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**Lebanon Township Committee**  
**March 1, 2023**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Beverly Koehler 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 Koehler asked everyone to please stand for the Flag Salute and for a moment of silence in honor of the First Responders, Front Line Workers and members of our Military.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present -                    Beverly Koehler            Thomas McKee  
   Mike Schmidt                Abe Abuchowski            Brian Wunder

Absent-

Also Present - Attorney Mark Roselli, Deputy Clerk Kimberly Jacobus, and 19 members of the public.

## **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

**1:00**

### **Minutes of the Executive Session Meetings of February 1, 2023**

*Motion by Mr. Abuchowski, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of February 1, 2023.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items Only**

**1:30**

*Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting at 7:01 p.m.*

There were no comments from the public.

*Motion by Mr. Abuchowski, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee closed the public comment portion of the meeting at 7:02 p.m.*

**ORDINANCE – None**

**RESOLUTIONS - None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Accept Resignation of Deputy OEM 2:00**

*Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. Abuchowski and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee accepted, effective March 1, 2023, the resignation of Carsten Janes as Deputy OEM with regrets.*

**Appointment of Deputy OEM 2:40**

Mayor Koehler approved the appointment of Mr. Kenneth Burke with the Chief's recommendation as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.

**Police Purchase Request-Branded Tent & matching Table Cloth 3:25**

*Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. Abuchowski carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the purchase of a tent and table cloth for \$1456.06 from Clean Communities Grant funds.*

**Create subcommittee to negotiate the CWA contract 4:15**

*Motion by Mayor Koehler, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee appointed Mayor Koehler and Committeeman Wunder to the subcommittee to negotiate the CWA Contract.*

**Fire Department, Kyle Pirozzoli – Carnival 4:55**

Kyle Pirozzoli was present to give the Committee an update on the dates of the Firemen's Carnival. The dates for this year will be Thursday, July 20 through Sunday, July 23. They will be adding game trailers, Saturday night fireworks and music all day Sunday.

*Motion by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Wunder carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved July 20 through July 23, 2023 for the Firemen's Carnival.*

**PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS**

6:55

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

*Motion by Mr. Abuchowski, seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the March 1, 2023 bill list in the amount of \$2,197,841.92.*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

10:45

- a. EOSC – 2022 Annual Report

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

11:00

*Motion by Mr. Abuchowski, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting at 7:11 p.m.*

A resident commented on the article regarding Kay Kendrick that was in the newsletter.

*Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee closed the public comment portion of the meeting at 7:13 p.m.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It is not anticipated that action will be taken when the public meeting is reconvened.

*Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. Abuchowski and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 40-2023 and convened in executive session at 7:14 p.m.*

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 40-2023**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act; *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.*, declares it to be the public policy of the State to insure the right of citizens to have adequate advance notice of and the right to attend meetings of public bodies at which business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act also recognizes exceptions to the right of the public to attend portions of such meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Committee find it necessary to conduct an executive session closed to the public as permitted by the *N.J.S.A. 40:4-12*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Committee will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the executive session;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Committee of the

Township of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that they will conduct an executive session to discuss the following topic(s) as permitted by *N.J.S.A.* 40:4-12:

A matter which Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court requires be kept confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon:

\_\_\_\_\_);

A matter where the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

A matter whose disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

A collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions thereof (Specify contract: \_\_\_\_\_);

A matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

Investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party; (The general nature of the litigation or contract negotiations is):

The public disclosure of such information at this time would have a potentially negative impact on the municipality's position in the litigation or negotiation; therefore, this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the potential for negative impact no longer exists.)

Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his or her ethical duties as a lawyer; (The general nature of the matter is: \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_ the public disclosure of such information at this time would have a potentially negative impact on the municipality's position with respect to the matter being discussed; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the potential for negative impact no longer exists.);

Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective or current public officer or employee of the public body, where all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected have not requested in writing that the matter(s) be discussed at a public meeting; (The employee(s) and/or general nature of discussion is: \_\_\_\_\_ And whereas the public disclosure of such information at this time would violate the employee(s) privacy rights; therefore this information will be withheld until such time as the matter is concluded or the threat to privacy rights no longer exists

Deliberation occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty or loss of a license or permit;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Committee hereby declare that their discussion of the subject(s) identified above may be made public at a time when the Township Attorney advises them that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Township or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Committee, for the reasons set forth above, hereby declare that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place.

*Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. Abuchowski and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee reconvened the public meeting at 7:41 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to come before the Committee a motion was made by Mr. Abuchowski seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly S. Jacobus  
Deputy Clerk

  
Beverly Koehler, Mayor

Approved: March 15, 2023