

**North Cornwall Township
Mid-Month Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2024**

Call to Order:

The June 18, 2024, meeting of the North Cornwall Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Mr. Wahmann at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

In attendance were Supervisors Michael Wahmann, Chairman, William Yeagley, Vice-Chairman, Ronald Sell, Treasurer, Justin Thompson, Township Manager, Steve Sherk of Steckbeck Engineering and Surveying, Inc., Amy Leonard of Henry and Beaver Law Offices, and Sgt. Paul Savini of North Cornwall Township Police Department.

Others in attendance are listed on the attached sign-in sheet.

Public Hearing: Ordinance #335 – Intermunicipal Charter Agreement, Regional Police Department

Supervisor's Opening Statement – Mr. Wahmann stated that this agreement is a pre-requisite to forming the Lebanon County Regional Police Commission. North Cornwall Township and North Lebanon Township have been meeting for over a year. There have been at least eight (8) public meetings held in both Townships. Mr. Wahmann feels that this is the correct way to handle policing for the future. Combining the two (2) departments means that there will be a total of 24 Officers. Some benefits of combining the two departments include 1. Five Officers on the street at any given time, 2. Investigative capabilities which we do not have right now, 3. Opportunity for promotion, 4. Faster response time, and 5. Safety for the community and the officers themselves.

Mr. Sell and Mr. Yeagley had no additional comments.

Solicitors Comment – Mr. Wahmann introduced Michael Miller, who is a labor attorney with Eckert Seamans, and has been and over-seeing the writing of the Charter. Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Thompson and Ms. Leonard for their assistance. The Public Hearing was duly advertised in the Lebanon Daily News on June 7, 2024.

Public Comment – Mr. Stickler of W. Oak Street stated that North Cornwall Township has the highest growth rate in Lebanon County. Will the agreement be structured to handle the growth over time. Mr. Wahmann stated that North Cornwall currently has eleven officers while North Lebanon has twelve making 23 and are adding a 24th. That is within the first year. If we need to add an additional officer, we can do so. It has been difficult to recruit officers which is another reason for regionalization.

Adjournment – Mr. Wahmann made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:12pm. Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Call to Order: Mid-month Board of Supervisor's Meeting:

Discussion/Action – Ordinance #335 – Intermunicipal Charter Agreement, Regional Police Department. Mr. Sell made a motion to approve Ordinance #335 – Intermunicipal Charter Agreement, Regional Police Department. Mr. Yeagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Executive Session:

An Executive Session was held June 7, 2024, to discuss Contract/Legal Matters. No decisions were made, and no action was taken.

Public Comment: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Department / Emergency Services:

Discussion – Neversink Fire Company Monthly Reports. Chief Shank summarized the reports for May including the Chief Engineer's Report.

Discussion - Ms. Scheib reported on the financials for the month of May.

Discussion – Mr. Wahmann asked Chief Shank about the planning of the controlled burn. Chief Shank stated that the controlled burn is scheduled for this Saturday, June 22 between 8am and 4pm. Notifications have been made, and coverage has been arranged. Cornwall Road will be closed from Isabel to Springwood. There are two (2) additional burns scheduled for the fall that will be open to additional fire companies.

Police Department:

Discussion – Sgt. Savini presented the report on department activities for the month of May.

Mr. Stickler asked Sgt. Savini for the opinions of the Police Officers on the Regionalization. Sgt. Savini stated that the responses from the officers are positive. Mr. Wahmann discussed the positive responses regarding the regionalization of Palmyra and Annville Police Departments after only seven (7) days of operation.

Discussion/Action – Approval to Hire Patrolman Applicants. Sgt. Savini stated that they did background checks on two potential hires, Joseph Bernardo and Joshua Behney. They are looking for approval to hire and send both candidates through the Academy. Mr. Wahmann and Sgt. Savini explained that prior to being accepted into the Police Academy, each candidate must pass a psychological test and physical examination in addition to the physical fitness test. Mr. Wahmann made a motion to approve the hiring of Joseph Bernardo and Joshua Behney conditionally upon passing all the pre-requisite testing required to be accepted to the Police Academy. Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Ms. Bixler of LebTown asked if the Police Dept. receives any State grant money to send candidates to the Police Academy? Sgt. Savini stated that there is State money available to send candidates to the academy and toward the cost of the salary once the candidate has graduated. Mr. Wahmann stated that The James Biever Police Community Alliance covers 25% of the cost of the Academy.

Discussion/Action – Intermunicipal Charter Agreement. Mr. Yeagley thanked Mr. Wahmann, Mr. Sell, and Mr. Thompson for all the effort they put in to get to this point in the Regionalization. Mr. Wahmann thanked Mr. Long (NCT) and Mr. Miller (Eckert Seamans) for his input and guidance.

Mr. Wahmann made a motion to approve the Intermunicipal Charter Agreement between North Cornwall Township Police Department and North Lebanon Township Police Department. Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Zoning/Code/Planning Commission Report:

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2024, at 7:00pm.

PLANNING – ENGINEERING

Plan Briefing/ Presentation Request(s):

Discussion/Action – 2075 Quentin Road, 72 Storage LLC, Land Development Plan. Josh Weaber of Chrisland Engineering presented the LDP for 2075 Quentin Road, 72 Storage LLC. Several waivers are being requested.

1. SALDO Section 502.12.5 Sidewalk Deferment. Mr. Wahmann made a motion to approve the waiver for SALDO Section 502.12.5 Sidewalk Deferment. Mr. Yeagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
2. SALDO Section 305 Preliminary Plan Application. Mr. Yeagley made a motion to approve the waiver for SALDO Section 305 Preliminary Plan. Mr. Wahmann seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
3. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE Section 301.J PennDOT ROW Isolation Distance. Mr. Sell made a motion to approve the waiver for STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE Section 301.J PennDOT ROW Isolation Distance. Mr. Yeagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
4. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE Section 303 and 304. Mr. Wahmann made a motion to approve the waiver for STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE Section 303 and 304 modifications, and to allow for the use of the Managed Release Concept Facility. Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
5. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE Section 308.D Basin Fence. Mr. Yeagley made a motion to approve the waiver for STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE Section 308.D Basin Fence. Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mr. Weaber stated that he will be back with the Financial Security at the July 16, 2024, meeting.

Discussion/Action – 2231 Walnut Street, Verizon Cell Tower, Storm Water Management Plan. Mr. Sherk stated that this is the lot at Gloninger Woods Park. Verizon has submitted a Storm Water Management Plan. All the documents are in place therefore Mr. Sherk is recommending the Township approve the Storm Water Management Plan.

Mr. Sell made a motion to approve the Storm Water Management Plan for 2231 Walnut Street, Verizon Cell Tower. Mr. Yeagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mr. Wahmann made a motion to approve the Storm Water O& M Agreement. Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mr. Wahmann made a motion to approve the Improvements Guarantee Agreement. Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mr. Wahmann made a motion to approve the Financial Security and Construction Bond. Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mr. Wahmann made a motion to approve the Power Structure Equipment Removal Bond. Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Township Engineer Report:

Discussion/Action – Fox Bend Development, Bond Reduction Request #1 – Site Work. Mr. Sherk stated that Landmark Homes is requesting a reduction in Bond #800162290 in the amount of \$1,183,382.75 leaving a balance of \$267,627.25. Steckbeck Engineering is recommending approval of this reduction. Mr. Sell made a motion to approve the reduction of Bond #800162290 in the amount of \$1,183,382.75. Mr. Yeagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Discussion/Action – Fox Bend Development, LOC Reduction Request #1 – Sanitary Sewer. Mr. Wahmann made a motion to approve the Line of Credit reduction in the amount of \$179,926.84. Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Discussion/Action – 2040 Quentin Road, LOC Reduction Request #2. Mr. Wahmann made a motion to approve the Line of Credit reduction in the amount of \$285,682.00. Mr. Yeagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS

Parks & Recreation: None

Buildings/Highway/Recycling: None

Sanitary Sewer/MS4 Stormwater:

Discussion - Mr. Thompson stated that the meeting packet for the Lebanon County Stormwater Consortium is provided for review.

ADMINISTRATION:

Approval of Minutes:

Discussion/Action – June 4, 2024, Meeting Minutes. Mr. Sell made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2024, meeting as written. Mr. Yeagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Manager's Report:

Administrative Office - Misc. Activities & Correspondence: None

BUSINESS/REPORTS

New Business:

Discussion/Action – Statewide Zoning Mandates – HB1976 and HB2045, Letter of Opposition. Mr. Wahmann, Mr. Sell and Mr. Yeagley are all in favor of sending a letter from the Township to The Honorable John Schlegel opposing the Statewide Zoning Mandates HB1976 and HB2045.

Old Business: None

Solicitor's Report: None

Supervisor's Report: None

Additional Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

Mr. Sell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56pm. Mr. Yeagley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin M. Thompson
Township Manager

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