

**Lebanon Township Committee
March 5, 2008**

Minutes of Regular Meeting

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, Jay Weeks
Edward Post, Francis Morrison

Absent -

Also Present - Attorney Eric Bernstein and Clerk Karen Sandorse and 14 members of the public.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Piazza and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2008. AYES: Schriver, Post, Piazza, Morrison ABSTAIN: Weeks

Motion by Mr. Piazza, seconded by Ms. Schriver and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved minutes of the Executive Session of February 20, 2008. AYES: Schriver, Post, Piazza, Morrison ABSTAIN: Weeks

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 34-2008 - Redemption of Tax Certificate -Block 40, Lot 10 & 10 Q0110

Motion by Mr. Post, seconded by Ms. Schriver and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 34-2008 as written below.

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. 34-2008**

WHEREAS the Tax Collector did sell Tax Sale Certificate #200604 on October 18th, 2006 and

WHEREAS this certificate has been redeemed by Judith C. Ross Poole, Executrix of the Estate of Lucy H. Ross, holder of the first mortgage on Block 40, lot 10 & lot 10 Q0110 and,

WHEREAS the amount of \$16,699.38 has been collected for redemption of this certificate, and

WHEREAS there has also been a premium in the amount of \$2,000 paid for this certificate by US Bank-Cust/Sass MUNI V dtr,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to prepare and the Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk be authorized to sign a check in the amount of \$18,699.38 and that this check be mailed to US Bank-Cust/Sass MUNI V dtr.

Resolution No. 35-2008 Reimbursement- Duplication of Acreage Assessed, Block 30, Lot 46

Motion by Mr. Post, seconded by Ms. Schriver and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 35-2008 as written below.

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. 35-2008**

WHEREAS there had been a duplication of acreage assessed for Block 30 lot 46 for 2007 and,

WHEREAS the acreage has been adjusted on February 22, 2008 for the year 2008 by means of an order for a change in assessment through the County Board of Taxation,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the assessment for land for 2007 be reduced from \$200,100 to \$111,300 and that an adjustment of \$2,370.96 be credited for 2008 taxes to Edythe, Jonathan and Sharon Herson owners of Block 30 lot 46, Lebanon Township.

OLD BUSINESS

Request to Purchase Police Vehicle (Previously Approved in 2007, New Budget Year)

On June 6, 2007, the Township Committee approved the purchase of a 2007 Marked Ford Crown Victoria for the Police Department at a cost of \$29,640.04. The vehicle was not purchased in 2007. Chief Mattson is now requesting to purchase a 2008 Marked Ford Crown Victoria in its place, at a cost of \$30,865.04.

Motion by Mr. Post, seconded by Ms. Schriver and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the purchase of a 2008 Marked Ford Crown Victoria in place of the 2007 which was approved for purchase in June 2007.

Musconetcong River Management Council Representative Appointment

Mr. Erik Henriksen of 155 Mountain Top Road attended the meeting to introduce himself to the Committee and to state his interest in sitting on the Musconetcong River Management Council as the

Lebanon Township Representative. The Township Committee thanked Mr. Henriksen for his interest in serving as the Township Representative.

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Post and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee appointed Mr. Erik Henriksen as Lebanon Township Representative to the Musconetcong River Management Council.

419 Penwell Road

Mayor Piazza stated that the Committee had received a letter from Hunterdon County Housing stating that they will be closing and no longer overseeing the 419 Penwell Road project. The Committee would like the Construction Code Official to look at the project and to advise the Committee as to the status of the work to be completed. The Township will need to retain an administrator to oversee the rentals.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Raffle License No. 02-08 – Lebanon Township PTA 06/01/2008

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Raffle License No. 02-08 for the Lebanon Township PTA to be held on 06/01/2008.

Approve Raffle License No. 03-08 - South Branch Water Shed 05/17/2008

Motion by Mr. Post, seconded by Ms. Schriver and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Raffle License No. 03-08 to the South Branch Water Shed to be held on 05/17/2008.

Request for Appointment of Township Historian –

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee appointed Bill DeCoster as Historian and Eileen Lebida as Alternate Historian at the recommendation of the Township Historians.

Request for Appointment of Recreation Commissioner

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Post and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee appointed Dave Hennessey as Recreation member for a four year term at the request of the Recreation Commission.

Request for Appointment of Library Committee Member

Held to a later meeting.

Approve Contribution to the South Branch Watershed Assoc. Annual River Clean Up

Matter to be considered at the Budget Worksessions.

Hunterdon County Senior Services

Ms. Schriver stated that the Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services is looking for a Municipal Coordinator from Lebanon Township to attend monthly meetings at the County. Ms. Schriver suggested contacting Ms. Beth Wolfmayer, Director of the Senior Center on Route 513, to see if anyone is interested in the appointment.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

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

Motion by Mr. Post, seconded by Ms. Schriver and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote the Township Committee approved the March 5, 2008 bill list in the amount of \$118,170.17.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bill Swartz – Glenside Trail Drainage

Mr. Swartz was in attendance at the meeting to discuss his correspondence with the Township Committee. He explained to the Committee how water flows through his and his neighbor's properties during a rainfall. He stated that the water comes from three new homes, which were built in close proximity to his property and travels across his neighbors property and saturates his land. Mr. Swartz said that the Township Engineer was out to view the problem and wrote a letter stating his opinion on the matter, however, it was dry at the time of his visit. Paul Jones was there during a heavy rainfall and took pictures, which Mr. Swartz provided to the Committee for their viewing. The Township Committee stated that Mr. Jones needs to provide them with a report of his visit to Mr. Swartz's property. The Township Engineer needs to affirm or amend his

letter based on the pictures provided by Mr. Jones during the rainfall. Mr. Weeks suggested that Mr. Swartz speak to the Planning Board Clerk to see if proper approvals were granted for the construction of the three new homes.

Hunterdon County Municipal Officer's Association Meeting – March 6, 2008
Hunterdon County Municipal Officer's Association Dinner – March 31, 2008
HC Board of Chosen Freeholders - Hunterdon County Solid Waste Plan Amendment
(On File in Clerk's Office)
Lebanon Township Historians Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2008
Marcia Karrow – Highlands Correspondence

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Nancy Durois asked about the status of the Library Roof replacement. Attorney Bernstein stated that his office redrafted the Bid Specifications and sent them to the Township Engineer for final approval.

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Post and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee authorized the Township Clerk and Township Engineer to readvertise to seek bids for the replacement of the Library Roof.

Mr. Bill Raushenberger commented on the State's plan on cutting municipal aid to certain municipalities in the State. He stated that we will be cut \$76,000.00, which was about the lowest of all the municipalities.

Fire Chief Jay Harkins, introduced himself to the Committee and provided them with his phone numbers and his email address so they can reach him if necessary.

Mr. Anthony Casale stated that he heard that a family member of a SWAK Church owner is still alive.

Mr. Casale inquired on the South Branch Watershed annual stream clean-up and asked if it was open to the public. He stated that his Boy Scouts may be able to contribute time.

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.

Cancel March 6, 2008 Budget Meeting – Reschedule

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee canceled the March 6, 2008 Budget Worksession and rescheduled it for March 19, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. and scheduled a second worksession for March 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Post and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 36-2008 and convened in executive session at 7:50 p.m.

TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON RESOLUTION NO. 36-2008

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:

Collective Bargaining – PBA Local 188
Collective Bargaining - CWA Local 1040
Land Acquisition – Pelio
Attorney Client Privilege

Motion by Ms. Schriver, seconded by Mr. Post and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee reconvened the Regular Committee meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Attorney Bernstein stated that all members of the Governing Body present at the commencement of the executive session were present at the recommencement of the open session as well as the Township Clerk and the Township Attorney. Attorney Bernstein stated that discussion was held on the ongoing negotiations with the PBA Local 188 and the he provided the Committee with an update on the required paperwork required for settlement. Discussion was held on the upcoming CWA Local 1040 negotiations. Discussion was held on the Pelio Land Acquisition and the liaison was given direction as to such. The Township Attorney and Clerk will be addressing a potential disciplinary situation.

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 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Sandorse, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Approved: March 19, 2008

George Piazza, Mayor