 14, 2011. The bids were over the amount bonded for the project. The original contractor was present at the September 21, 2011 meeting to speak with the Committee on continuing with the project. Attorney Cushing has been in discussions with Mr. Poppe and his attorney. The Township Committee will discuss the matter in Closed Session.

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.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 72-2011– Hunterdon County All Hazard Plan

Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Ms. Schriver and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 72-2011.

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. # 72-2011

WHEREAS, the Township of Lebanon has been engaged with the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of the State Police in conducting the Northern Delaware River Region All Hazards Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning process pursuant to a FY 08 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PMD) Planning Grant; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the PDM planning process was to develop all-hazards mitigation plans for the four counties of the Northern Delaware River Region, namely Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon and Mercer, and all municipalities within the said four counties; and

WHEREAS, the period of performance to develop the PMD Plans with a six month extension was from January 9, 2009 through June 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Sussex County Sheriff's Office, Division of Emergency Management and 9-1-1 Coordination took the lead role in coordinating the development of all-hazards mitigation plans for all four counties and their municipalities through James Lee Witt Associates; and

WHEREAS, the spending plan included a 25% in-kind match in the form of non-supplanted employee salaries, wages and benefits, and expenses related to the planning process; and

WHEREAS, said 25% in-kind match was more than achieved by contributions of in-kind services from all four counties and approved by the New Jersey State Police, Hazards Mitigation Unit; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Police, Emergency Management Section, Hazards Mitigation Unit, approved said plans and forwarded them to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 2, New York City; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 2, has approved all plans developed under the FEMA grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Lebanon Committee, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, does hereby adopt the Hunterdon County All Hazards Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan directing applicable county agencies to pursue appropriate PDM project funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of the State Police, SFC Robert Little, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Post Office Box 7068, West Trenton, New Jersey, 088628-0068; one copy to the Sussex County Sheriff's Office, Division of Emergency Management, 39 High Street, Newton, New Jersey 07860, and one copy to the Sussex County Treasurer, c/o Laurie L. Gallant, One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey 07860.

Mr. Milkowski stated that he would like a copy of the Plan beforehand, in the future.

Mr. Gabriel stated that he received the Plan on Friday, September 30, 2011. It was necessary to provide the Plan to the Township Committee for adoption, quickly, in order for the residents on Raritan River Road to receive Flood Damage Assistance.

Resolution No. 73-2011 – Developer’s Agreement with Lebanon Solar, LLC

Mr. Milkowski stated that he would like additional time to review the Agreement.

Motion by Mr. Milkowski, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee tabled Resolution No. 73-2011 to the October 19, 2011 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Municipal Court of North Hunterdon

Mr. Wunder stated that the Municipal Court of North Hunterdon is nearing the final negotiations for the lease with the landlord of the Court facility. Mr. Wunder noted that it appears that the Township may be able to save a considerable amount of money.

NEW BUSINESS

Louis and Sharon Baker – Drainage

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Baker were present to discuss drainage concerns they have on Mt Airy Road. The DPW has been working on the drainage and the Baker’s hope that it will correct the problem. Mr. Milkowski and Mr. Gabriel met with the Township Engineer on Mt. Airy Road to assess the work being conducted. Berms were added and additional concerns were addressed. Hopefully these efforts will improve the situation.

Robert and Lauren Tucker and William and Carol – Drainage

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker and Mr. and Mrs. Minick were present to inform the Township Committee of drainage problems they are having on Berk Lane. Storm water has repeatedly washed out their driveways and caused other issues. Warren Gabriel and the Township Engineer are to meet with Mr. Tucker and Mr. Minick to assess the drainage in the area.

Accept Recreation Commission Resignation – Kathy Petrik

Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. Milkowski and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee accepted the resignation of Kathy Petrik, from the Recreation Commission, with regret.

Cancel the November 16, 2011 Meeting – League of Municipalities Conference

Tabled to the October 19, 2011 meeting.

Shared Service Meeting

Mr. Milkowski stated that he attended a County Shared Service Meeting. The meeting was designed for Fire and Rescue Services. The Township seems to be ahead of the curve as we already have many suggestions implemented. Efforts are being made to receive lower insurance costs.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

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

Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. Milkowski and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the October 5, 2011 bill list in the amount \$72,089.61.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tax Collector's Report for the Month of August 2011

Township resident MaryAnn Polito sent a letter to the Township Committee thanking them for the paving that has been done in the Patriot Hill section of the Township. Ms. Polito also commended Warren Gabriel and Kim Jacobus for their kindness and professionalism.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. Milkowski and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Mr. Anthony Casale stated that he feels that the League of Municipalities Conference is a good opportunity for the Township Committee to attend events and to represent the Township. It is a good venue to network with other officials. Mr. Casale would like the Committee to consider sending a representative to the Conference. Mr. Casale discussed a matter with the Township Committee which pertained to interest charged on taxes that were paid late due to County procedures.

Ms. Nancy Darois commented on residents complaining about drainage problems in the Township. Ms. Darois stated that she understands that the Township Committee is considering entering into a Shared Service for Tax Collection. Ms. Darois does not agree with this decision.

Mr. E. J. Skidmore stated his concerns with the Township Committee considering going forward with Poppe Construction, for the DPW Garage Project. Mr. Skidmore asked the Committee if the Township has an awards program for its employees and volunteers. The Committee stated that they do not have a program in place and that the suggestion will be looked into.

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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Ms. Schriver, and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 74-2011 and convened in executive session at 8:24 p.m. Action may be taken at the close of the meeting.

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
RESOLUTION NO. 74-2011**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon, that in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, this meeting will be closed to the Public to discuss the following matters:

Contracts
Potential Litigation
Collective Bargaining

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee reconvened the Regular Committee meeting at 9:45p.m.

Contract Negotiations
Potential Litigation
Ongoing Litigation
Collective Bargaining

No action was taken.

Having no further business to come before the Committee a motion was made by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. Milkowski and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karen J. Sandorse, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Approved: October 19, 2011

Patricia Schriver, Deputy Mayor