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Lebanon Township Committee
August 2, 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 meeting notice was posted on the township bulletin board and as a courtesy on the township website, distributed to the Hunter 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 after for a moment of silence in honor of Lt. Gov. Sheila Oliver’s passing, our First Responders, frontline workers, and members of the Military.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present - Attorney Mark Roselli, Deputy Clerk Kimberly Jacobus and 16 members of the public.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

1:40

Minutes of the Regular and Executive Session Meetings Minutes of July 19, 2023

Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the minutes of the Regular and Executive Session meetings of July 19, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items Only

2:15

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

There were no comments from the public.

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

ORDINANCES – Introduction – Ordinance No. 2023-06

2:45

Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee introduced Ordinance No. 2023-06.

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-06**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 214, ARTICLE I, §214-7
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON ENTITLED
“APPOINTMENTS; TERM OF OFFICE; REMOVAL”

The Public Hearing will be on August 16, 2023.

RESOLUTIONS

3:45

Resolution No. 92-2023 – Awarding a Contract for Rock Salt

Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 92-2023 as written below.

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. 92-2023
RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO MORTON SALT, INC. UNDER
HUNTERDON COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR ROCK SALT**

WHEREAS, the Township of Lebanon, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq., may without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under any contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the County of Hunterdon pursuant to the County Cooperative Pricing System; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners awarded a master contract for County Bid #2022-14 for year two to Morton Salt, Inc., 444 West Lake Street, Suite 3000, Chicago, Il 60606 to Furnish and Deliver Rock Salt for Snow and Ice Control for Roads and Bridges for the County and members of the County Cooperative Pricing System for the 2023/2024 season; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lebanon is a member of the County Cooperative Pricing System, and the Township Committee has requested to participate in the non-binding, anticipation of purchasing 2000 tons of rock salt.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the following contract be awarded for a contract period of September 19, 2023 to September 18, 2024.

COMPANY	ITEM	PRICE
Morton Salt, Inc.	Rock Salt	\$72.84 per ton

Resolution No. 93-2023 – Awarding PBA Contract

Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 93-2023as written below.

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. 93-2023
APPROVING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN HUNTERDON COUNTY P.B.A. LOCAL NO. 386, LEBANON
TOWNSHIP UNIT AND TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON**

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County P.B.A. Local No. 386, Lebanon Township Unit and the Township of Lebanon were parties to a certain Collective Bargaining Agreement that expired on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the negotiations committee of the Hunterdon County P.B.A. Local No. 386, Lebanon Township Unit and the Township of Lebanon successfully negotiated a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025 (hereinafter “CBA”); and

WHEREAS, the CBA has been duly ratified by the Hunterdon County P.B.A. Local No. 386, Lebanon Township Unit and was executed by it on July 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to approve and ratify the CBA on behalf of the Township of Lebanon and authorize the Mayor and Deputy Clerk to execute same.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon County, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby approve and ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Hunterdon County P.B.A. Local No. 386, Lebanon Township Unit and the Township of Lebanon for the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025, and the Mayor and Deputy Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Township of Lebanon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Hunterdon County P.B.A. Local No. 386, Lebanon Township Unit and Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution No. 94-2023 – Purchase of Drager Alcotest System

Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 94-2023 as written below.

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. 94-2023
APPROVING PURCHASE OF ALCOTEST SYSTEM FROM DRAGER, INC.
UNDER STATE CONTRACT T-3031**

WHEREAS, the Township of Lebanon, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-12(a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(C), may without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under any contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Township has reviewed the State contracts for the purchase of Alcotest 9510 system with a ten year service agreement in the amount of \$19,350.00 from Drager, Inc., having an address at 7256 S Sam Houston W Parkway, Suite 100, Houston Texas under State Contract # T-3031 and in accordance with the written quotation dated July 7, 2023, a copy of which is on file with the Police Department, CFO and Deputy Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lebanon has sufficient funds in place as evidenced by the Chief Financial Officer certification of the availability of funds on file with the Finance Department.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize and approve the purchase of a Alcotest 9510 system with a ten year service agreement in the amount of \$19,350.00 from Drager, Inc., having an address at 7256 S Sam Houston W Parkway, Suite 100, Houston Texas under State Contract # T-3031 and in accordance with the written quotation dated July 7, 2023 and on file with the Police Department, CFO and Deputy Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue said purchase order to Drager, Inc., having an address at 7256 S Sam Houston W Parkway, Suite 100, Houston Texas on behalf of the Township of Lebanon for the purchase of same.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8:05

None

NEW BUSINESS

8:06

Resignation of Patrolman Chris Bourque

Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote the Township Committee accepted Patrolman Chris Bourque's resignation. Attorney Roselli will prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

Police Chief Request to fill vacant position and approval to advertise said position

Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote the Township Committee approved Chief Cronic advertising to fill a vacant position.

DPW - Purchase of Hunter Wheel Balance

DPW – Purchase of 2023 Case Boom Mower

Shared Services Agreement for Law Enforcement Officer – SLEO

Discussion was held on the above items as to the need for each one of them to have a resolution before the Township Committee approves them. Resolutions will be prepared for the August 16 meeting.

Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved sending the agreement to the NH-VHS Board of Ed for their August 15, 2023 meeting.

PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS

21:40

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

Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the August 2, 2023 bill list in the amount of \$44,589.06.

CORRESPONDENCE

23:45

County-Certified 2023 Tax Rate

Mr. Schmidt spoke to the audience regarding the county tax rate and the township tax rate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

29:30

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

Question was asked if there was going to be a Christmas tree to decorate by December 3 and what are resolutions and there was a compliment on the new Police sign.

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 7:14 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

40:20

Resolution No. 91-2023

Litigation – Township of Lebanon vs Yuhas
Personnel
Contract Negotiations

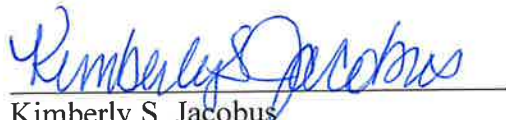
Motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Wunder and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee approved Resolution No. 91-2023 and convened in executive session at 7:40 p.m. Action may be taken.

Motion by Mr. Wunder, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Township Committee reconvened the public meeting at 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Committee a motion was made by Mr. Wunder seconded by Mr. Schmidt and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly S. Jacobus
Deputy Clerk



Beverly Koehler, Mayor