

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
COMMITTEE MEETING
BUDGET WORK SESSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 26, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jay Wojcik called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and stated that in compliance with the “Open Public Meeting Act” this is a Budget Work Session 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

Mr. Wojcik asked everyone to please stand for the Flag Salute and for a moment of silence for Police Officers.

ROLL CALL

The following officials were present:

Ms. Beverly Koehler – via phone
Mr. Jay Wojcik
Mr. Tom McKee
Mr. Rich Webb

Also present were:

Ms. Lorraine England, Township, CFO
Ms.Carolynn Budd, Township Clerk
7 Members of the Public

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

Mr. Wojcik asked for a motion to open Public Comment.

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

Seeing and hearing no one wishing to speak, Mr. Wojcik asked for a motion to close Public Comment.

Motion to Close: Mr. McKee

Second: Ms. Koehler
Ayes: Ms. Koehler, Mr. McKee, Mr. Webb, Mr. Wojcik

UNFINISHED NEW BUSINESS

Preparation of the 2026 Budget. Ms. Lorraine England, CFO, provided the Committee with updated copies of the proposed 2026 budget. Ms. England advised after reviewing our SLEO and SRO Shared Service Agreements, previously they were billed on a school year and not a calendar year which allowed adjustment to revenue, making funds available for previously cut funds from DPW, Police, and Building and Grounds. As the budget now stands it there will be a 2.2 cent estimated tax increase, which the committee was agreeable to. Ms. England advised that this budget puts the Township in a good position for a financially stable long-term plan.

Ms. Budd advised the 3/5 Budget Meeting would be cancelled and the budget would be introduced during the 3/11 Township Committee Meeting. Ms. England added the budget public hearing and adoption will be during the Township Committee Meeting on 4/8.

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

Public comment: No public comment

Seeing and hearing no one else wishing to speak, Mr. Wojcik asked for a motion to close Public Comment.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to conduct, Mr. Wojcik made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carolynn Budd, RMC
Township Clerk

Jay Wojcik
Mayor

Date Approved