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Lebanon Township Committee
April 20, 2022

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, Servicemen and Women and people of the Ukraine.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent-

Also Present - Attorney Matt Lyons, Business Administrator Karen Brown, Clerk Karen Sandorse, and 23 members of the public.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

7:01

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2022
Minutes of the Regular and Executive Session Minutes of March 29, 2022
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 6, 2022

Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Laul and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the following minutes; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2022, Minutes of the Regular and Executive Session of March 29, 2022 and Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 6, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – for agenda items only.

7:03

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 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Ron Milkowski inquired on the hiring of a police officer.

Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Koehler, and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

ORDINANCES

7:04

Introduction

Ordinance 2022-05 – Electric Vehicles

Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Ordinance No. 2022-05, on first reading and entitled below.

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY/SERVICE EQUIPMENT (EVSE)
AND MAKE READY PARKING SPACES

Public Hearing to be held on May 18, 2022

Introduction

Ordinance No 2022-06 – Naming Parcels of Preserved Land

Attorney Lyons stated that a motion was needed to amend item # 3 to insert the name suggested, Sun Mountain Preserve.

Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee amended item #3 to name Block 24 Lot 2, Sun Mountain Preserve.

Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Ordinance No. 2022-06 on first reading as amended and entitled below.

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-06
DESIGNATING THE NAMES OF PARCELS OF PRESERVED LAND IN THE
TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON,
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Public Hearing to be held on May 18, 2022

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

7:12

Ms. Brown provided information on the Special Meeting that was held on Friday, April 15, 2022. The purpose of the meeting was to authorize 3 applications for grant funds and approve a contract for a Grant Writing Consultant to complete the applications. The grants would be for over \$813,000 to repave 11 roads.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7:13

Newsletter

Ms. Brown stated that she met with Mr. Laul and Ms. Koehler to discuss the possible direction to go in with the newsletter.

Website

Ms. Brown stated that there has been an issue with the township website. She has worked with Karen Newman to correct the issue. The issue was with the webhost's server. Ms. Brown has been informed by Ms. Newman that the website appears to be up and running again.

NEW BUSINESS

7:17

Police Chief's Request to Seek Applications for Police Officer

Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the Police Chief's request to advertise for the hiring of a full time police officer.

EOSC - Municipal Well Test

Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Laul and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the EOSC's request to conduct well tests for the Memorial Park, Bunnvale Library, DPW Building and the Museum at an approximate cost of \$900 per location, with a maximum cost of \$3600. Cost is to come from the Open Space Trust Fund.

Park Committee Request to Appoint New Member

Motion by Mr. McKee, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee appointed Hunter Cryan to the Park Committee.

Historians

Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the Historians request to spend up to \$1000 from the Trust Fund to replace the post and sign outside of the Museum.

Appreciation Event

Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Laul and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee appointed Mr. Wilson as the Appreciation Event Coordinator. AYES: McKee, Laul, Koehler, Schmidt ABSTAIN: Wilson

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

7:30

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 20, 2022 bill list in the amount of \$3,293,152.17.

CORRESPONDENCE

7:32

- a. Police Chief's Report - Tabled
- b. Fire Department Report – March 2022
- c. Curator's Report
- d. Animal Control Report - March 2022

PUBLIC COMMENTS

7:35

Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Ms. Laurie Hoffman asked how to ask questions of the Committee at meetings. She also commented about the Township not testing their own wells.

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 7:36 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

7:37

Having no further business to come before the Committee a motion was made by Mr. Laul seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to adjourn the meeting 7:37 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Sandorse, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Approved: May 18, 2022

Mike Schmidt, Mayor