

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COMMITTEE MEETING
BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

March 21, 2024

5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Beverly Koehler called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and stated that in compliance with the “Open Public Meeting Act” this is a Budget Work Session Special Meeting of the Township Committee as published in the Hunterdon Review, the agenda has been posted at the Municipal Building and as a courtesy posted on the Township website.

FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

ROLL CALL

The following officials were present:

Mr. Abe Abuchowski
Mr. Jay Wojcik
Ms. Beverly Koehler
Mr. Brian Wunder
Mr. Tom McKee

Also present were:

Mr. Greg Della Pia, CFO
Ms.Carolynn Budd, Township Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items Only (limited to three minutes per speaker)

Ms. Koehler asked for a motion to open Public Comment.

Motion to Open:	Mr. Abuchowski
Second:	Mr. Wojcik
Ayes:	Mr. Abuchowski, Mr. Wojcik, Mr. Wunder, Mr. McKee, Ms. Koehler

Seeing and hearing no one wishing to speak, Ms. Koehler asked for a motion to close Public Comment for agenda items only.

Motion to Close:	Mr. Abuchowski
Second:	Mr. Wojcik
Ayes:	Mr. Abuchowski, Mr. Wojcik, Mr. Wunder, Mr. McKee, Ms. Koehler

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Preparation of the 2024 Budget. Mr. Greg Della Pia, CFO presented the updated 2024 Budget to the Township Committee. The update is comprised of items discussed during the March 14, 2024, Budget Meeting and other adjustments made by Mr. Della Pia. Mr. Della Pia advised the budget still exceeds the CAP. Mr. Della Pia and the Committee reviewed the budget and items that could be reduced or removed to bring the budget under the CAP. Mr. Della Pia advised he has spoken with the State and is seeking approval to remove the Police Department Contract increase from the budget. If the State approves this would bring the budget under the CAP. Mr. Della Pia will advise the Committee of the States response. Discussion of the budget to continue Thursday, March 28, 2024.

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ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to conduct, Ms. Koehler asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Wojcik
Second: Mr. Abuchowski
Ayes: Mr. Abuchowski, Mr. Wojcik, Mr. Wunder, Mr. McKee, Ms. Koehler

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carolynn Budd, RMC
Township Clerk

Beverly Koehler, Mayor

Date Approved