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The North Annville Township Board of Supervisors met at the Water Works Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. on October 9, 2023 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. Randy made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to include an Annville Free Library Presentation to occur after the Police Report. Clyde Meyer, Vice Chairman, 2nd the motion, motion carried. Clyde then made a motion to approve the September 11, 2023 meeting minutes as presented in printed form. Randy 2nd the motion, motion carried. Randy then made a motion to adopt the September 11 Treasurer's Report as presented in printed form. Clyde 2nd 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 2nd the motion, motion carried.

For the Police Report, Cleona Borough Police Chief Farneski stated the following: The Cleona Police Dept. responded to 45 calls in North Annville Township during the month of September and has seen an uptick in domestic violence calls. The Cleona Police Dept. hired an additional officer, who will start work by the end of the month. There has been an increase in scams, particularly with scams involving Publishers Clearing House. There is an old medication dropbox located at the Cleona Borough Municipal Building. Lebanon County Trick-or-Treat Night will be held on Tuesday, October 31st. In response to a question from Ron Weber, the Chief stated that the old medication dropbox is available during business hours and the clerk must provide access to it. In response to a question from a Clear Spring Road resident, the Chief stated that the radar speed sign can be placed on Clear Spring Road, provided that sufficient line of sight can be obtained. In response to a question from Chanda Tshudy, the Chief stated that the radar speed sign's red and blue lights flash at a setting that is programmed by the user of the sign.

For the Annville Free Library Presentation, Carolyn Scott stated that the new space in the first phase of renovation is now open and includes a new community room. The Library's website includes instructions on how to use the community room, which is being used on a daily basis. The former meeting room is now being used for children's activities. The existing addition was funded by donations from local businesses and community members. The Library is now working on applying for a local share assessment gaming grant to fund additional improvements. The public is invited to attend an open house, to be held on November 11th from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Frank Yeager stated that the budget is 97% complete; however, they are experiencing difficulty with the last 3%. Frank continued by stating that the Library is asking the Township for a \$750 increase in the amount of the 2024 annual donation and concluded by stating that the Library appreciates all of the support it receives.

For an update on the status of the Clear Spring Road Traffic Study, Randy stated that a draft of the Study has been received and reviewed. Questions and comments are currently being submitted to ELA Group, who will need to make revisions and issue a revised version of the Study. It is the hope of the supervisors that the revisions to the Study are complete in time for discussion of the Study to take place at the November monthly meeting. Brian Keck questioned the posting of the Study to the website, to which Adam replied that the Study will be posted to the website as soon as it is complete.

For the Planning Commission Report, Brian Keck, Secretary, stated that he has not yet reviewed the draft of the Firing Range Ordinance which Paul Bametzreider, Township Solicitor,

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sent out earlier today.

For the Emergency Services Advisory Committee (Committee) Report, Brion Smoker stated that the Committee has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which will lay the initial framework for the merger of the Bellegrove and Union Water Works Fire Companies. Brion thanked Paul for his assistance in drafting the MOU and continued by stating that merger committee meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month. It is expected to take six months to update governing documents. Randy thanked the Committee members for all of the hard work that has been put forth thus far.

Next on the agenda, Paul stated that the levy of a fire tax on real estate can be implemented by resolution or by ordinance. While public notice must be given, a levy of up to three mills can be implemented without a voter referendum. Ron Weber questioned whether or not there will be an updated fire company capital plan prior to the establishment of a fire tax millage, to which Randy replied that is the intention. Brian Tshudy asked if an updated capital plan would be made available on the website, to which Adam replied "yes." Chanda Tshudy questioned how a fire company merger will save money without seeing all the numbers. Brion Smoker replied by stating that the questions being asked are good questions; however, they are premature and the fire companies will be transparent. Chanda stated that she hasn't seen a full disclosure of budgets, to which Keith Blauch replied that fire company financial information is provided to the Township at the end of the year. Chanda then questioned where the financial savings will take place, to which Randy replied that the merger needs to take place first. Aaron Miller stated that financial information will be needed in order to establish the millage rate, to which Randy replied that we are working on it and that there will be savings down the road. Brandon Bohr questioned the scenario of reduced volunteer numbers with millions of dollars worth of fire equipment being housed in the fire station and continued by stating that the maximum three mill fire tax levy will be implemented, to which Randy replied that the millage rate will not be three mills. Randy continued by stating that finding the best methods to recruit and retain volunteers will be crucial to the future of the fire service. Brandon stated that South Annville Township has no fire companies and they are more industrially developed than North Annville Township with all of their warehouses and Weber's sawmill. Aaron Miller stated that we need to have a fire service, to which Brandon replied that volunteers cannot be hired. Randy stated that there are multiple options on how to move forward with consolidation; however, the merger of the Bellegrove and Union Water Works Fire Companies seemed to be the most acceptable option to everyone involved. Keith Blauch stated that contracting out for fire service would cost a lot of money and Mark Sallada stated that the annual cost of one full-time firefighter is \$130,000.00.

For the Fire Company Report, Keith Blauch stated that the Bellegrove Fire Company is holding a block shoot on Friday and an open house event on Halloween night.

For the Road Report, Randy stated that line painting is complete. After discussion, the annual road inspection was scheduled for November 4th at 8:00 a.m.

No business was presented or discussed for the Zoning Hearing Board Report.

Next, Randy stated that a public information session, pertaining to the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Clear Spring Road & North State Route 934, will be held on Wednesday November 1st from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the engine bay at the Union Water Works

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Fire Hall. There will be three stations, which will be manned by representatives of DHL, Lebanon Co. Planning Dept. and engineering firms involved with the project. The meeting information has already been posted to the Township's website and will also be advertised in the Lebanon Daily News and on LebTown. Randy continued by stating that he anticipates holding good discussion on the proposed roundabout at the November monthly meeting. Brian Keck questioned the need for supervisor approval of the roundabout, to which Paul stated that the Township could deny approval of the Highway Occupancy Permit, provided that there is a solid engineering-based reason to do so.

For the next item of business, Randy stated that a problem with the Township's website hosting service has led to the need for a new website address, which is listed at the bottom of the meeting agenda. In response to questions regarding the possibility of still using the old website address, Adam stated that a Comcast networking issue led to the failure of the old website address and it no longer works. The new website address may have to be typed into the address bar until the new address begins to appear on search engines.

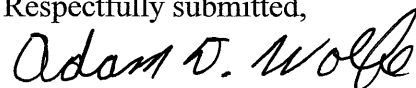
Next, Randy stated that the first reading of the 2024 budget will take place at the November monthly meeting.

For the next item of business, Randy stated that Lebanon County elected officials will hold a drive-thru Veteran Appreciation Event on November 11th at the Lebanon Expo Center. Information flyers are available on the sign-in table and the information is also posted on the Township's website.

For public comment, Brian Keck questioned the status of the snow emergency route signs for Clear Spring Rd., to which Adam replied that they should be up within four to six weeks. Wayne Kauffman stated that he was under the impression that gun range nighttime shooting was supposed to cease, to which Randy replied that nighttime training can still take place. Wayne then questioned the number of signatures required to stop nighttime shooting, to which Paul replied that shooting cannot be stopped with a noise ordinance because gunfire is protected by the Second Amendment. Wayne stated that after speaking with Senator Gebhard and the County Commissioners, he has come to the conclusion that the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority can do anything they desire within reason. Wayne continued by stating that GLRA funds should be used for waste disposal-related purposes instead of pet projects. Paul stated that the GLRA is an Authority with a Board which is independent of the County Commissioners and the Board is in control of GLRA operations. Randy stated that state law dictates that townships cannot regulate noise from shooting ranges. Paul stated that one approach would be to ask both the GLRA Board and the County Commissioners to be good neighbors.

There being no further business, Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Clyde 2nd the motion, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Adam D. Wolfe, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report:

Balance in State Fund September 11, 2023		\$620,984.24
Receipts: Fulton Bank (FB) GIC Interest	\$33.99	
PLGIT Interest	14.97	
PLGIT Reserve Interest	<u>2,389.32</u>	<u>\$2,438.28</u>
Balance after receipts:		\$623,422.52
Disbursements: none		
Balance in State Fund October 9, 2023		\$623,422.52

Balance in General Fund September 11, 2023		\$1,080,081.28
Receipts: Cleona Borough	\$234.82	
Lebanon Co. Probation Service	1.54	
Commonwealth of PA Fire Relief	17,885.34	
Public Utility Realty Tax Act	335.47	
FB GIC Interest	128.63	
PLGIT Interest	192.84	
PLGIT Reserve Interest	3,760.85	
Keystone Municipal Collections	<u>15,997.31</u>	<u>\$38,536.80</u>
Balance after receipts:		\$1,118,618.08

Disbursements:

CK#: 6173	Leffler Energy	\$401.71
6174	State Workers Insurance Fund	631.00
6175	Pennsylvania American Water	40.60
6176	Paul DeShong	140.00
6177	Annville Fire Relief Assoc.	17,885.34
6178	Union Water Works Auxiliary	160.00
6179	Henry & Beaver	340.00
6180	Penn State Health	3,875.00
6181	Jeanette Kettering	7,000.00
6182	Barley Snyder LLP	1,406.00
6183	Borough of Cleona	7,000.00
6184	Greater Lebanon Refuse Auth.	1,000.00
6185	Alpha Space Control Co, Inc.	16,074.04
6186	DeAngelo Contracting Service	2,200.00
6187	Flagger Force, LLC	578.60
6188	ELA Group, Inc.	4,944.10
6189	Randall Leisure	43.93
6190	Clyde Meyer	43.93
6191	Adam Wolfe	1,317.74
EFT	Comcast Cable	137.87
EFT	Met-Ed	68.09
EFT	PA Department of Revenue	208.27
EFT	PA U.C. Fund	125.96

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EFT IRS	<u>461.93</u>	<u>\$66,084.11</u>
Balance in General Fund October 9, 2023		\$1,052,533.97

Balance in Public Sewer Fund September 11, 2023 \$34,300.03

Receipts: none

Disbursements:

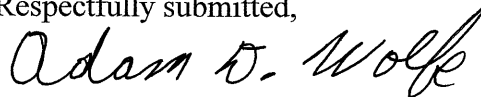
CK#: 196 Annville Township Authority	<u>\$5,440.20</u>	<u>\$5,440.20</u>
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Balance in Public Sewer Fund October 9, 2023		\$28,859.83
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Summary:

State Fund	\$623,422.52
General Fund	1,052,533.97
Escrow Acct.	3,444.14
Public Sewer Fund	<u>28,859.83</u>
Total all Funds:	\$1,708,260.46

Respectfully submitted,



Adam D. Wolfe, Treasurer