

WEST LEBANON TOWNSHIP  
January 3, 2023

The regular meeting of the West Lebanon Township Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Harry Fox with the Pledge of Allegiance

The following were in attendance:

Commissioner Richard Pflueger  
Commissioner John Brenner  
Commissioner Michelle Testerman  
Commissioner Harry Fox  
Commissioner Phylis Dryden

Treasurer: Julie Clouse (absent)  
Secretary: Antoinette Issis (absent)  
Maintenance: John Brenner  
Township Engineer: Mr. Joshua Weaber  
Solicitor: Mr. Paul C. Bametzreider

Michelle Testerman made a motion, seconded by Phylis Dryden, and agreed by the Board to correct the minutes written on December 5, 2022, with the needed corrections of replacing Mr. Steckbeck with Bennett Holdings and changing with to without in the visitor's discussion.

**VISITORS' ADDRESS:** There were 8 visitors in attendance.

Jon Litz requested to address the Board regarding the noise pollution of people driving through the Township. He stated that the loud noises as well as the loud exhausts of vehicles passing through the Township is an invasion into his personal space. He is requesting to know if we have any recourse to address this issue.

Harry Fox stated that we are able to call the police.

Jon Litz stated that this is invading his home, and what can be done if the police are not near his home, what can be done to mitigate this?

Paul Bametzreider stated that he can look into the provisions of the current ordinance to review, however the problem is how to enforce a noise ordinance. It is also something that the police may not be set up to monitor.

Jon Litz stated that there is an ordinance.

John Brenner – Correct

Jon Litz stated that this should be the same as a noise ordinance or disturbing the peace. This is not only traveling through the Township but residences as well.

Paul stated that if someone can be identified, a call needs to be made to the Police or Township to report it with the names, location, times and issue.

Jon Litz stated that it is a violation of his personal space and that it is getting worse, and the township should be looking into having the Police Department spend more time in the Township to enforce this issue. He stated that he also has an issue with one of his neighbors parking in the yellow curb area on 23<sup>rd</sup> stated. This is ongoing and he has already reported it to the Township. He handed out pictures of the issue to each of the Board members.

John Brenner stated that a notice was already sent to this individual when it was reported last week.

Discussion was held on the best ways to deal with the noise and included having the Police Department spend more time in the Township. Chief Knight stated that he will pass the information onto the officers.

Solicitor Paul C. Bametzreider stated that the Courts have issued an order that Raponi needs to remediate the area before June 30, 2023, or he will be found in contempt of court. Josh Weaber will be doing the inspection. North Lebanon Township will be going after Mr. Raponi for lack of permits.

Michelle asked to know who is paying for this inspection.

Josh Weaber stated that he was going to request that the Township reimburses him as there has been no Raponi cost to date. He stated that he can get the exact total, but the amount is approximately \$5,000.00. He is requesting to know if he can put together information and have the Township pay \$1,000.00 for the inspection.

John Brenner stated that it should be in the court order who is responsible to pay for it.

Paul stated that he will have to review the order to confirm. He stated that he had tried to get counsel to agree, and it is not the Township's job to collect fees for Weaber.

John asked about the Township fees.

Paul said he would look into the order to see what it says about costs.

He also stated that the Bennett Holdings issues have been resolved.

At this time, Solicitor Paul C. Bametzreider left the meeting.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's report:** Copies of the report were given to the Board members and available to the visitors in attendance.

Lebanon County Treasurer Real Estate Taxes collected are \$71.19 from 12/8/22 to 12/21/22  
Municipal (\$71.19), Street Light Taxes (\$0.00).

Total monies in all West Lebanon Township accounts as of December 31, 2022 are \$1,733,180.48.

John Brenner made a motion, seconded by Michelle Testerman and agreed by the Board to accept the Treasurer's report.

**POLICE:** Chief Knight was in attendance and gave the report for the month of December 2022 as follows:

<b>Total Calls for the month</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Traffic Arrests</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Parking Tickets</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Faulty Equipment Cards</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Non-Reportable Incidents</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Reportable Incidents</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>UCR Crimes</b>	<b>10</b>

Chief Knight stated that at the conclusion of the meeting, he will drive over to 23<sup>rd</sup> stated and check on the parking issues which was brought up by Mr. Litz.

#### **SPEEDWELL FIRE COMPANY:**

Michelle Testerman gave the following report for December 2022 stating that everyone has the year end papers to review.

**HIGHWAY:** Phylis Dryden stated nothing to report.

**WATER:** Richard Pflueger stated the daily average for the month was 30,871 gallons per day (GPD). The water tank is full. The total City of Lebanon Authority (COLA) water was zero (0). All but 8 meters have been changed. Letters were sent out for compliance for the meters that were not completed.

**SEWER:** Harry Fox stated nothing to report.

**STORM SEWER/MS-4:** Harry Fox stated nothing to report. Josh will present at the next meeting.

Josh Weaber stated he received an email from Bob Sentz, at the City of Lebanon Authority, for a meeting invite Project#W-2-23 at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and wanted to know if he needed to attend.

John Brenner stated that it was a Penn dot road and West Lebanon has no utilities there so there is no need to attend the meeting.

Josh also took this time to let the Board know that beginning 2023 Chrisland Engineers had merged with Matthew and Hockley. They will be keeping the Matthew and Hockley name and will be working as one company.

**TOWNSHIP BUILDINGS:** Michelle Testerman stated nothing to report.

**RECREATION:** Michelle Testerman stated nothing to report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY/CODE ENFORCEMENT/SANITATION:** John Brenner stated nothing to report.

**GREEN WASTE/RECYCLING:** John Brenner stated that we are still picking up green waste as needed. John Brenner stated last leaf pickup was 12/2/22 but will still be monitoring.

**Zoning:**

**Purchase Certificates issued as follows:**

No. 28-2022 issued to LSG Settlement for the property located at 2015 Church Street Lebanon, PA. Seller's Name: Henry DelVillar De La Cruz. Purchaser's Name: Alejandro Reyes & Tersea Sanchez De Sena.

No. 30-2022 issued to Cedar Abstract Company for the property located at 343 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street Lebanon, PA. Seller's Name: Harold Dice. Purchaser's Name: Wilmer and Rosene Martin.

**Zoning Permits issued as Follows:**

Z-26-2022 issued to Zimtech Exteriors, Titus Zimmerman, for 2429 Guilford Street for porch over roof.

Z-28-2022 issued to Trinity Solar for 2429 Guilford Street for Solar Panel Installation.

**Building permits issued as Follows:**

B-24-2022 issued to Zimtech Exteriors, Titus Zimmerman, for 2429 Guilford Street for porch over roof.

B-25-2022 issued to Trinity Solar for 2429 Guilford Street for Solar Panel Installation.

**FINANCE:** Phylis Dryden made a motion, seconded by John Brenner and agreed by the Board to pay all the bills as submitted.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Michelle Testerman made a motion, seconded by Phylis Dryden and agreed by the Board to adopt Resolution 2023-1 for permits and other charges for 2023.

Michelle Testerman made a motion, seconded by Phylis Dryden and agreed by the Board to adopt Resolution 2023-2 adopting the agreement between North Lebanon Township and West Lebanon Township for Code Enforcement Services.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Received checks as follows:**

Virginia Heise- \$5.00 cat license.

Ed Flick- \$30.00 for Demolition of shed at 520 N. 24th Street.

Cedar Abstract- \$50.00 for Settlement at 343 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street.

Cedar Abstract- \$50.00 for Settlement at 2426 Mifflin Street.

LSG Settlement- \$50.00 for Settlement at 2015 Church Street.

Bradley Menezel- \$114.17 for payment for meter pit into water fund.

Ricart- \$50.00 for rental license.

Paycom Payroll- \$52.00 for Jack Williams Tire Company 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2021 LST (Check reissued).

Lebanon County Recorder of Deeds- \$1,470.00 for local realty transfer tax distribution for the period November 1, 2022, to November 30, 2022.

Fulton Financial Advisors- \$783.85 for Lebanon County Intermunicipal Agreement for Grumbine Plan.

David Joel Aviles Cabasquini- \$56.30 for building permit B-23-2022.

Zimtech Exteriors LLC, Titus Zimmerman- \$308.68 for building permit B-24-2022 (\$109.34) and Zoning Permit Z-26-2022 (\$199.34).

Trinity Solar- \$998.24 for Administrative Fee (\$30.00), Zoning Permit Z-28-2022 (\$234.12), and Building Permit B-25-2022 (\$734.12) for 2429 Guilford Street for Solar Panel Installation.

Engie Resources LLC- \$15.67 for invoice 62041.

Engie Resources LLC- \$15.67 for invoice 62042.

Engie Resources LLC- \$0.70 for invoice 62043.

Penny Mac Loan Services LLC- \$418.00 for 1937 W Cumberland Street Public safety complaint reinspection on 8/3/22 (\$75.00), Public safety complaint reinspection on 8/18/22 (\$75.00), uncondemnation fee (\$200.00), and late fee on 9/30/22 (\$38.00).

North Lebanon Township- \$654.76 for DJ52-3-03NOV (\$537.76) and Public Safety 110222 (\$117.00)

Menzel- \$1,712.49 for payment plan for water.

**DJ-52-3-03: \$1,286.97 for December 2022.** Local Ordinance (\$1,286.97), Title 18- Payable to Municipality (\$0.00).

**Received letters as follows:**

JBT- standby letter of credit for emergencies only.

Lowes- informing of credit card increase.

Paul Bametzreider- court order against Cory and Amanda Raponi for 2441 Union Canal Drive agreeing that work will be done prior to June 30, 2023.

Paul Bametzreider- forwarded letter from Jonathon Andrews, McNees Law Firm, regarding West Lebanon Township Bennett Hyundai Renovation Project Zoning and Building Fees.

Keystone Collections- November 2022 Earned Income Report.

Bob Sentz, City of Lebanon Authority- informing Barrasso Excavation the City of Lebanon Authority Board of Directors approved the project award for the construction of water mains along 16<sup>th</sup> Street from Cumberland Street to Lehman Street in the City of Lebanon and West Lebanon Township.

Lebanon County Commissioners- informing of increase of public safety charges from \$0.70 to \$1.20 per capita.

The next meeting of the West Lebanon Township Board of Commissioners is Monday February 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Lebanon Township Building, 322 North 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Michelle Testerman made a motion, seconded by Phylis Dryen and agreed by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Issis, Secretary