

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor George Piazza 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 Piazza asked everyone to stand for the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present - George Piazza, Patricia Schriver, Francis Morrison

Absent Jay Weeks, Ed Post

Also Present - Attorney Phil George and Clerk Karen Sandorse and 10 members of the public.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 16, 2008.

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved minutes of the Executive Session of January 16, 2008.

ORDINANCES

Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2008- 02 – Duties and Responsibilities of the Zoning Officer

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the public hearing for Ordinance No. 2008-02 was opened.

Mayor Piazza stated that a meeting was held on February 1, 2008 to introduce the new Zoning Officer to the officials and staff that he will be primarily working with and to discuss the needs

and desires of the Township. Those in attendance were, Mayor Piazza, Planning Board Chairman Gary MacQueen, Zoning Board of Adjustment Chairman Bruce Terzuolo, Zoning Officer John Flemming, Flood Plain Administrator Warren Newman, Construction Code Official Charlie Rogers, Planning Board/Bd Adjustment Clerk Gail Glashoff and Township Clerk Karen Sandorse. Ordinance No. 2008-02 was presented to the Zoning Officer and he stated that he feels that it is too stringent and would limit his flexibility, which the Township is looking for. All those present at the meeting agreed that there is no need for the ordinance. Communication was a

problem in the past and John is going to be working more closely with the Boards by attending meetings. Mayor Piazza stated that John seems to know his job and we do not need rules that might possibly prohibit him from performing his duties.

Mr. Casale stated that he was informed by the Committee that this ordinance was to define the Zoning Officer's job. Mr. Casale stated that for years there was disputes over what were the Zoning Officer's, Construction Official's, etc. responsibilities. Mr. Casale stated that he would rather the Committee not adopt the ordinance so it does not have to be reversed later.

Nancy Darois stated that she agrees with Mr. Casale, that the ordinance should not be adopted as there are things that have to be sorted out.

Mr. Bill Rauschenberger asked if there are any legal ramifications if the ordinance is not adopted.

The public hearing was closed on a motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Piazza and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee withdrew Ordinance No. 2008-02 from consideration.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
ORDINANCE NO. 2008-02
TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF
THE ZONING OFFICER FOR LEBANON TOWNSHIP

Public Hearing

**Ordinance No. 2008- 03 – Background Checks for all Applicants to the
Lebanon Township First Aid Squad**

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the public hearing for Ordinance No. 2008-03 was opened.

Hearing no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Piazza and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance No. 2008-03 as written below.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-03
TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AN ORDINANCE REVISING, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES TO AUTHORIZE CRIMINAL HISTORY

BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL APPLICANTS TO THE
LEBANON TOWNSHIP FIRST AID SQUAD

WHEREAS, the Township of Lebanon wants to ensure the safety of all its residents and citizens and to provide emergency medical services through its first aid squad; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-1.4 authorizes a municipality to request a criminal history record background check of any person for an official government purpose; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Lebanon would like all prospective volunteer members of the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad to submit to a criminal history record background check as a condition of membership with the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lebanon be, and hereby are, amended and supplemented by the addition of the following new section:

§ ____-1 Membership in the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad

Membership in the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad shall be in accordance with this Code section and the Constitution, Rules and By-Laws of the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad, including any and all amendments to those documents. Membership shall be open to all persons who are able to perform first aid squad duties and to meet the criteria set forth in this Code Section, without discrimination on the basis of an applicant's race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status and/or physical handicap.

§ ____-2 Effect of Ordinance and Compliance with Federal and State Law

A. In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Code Section and any other document related to the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad, this Code Section shall take precedence and govern over such other inconsistent document(s).

B. The Lebanon Township First Aid Squad and each member of the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, County and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations governing the operation of the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad and its members.

§ ____-3 Application for Membership in the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad

No person shall be eligible to become a member of the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad unless such person completes the application process, including executing an Authorization and Consent to conduct a criminal history background check and submitting to being fingerprinted, as more specifically set forth below.

§ ____-4 Criminal History Background Check of Prospective Members

A. For purpose of this Ordinance, a “Criminal History Record Background Check” means a determination of whether a person has a criminal record by cross-referencing that person’s name and fingerprints with those on file with the State Bureau of Identification in the Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

B. The Township requires that, as a condition of membership with the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad, all prospective members shall submit to being fingerprinted in accordance with applicable Federal, State, County and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, as a condition of membership with the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad.

C. As a further condition of membership with the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad, all prospective members shall authorize the Township, through its duly authorized representative, to exchange fingerprint data with and receive criminal history record information from the State Bureau of Identification in the Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

D. In order to obtain criminal history record information pursuant to this Ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40:48-1.4, the Township shall submit the fingerprint data for prospective members of the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad to the State Bureau of Identification in the Division of State Police. The State Bureau of Identification shall receive all criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and shall disseminate that information to the Township.

E. The Township shall conduct a criminal history record background check of a prospective member of the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad only upon receipt of the written authorization and consent to the criminal history background check from the prospective member. A form for the authorization and consent to said background check shall be provided to each prospective member along with the application for membership with the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad. Failure to submit a fully signed and witnessed written authorization and consent form shall be grounds to reject an application for membership with the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad.

F. The Township shall bear the costs associated with conducting criminal history record background checks.

G. An individual shall be disqualified from serving as a member of the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad if that prospective member’s criminal history record background check reveals a record of conviction of any of the following crimes and/or offenses:

1. In New Jersey, any crime and/or disorderly persons offense and/or petty disorderly persons offense:

a) involving danger to the person, including, but not limited to those crimes, disorderly persons offenses and petty disorderly offenses set forth in N.J.S.A. 2C:11-1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 2C:13-1, et seq., and/or N.J.S.A. 2C:15-1, et seq.;

b) against the family, children or incompetents including, but not limited to, those crimes and disorderly persons offenses set forth in N.J.S.A. 2C:24-1, et seq.;

c) involving arson, burglary or theft as set forth in N.J.S.A. 2C:17-1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 2C:18-1 et seq. and/or N.J.S.A. 2C:20-1 et seq.;

d) involving offenses against public administration, perjury and other falsification in official matters, obstructing governmental operations, misconduct in office and/or abuse of office as set forth in N.J.S.A. 2C:27-1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 2C:28-1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 2C:29-1 et seq. and/or N.J.S.A. 2C:30-1 et seq.;

e) involving any controlled dangerous substance or controlled substance analog as set forth in Chapter 35 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes; or,

f) involving operation of a motor vehicle while intoxicated in violation of Chapter 4 of Title 39 of the New Jersey Statutes.

2. In any other state or jurisdiction, conduct which, if committed in New Jersey, would constitute any of the crimes, disorderly persons offenses and/or petty disorderly persons offenses described herein.

H. All prospective members, upon receiving a conditional offer of membership with the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad, shall submit their name, address, fingerprints and written consent to the Township for the criminal history record background check to be performed. All conditional offers of membership with the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad shall be specifically subject to the prospective member passing the criminal history record background check, along with any other requirements as provided by law and/or requested by the Township.

I. Access to criminal history record background information of prospective members of the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad obtained under this Ordinance is restricted to authorized personnel of the Township on a need to know basis, as may be authorized by Federal or State statute, rule or regulation, executive order, administrative code, this ordinance and/or resolution regarding obtaining and dissemination of Criminal History Record Background information. Said employees are the Township Clerk, Police Chief, Mayor, Township Attorney and Township Labor Counsel and those other employees specifically designated in writing by the Mayor.

J. Criminal History Record Background information shall not be disseminated to persons or organizations not authorized to receive the records for authorized purposes. Use of this record shall be limited solely to the authorized purpose for which it was given and it shall not be disseminated to any unauthorized persons. Said records are not public records under the Open Public Records Act.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that:

1. All ordinances or portions of ordinances, and all resolutions or portions of resolutions, which are inconsistent with this Ordinance, shall be repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

2. The various parts, sections, and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable so that if any part, sentence, paragraph, section, or clause of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Introduction

Ordinance No. 2008-04 - Authorizing the Purchase of Property (Pelio)

Motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Schriver and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee introduced Ordinance No. 2008-04. (as entitled below)

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-04
TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF
PROPERTY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-4

Public Hearing to be held on February 20, 2008.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 25-2008 – Budget Transfers

Motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Schriver and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 25-2008. (as written below)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months of the succeeding year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to make the following transfers in the amount of \$2000.00 be made between the 2007 Budget Appropriation Reserves as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	FROM	TO
7-01-26-290-011	Roads s/w	2,000.00	
7-01-23-220-286	Insurance		2,000.00
		<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>

Resolution No. 26-2008 – Professional Service Appointment

Motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Schriver and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Resolutions No. 26-2008. (as written below)

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-2008
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Attorneys, Engineers, and Professional Experts for the Township of Lebanon, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S. A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) required that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, Township Clerk and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized and directed to execute the agreements; and

WHEREAS sufficient funds are available in the 2008 Temporary Budget and will be made available in the 2008 Municipal Budget for the Township of Lebanon for such services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon, in the County of Hunterdon, on this 2nd day of January, 2008 as follows:

1. Mary Mott, is hereby appointed Lebanon Township Alternate Municipal Prosecutor for the year 2008.

Resolution No. 27-2008 – Open Space Trust Fund Grants Program

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Resolutions No. 27-2008. (as written below)

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. 27-2008
OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND

MUNICIPAL GRANTS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved an Open Space Trust Fund and established a Municipal Grants program to provide Program Funds in connection with municipal acquisition of lands for recreation, conservation and general open space purposes, farmland preservation, preparation of plan elements of a municipal Master Plan and /or restoration of county-owned historic facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Lebanon Township desires to obtain Open Space Trust Funds in the amount of \$47,513.39 to fund the following project: Open Space Acquisition/Pelio.

NOW THEREFORE the Governing Body resolves that:

1. Karen J. Sandorse is authorized to: (a) make an application to the County of Hunterdon for Open Space Trust Funds, (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required for the Municipal Grants Program and (c) act as the principal contact person and correspondent of the above named municipality.
2. If the County of Hunterdon determines that the application is complete and in conformance with the Hunterdon County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Plan and the Policies and Procedures Manual for the Municipal Grants Program adopted thereto, the municipality is willing to use the approved Open Space Trust Funds in accordance with such adopted policies and procedures, and applicable state and local government rules, regulations and statutes thereto.
3. Mayor George Piazza is hereby authorized to sign and execute any required documents and agreements with the County of Hunterdon for the approved Open Space Trust Funds.

Resolution No. 28-2008 – Bond Anticipation Note

Motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Schriver and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Resolutions No. 28-2008. (as attached)

Resolution No. 29A-2008 – Municipal Court Agreement

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Resolutions No. 29A-2008. (as written below)

RESOLUTION 29A-2008
TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Lebanon participates in a Joint Municipal Court; and,
WHEREAS, the Joint Municipal Court Committee has negotiated a favorable lease payment arrangement for space for the operations of the Joint Municipal Court; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined to authorize the leasing of space as negotiated by the Joint Municipal Court Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the Mayor is authorized to enter into and execute a lease agreement for space for the Joint Municipal Court upon terms negotiated by the Joint Municipal Court Committee on behalf of the Township of Lebanon.

Resolution No. 30-2008 – Approving the Zoning Officer’s Contract

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Resolutions No. 30-2008. (as written below)

RESOLUTION 30-2008
TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Lebanon has previously entered into a contract for professional services for Zoning Officer with John Flemming; and,
WHEREAS, the Township Committee has negotiated a change in terms of the said contract to expand services and availability of Zoning Officer Services to the public; and,
WHEREAS, the Zoning Officer has accepted the change in terms; and,
WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the 2008 Temporary Budget and will be made available in the 2008 Municipal Budget for the Township of Lebanon for such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the Mayor is authorized to enter into and execute an Amended Contract for the services of the Zoning Officer, John Flemming, on behalf of the Township of Lebanon.

OLD BUSINESS

DPW Garage

Mayor Piazza stated that he met with Paul Jones and Ed Cooke from the DEP. The Township is looking into putting a new garage at the DPW site. Before the Township can even begin digging we must touch base with all the right people. The DEP was the first contacted. Mr. Cooke walked the site and said that he sees no problem with what the Township Committee is looking to do at the site. A DEP permit will need to be applied for, which Mr. Cooke is looking into. Mr. Cooke stated that if the DEP sends a representative out, he will work with him to explain that the Township is just removing one building and replacing it with another. There is no increase in impervious coverage as the existing building is already on black top. Mayor Piazza sees this as a

good move forward. The Township Engineer is getting his plan together as soon as possible as there is a waiting line for approvals at the DEP.

29 Sharrer Road

Mayor Piazza stated that the home on the property is falling down. A meeting was held and the homeowner agreed that the house is a problem and agreed to have the DPW push it over to reduce any risk. The owner stated that he could afford to clean up the property once the home is demolished.

NEW BUSINESS

Maria Sydor – Request for Placement of Trailer Resolution No. 31-2008

Maria Sydor attended the meeting to request the placement of a residential trailer on her property during the time that extensive construction will be done on her home. The entire back of the house will be removed. The trailer will be placed next to the barn and away from all construction. The property is remote and will not interfere with neighbors views.

Township Codes state that approval can be given for three months, and at which time, if necessary, the applicant can request an extension on the approval. Ms. Sydor was informed that she must submit a letter to the Township Committee stating the status of the project and a request for an additional 90 days approval.

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Resolutions No. 31-2008. (as written below)

RESOLUTION 31-2008
TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Lebanon has previously permitted the location of temporary housing trailers on properties within and about the Township when required by emergency or reconstruction of primary residences; and,

WHEREAS, the placement of temporary housing trailers is permitted under applicable state building codes upon certain conditions; and,

WHEREAS, §344-16 of the Ordinances of the Township of Lebanon permits the location of temporary housing trailers for a period of up to ninety (90) days upon a showing of hardship; and,

WHEREAS, Maria Sydor has made application for location of a temporary housing trailer upon property in the Township known as Block 41, Lot 2.05, commonly known as 361 Vernoy Road, Lebanon Township, New Jersey due to the need for reconstruction which will temporarily render the primary residence on the property temporarily uninhabitable; and,

WHEREAS, the application demonstrates that placement of a temporary housing trailer upon the said property is required by a hardship and will not be injurious to the health, safety or welfare of residents of the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that Maria Sydor is permitted to locate a temporary housing trailer upon property in the Township known as Block 41, Lot 2.05, commonly known as 361 Vernoy Road, Lebanon Township, New Jersey for a period of up to ninety (90) days, which may be renewed upon a showing of continuing hardship, and subject to issuance of permit(s) as required by the Township's Construction Officer.

Approve COAH Objection Letter/Authorize Mayor to Sign

Clinton Township Mayor Nick Corcodilos contacted Mr. Post to ask for the Township's support in approving a letter he drafted stating opposition to the 3rd Round COAH and authorizing Mayor Piazza to sign. Mayor Corcodilos is seeking the support of all local municipalities. The Township Committee approved the request.

Approve Voorhees Municipal Alliance Contract Resolution No. 32-2008

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Resolutions No. 31-2008. (as written below)

RESOLUTION 32-2008
TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Lebanon participates in a Municipal Alliance Subgrant Program; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Hunterdon has received a grant from the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the administration of the Municipal Alliance program; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Lebanon is designated as a Lead Township thereunder which requires the execution of a Subgrant Agreement which has been provided in form as required by the said Subgrant program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the Mayor is authorized to enter into and execute a Municipal Alliance Subgrant Agreement on behalf of the Township of Lebanon.

Select Wireless LLC – Communications Site Lease Agreement

Select Wireless sent a letter to the Township Committee requesting their consideration in the placement of a cell tower on municipal property in the Bunnvale section of the Township. The Committee stated that it would be nice for the Township to have a cell tower; however they are not sure of where it would be appropriately placed.

The Mayor will ask Select Wireless to be in attendance at the next meeting to discuss their proposal.

Approve Blue Light Permit Application – William Rauschenberger

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote the Township Committee approved a Blue Light Permit Application for William Rauschenberger

Lebanon Township OSEC – Request to Support UTEC - Road Noise Reduction

Warren Newman, Chairman of the Open Space/Environmental Committee, received a call from Union Township's Environmental Committee seeking support in sending a letter to our elected officials, requesting that the State establish regulations to ensure that Jake Breaks are quieted, to raise fines and to have the State Police enforce the regulations. The Township Committee approved the Mayor sending a letter on their behalf.

SADC – Berk Lane Right of Way

The SADC will be acquiring the Tucker Farm on Berk Lane. The SADC sent a letter to the Township Committee to ask if they have interest in obtaining any portion of the right of way on the road. The Clerk will send a letter to the SADC stating that there is no present intention to do any work in the right of way on Berk Lane.

Approve TRC Contract – Authorize Mayor to Sign

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote the Township Committee approved the TRC Contract for the 2008 and authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Peggy Evans – Judy Dunlap

Ms. Roberta Salamone – Judy Dunlap

Lebanon Township Historians Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2008

Hunterdon County Municipal Officer's Assoc. Meeting – March 31, 2008

(Please respond to Clerk no later than March 12, 2008)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Mr. Casale inquired on the status of the SWAK Church and the insurance coverage for Fire Station 1 and Combe Fill. Mr. Casale requested information on the availability of funds for the Pelio acquisition. Mr. Casale asked about the Township's court costs in the new contract. Mr. Casale asked what the status is of the Library Roof.

Mr. Gerlich stated that he and the Township Engineer went through the technical part of the bid package and they both feel that it is ok and was sent to the Township Attorney's office for legal review. He is in attendance at the meeting to see if Attorney Bernstein found the package to be acceptable and if there was a date in which it can go out for bid. Attorney George stated that on Monday it was assigned to be put it into a bid specification with all the proper bid specs and Mr. Bernstein should review it either tomorrow or Friday. Mr. Gerlich stated that the Engineer and Paul Jones tightened the language in the specifications for better understanding.

Mr. Casale asked what the status is of the cell tower application that was before the Board of Adjustment on Route 513.

Sandra Rauschenberger Nell asked if anyone is paying taxes on the SWAK Church property since the Lutheran Church gave the right up to a resident.

Ms. Rauschenberger Nell informed the Committee of an issue relative to billing for HIB shots for the LTFAS through Charlestown Medical. Ms. Rauschenberger Nell inquired on the control of the feral cat population in the Township and at 29 Sharrer Road.

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

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

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

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote the Township Committee approved the February 6, 2008 bill list in the amount of \$1,195,343.17.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 29-2008 and convened in executive session.

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
RESOLUTION NO. 29-2008

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:

Personnel Matters

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Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee reconvened the Regular Committee meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Attorney George stated that two personnel matters were brought up during the closed session. The first was the resignation of a LTFAS member being presented to the Mayor and Committee which was the request of the individual to be done in closed session. The second matter was the lack of personnel coverage in the library due to vacation and illness. This discussion will be continued at a later meeting due the matter falling under the benefits and schedules of the collective bargaining agreement. A Rice Notice will be issued. Also discussed was the status of the referrals of Attorney Bernstein's study of the LTFAS.

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee authorized the Clerk to follow through with the purchase of the equipment to bring the sound system up to date.

ADJOURN

Having no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Sandorse, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Approved: February 20, 2008

George Piazza, Mayor