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The North Annville Township Board of Supervisors met at the Water Works Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. on May 9, 2022 for the purpose of a regular monthly meeting. All members were present. Also present was: see attached attendance sheet in minute book.

Randy Leisure, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He proceeded to state that the supervisors will convene an Executive Session, immediately following the conclusion of the regular meeting, to discuss litigation. Clyde Meyer, Vice-Chairman, made a motion to approve the April 11, 2022 meeting minutes as presented in printed form. Randy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried. Randy then made a motion to adopt the April 11 Treasurer's Report as presented in printed form. Clyde 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried. Adam Wolfe, Secretary-Treasurer, read all the bills for the month. Adam made a motion to pay all bills as read. Clyde 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried.

Next, Paul Bametzreider, Township Solicitor, stated that Lebanon Solar I, LLC has filed a Land Use Appeal in the Lebanon County Court of Common Pleas. Paul also stated that he has completed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision in draft form. He will have the final draft ready for signing and distribution in the near future, ahead of the May 20 deadline.

No business or discussion was presented for the Planning Commission report.

For the next item of business, Randy stated that both the Planning Commission and the Lebanon County Planning Department have reviewed the Meyer Farms Land Development Plans and recommended approval by the supervisors. The property is located on the west side of Thompson Avenue, just south of the intersection with Water Works Way. The plan proposes the construction of three (3) 63' x 500' poultry barns, a manure storage building, stormwater management structures and a well. Randy made a motion to approve the Meyer Farms Land Development Plans. Adam 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried. Clyde abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

For the police report, Chief Farneski stated that Lebanon County intends to lease land from the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority for the purpose of constructing and operating a police-only shooting range adjacent to the Lebanon County Police Combat Pistol Club. The Chief went on to say that he is currently seeing a large number of scams taking place, with one resident having lost \$4,000 to a gift card scam. He continued by stating that scammers are becoming increasingly creative, such as by fishing mail out of the mailbox in front of a post office and rewriting checks. The Cleona Police Department responded to 67 calls in North Annville during the month of April and will be providing coverage for the Bellegrove Fire Co. Carnivals to be held on June 4 & 11. Chanda Tshudy stated that she received a call from someone who spoofed the phone number of her drugstore and asked for her son's birth date. The Chief stated that three or four North Annville residents lost money that they could not afford to scams and money cannot be recovered from gift card scams.

Next on the agenda, Cleona Mayor Larry Minnich discussed the proposed regional police study for which Annville Township is seeking participants. He stated that North Annville Township would lose control over police coverage and costs by participating in a regional police department. A past regional police study consisting of the Boroughs of Cleona and Palmyra and the Township of Annville determined that regional department startup costs would be astronomical and that a merger of those three police departments did not make sense. The study raised questions such as where the police station would be located and how many officers would



be needed, with the cost ultimately being prohibitive. The Mayor continued by stating that municipalities tend to lose police control after regionalization, where a municipality who is purchasing contracted police services can more easily choose to stop or continue the police services and submit complaints than in a regional police situation. Randy stated that the supervisors appreciated the Mayor's input and continued by stating that North Annville is generally happy with the contracted police services provided by Cleona Borough. As such, and given the fact that North Annville has no police force for which to contribute statistics to a regional police study, it is the intention of the North Annville supervisors to continue purchasing contracted police services and not participate in a regional police study. A large number of North Annville residents have also expressed their satisfaction with the police services that North Annville receives from Cleona Borough. Brian Tshudy stated that a "free" study is not truly free, as the cost must be borne at some level of government. The Mayor concluded by stating that North Annville currently pays less than the cost of one full-time officer for the coverage provided by Cleona Borough and also receives fine revenues.

For the road report, Randy read an email stating that Lobar Associates will close Syner Rd. in the area of Laurel Grove Rd. on May 24 for a bridge replacement project. Drivers should follow the posted detour route(s).

Randy went on to state that Adam has reviewed the amount of money spent on winter road maintenance and determined that there is sufficient funds remaining to cover the purchase of a radar speed sign; however, the supervisors must determine who will maintain the sign and obtain additional quotes before proceeding further.

For the Emergency Services Advisory Committee Report, Brion Smoker, Chairman, read a letter stating that the Committee supports the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding being used for fire service expenses. The Committee also suggests the instatement of a fire tax to provide a long-term recurring stream of financial support for the fire service in North Annville, to be funded by a property and/or earned income tax to be determined by the supervisors. Randy stated that the supervisors have had discussions with state legislators pertaining to raising the cap on the percentage of the earned income tax levy. Randy continued by stating that the consensus of the supervisors is indeed to use the ARP funding for the purchase of fire equipment. Tammy Blauch questioned the time frame for spending the ARP funds, to which Randy replied that the funds must be spent by the end of 2024, with the time frame potentially being longer provided that the funds are allocated. Ruth Rittel questioned the reason for discussing the ARP funds and a fire tax, to which Randy replied that the ARP funds are a one-time, non-recurring source of revenue, whereas the cost of replacing the aging fire equipment in North Annville will require a recurring source of revenue. Ammon Johnson, Union Water Works Fire Co. Chief, stated that the cost of a new pumper truck is currently \$687,000. Randy stated that he would like to see a fire tax in North Annville funded by a personal property tax or a raising of the cap on the percentage of the earned income tax levy and encouraged residents to contact their state legislators. Randy concluded by stating that the supervisors will use the ARP funds for the purchase of fire equipment and look into long-term funding options.

For the fire company report, Randy thanked the Emergency Services Advisory Committee for the work they do and the recommendations they submit.

For the Zoning Hearing Board report, a hearing for Pennsy Supply's Petition for

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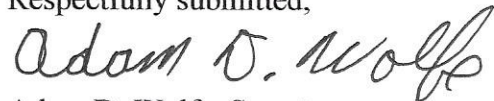
Variance, which involves renting out Pennsy's mansion for a commercial operation, will be held on May 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Water Works Social Hall.

Next, Randy discussed 911 Rapid Response's proposal for installing strobe lighting on the mower tractor and made a motion to approval the proposal, in the amount of \$1,476.60. Adam 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried.

For public comment, Eric Brummer questioned how a target range can be permitted in an area where the zoning regulations state that rod & gun clubs are allowed, to which Paul replied that it depends on the zoning officer's interpretation of whether or not a target range can be included. Randy stated that we don't currently know the details of exactly where the new shooting range will be located, and as such there is not much that can be done at this point in time. Sue Forney questioned whether or not Paul could give a synopsis of Lebanon Solar's Land Use Appeal. Paul stated that the Court proceedings will not involve a jury and it would be rare to have new testimony since testimony has already been generated in front of the supervisors. Briefs will take place at the Lebanon County Court of Common Pleas then could proceed to the Commonwealth Court followed by the PA Supreme Court. There is no real time frame for a hearing, with arguments taking place in front of the Judge after the briefing is scheduled. Brian Tshudy questioned whether or not the case is strictly between North Annville Township and Lebanon Solar, to which Paul replied that Brian is a party. Sue questioned whether or not she has to be an intervenor, to which Paul replied that at this point he does not think she has to file to intervene. Joan Sallada asked for information pertaining to the proposed roundabout to be located at the intersection of North State Route 934 & Clear Spring Rd., to which Randy replied that at this point the supervisors only know what is in the newspaper and that the final design and time frame will be determined by PennDOT. Joan then questioned whether or not North Annville will receive notifications, to which Randy replied that we should receive plans to comment on. Paul stated that the project will likely involve land acquisition and eminent domain.

There being no further business, Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Clyde 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried and the supervisors convened an Executive Session to discuss litigation.

Respectfully submitted,



Adam D. Wolfe, Secretary



Treasurer's Report:

Balance in State Fund April 11, 2022		\$625,770.50
Receipts: Fulton Bank (FB) MMA Interest	\$12.19	
FB GIC Interest	1.00	
PLGIT Interest	0.34	
PLGIT Reserve Interest	<u>1.26</u>	<u>\$14.79</u>
Balance after receipts:		\$625,785.29
Disbursements: none		
Balance in State Fund May 9, 2022		\$625,785.29

Balance in General Fund April 11, 2022		\$742,019.81
Receipts: District Court	\$44.96	
Comcast Cable	8,064.84	
Recorder of Deeds	1,857.10	
Cleona Borough	301.44	
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	30,000.00	
Lexis Nexis	15.00	
FB MMA Interest	16.66	
FB GIC Interest	0.51	
PLGIT Interest	1.77	
PLGIT Reserve Interest	0.31	
Keystone Municipal Collections	<u>45,316.70</u>	<u>\$85,619.29</u>
Balance after receipts:		\$827,639.10

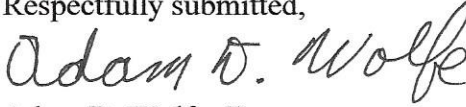
Disbursements:

CK#: 5861	Miller & Bixler Auto Parts	\$74.97
5862	MediaOnePA	773.76
5863	Leffler Energy	220.70
5864	State Workers Insurance Fund	618.00
5865	Penn State Health	3,875.00
5866	PA American Water	39.38
5867	South Annville Township	548.18
5868	Starnier Excavating	1,210.00
5869	Bowman's Insurance Agency	16,161.00
5870	Borough of Cleona	6,245.39
5871	Union Water Works Auxiliary	105.00
5872	Bellegrave Fire Company	30,000.00
5873	Lebanon Co. Conservation Dist.	1,039.00
5874	Randall Leisure	43.93
5875	Clyde Meyer	43.93
5876	Adam Wolfe	1,265.01
EFT	Met-Ed	46.47
EFT	Comcast Cable	132.62

EFT IRS	<u>452.75</u>	<u>\$62,895.09</u>
Balance in General Fund May 9, 2022		\$764,744.01
Balance in Public Sewer Fund April 11, 2022		\$15,253.62
Receipts: H. R. Weaver Family Realty	<u>\$5,204.88</u>	<u>\$5,204.88</u>
Balance after receipts:		\$20,458.50
Disbursements:		
CK#: 179 Annville Township Authority	<u>\$1,388.97</u>	<u>\$1,388.97</u>
Balance in Public Sewer Fund May 9, 2022		\$19,069.53

Summary:

State Fund	\$625,785.29
General Fund	764,744.01
Escrow Acct.	3,402.65
Public Sewer Fund	<u>19,069.53</u>
Total all Funds:	\$1,413,001.48

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Adam D. Wolfe, Treasurer