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The North Annville Township Board of Supervisors met at the Water Works Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. on April 8, 2024 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. Clyde Meyer, Vice-Chairman, made a motion to approve the March 11, 2024 meeting minutes as presented in printed form. Randy 2nd the motion, motion carried. Randy then made a motion to adopt the March 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 Jeffrey Farneski stated that the Cleona Borough Police Dept. (Dept.) responded to 56 calls in North Annville during the month of March. The Dept. recently utilized grant funding to perform aggressive driving enforcement, resulting in the issuance of 24 tickets over the course of two days. Route 72 at Frog's Hollow is scheduled to close on Mon. April 15th, which is expected to result in additional traffic counts on Hill Church Rd. & Route 934. It is expected that Route 72 will remain closed until November 2024. The Chief continued by stating that the Dept. is in the process of hiring an additional part-time officer. As a result of a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Hill Church Rd. & North Weaver St., the Chief requested a review of the signage on the approaches to the intersection. Ammon Johnson suggested contacting PennDOT, since Hill Church Rd. is owned and maintained by the state. The Chief concluded his report by reminding residents to be on heightened alert for scams, especially one involving H&R Block.

For the renewal of the Township's insurance policies, Tyler Reitz of Bowman's Insurance Group stated that overall we are looking at a standard renewal. Property premium is up 9%, while contents are up 5%, general liability is up 14%, township worker's compensation is down 6% and volunteer firefighter's worker's compensation is up 8% as the experience mod went from 1 to 1.25 based on claims submitted in the previous three year period. Overall, premiums are up by 7.3%, with no losses for the previous year. A claim involving a fire truck collision was submitted and a lawsuit was closed out. While this year's dividend has not yet been received, a return premium is currently pending. Tyler continued by stating that EMC Insurance Company has the broadest coverage of all the insurance companies represented by Bowman's Insurance Group, especially for non-monetary claims. Randy stated that automobile insurance premiums increased significantly, to which Tyler replied that property and automobile premiums are high on an industry-wide basis, due to increased auto repair and construction costs. Randy made a motion to renew all Township insurance policies at a cost of \$30,061.00. Clyde 2nd the motion, motion carried. In response to Brent Kaylor's question regarding a non-monetary insurance claim, Adam and Paul Bametzreider, Township Solicitor, stated that the claim involved North Annville's response to the Mandamus Action Lawsuit brought by Lebanon Solar against North Annville Township.

For an update on matters pertaining to Clear Spring Rd., Paul stated that, based on the results of the traffic studies completed by ELA Group, he will begin drafting ordinances which will limit trailer length to 43' and reduce the speed limit from 40 MPH to 35 MPH. Paul continued by stating that he is currently reviewing the proposed Indemnification Agreement (Agreement) and then stated that the Township should not adopt the proposed Maintenance

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Resolution until after the Agreement has been ratified by all parties. Ron Weber suggested not restricting deliveries to businesses located on Clear Spring Rd. Brian Keck questioned whether or not the Agreement must be ratified by the Township before final plans are in place, to which Paul replied that the Township cannot sign the Highway Occupancy Permit Application without the Agreement in place. Randy stated that geotesting must still be performed, meaning that a vote is currently a long way off. In response to Ron Weber's question pertaining to maintenance of the circle, Paul stated that the State and Township will each maintain their own respective portion. Randy stated that Township right-of-way will include the approach to the circle, while PennDOT right-of-way will include the circle.

For an update on matters pertaining to Lebanon Solar I, LLC, Paul stated that Cross-Appeals have been filed and the Township filed a Statement of Errors. A copy of the record is scheduled to be transmitted to Commonwealth Court tomorrow. Paul continued by stating that Lebanon Solar filed a Request to Consolidate Appeals, to which Grady Summers objected to the inclusion of his Appeal. Paul stated that he does not have a problem with the consolidation of appeals and expects that a briefing schedule will soon be received. In response to Julie Kaylor's question concerning Commonwealth Court timeline, Paul replied that his best guess is that the matter will be in front of Commonwealth Court in the fall.

Next, Randy made a motion to defer the review of the proposed Van Der Ploog North Weaber St. self-storage facility stormwater plan to Annville Township. Adam 2nd the motion, at which point Chanda Tshudy questioned the ramifications if Annville should decide to let North Annville deal with the review of the stormwater plan, to which Randy replied that Annville Township does not have the ability to send the stormwater plan review back to North Annville. After further discussion about who will review the stormwater plan, Aaron Miller stated that no permit for construction could be issued without an approved stormwater plan. The motion to defer the stormwater plan review to Annville Township then carried.

For an update on Nuisance Ordinance violation enforcement, Paul stated that he is currently preparing the Complaint in Equity concerning the Long property on School Creek Lane.

For an update on the status of the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement renewal, Paul stated that the Resolution is ready for adoption. A public hearing will be held at next month's meeting, at which point the Resolution can be adopted and signed.

For the next item of business, Paul stated that he reviewed the Lebanon Co. 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan) and went on to say that a lot of municipalities are upset about climate change language contained in the Plan. Paul continued by stating that North Annville Township will not be eligible for disaster aid funding if the Plan is not adopted by the Township. Brian Tshudy expressed concern over agendas being pushed by higher levels of government. In response to Chanda Tshudy's question regarding making minor adjustments to the Plan language, Paul and Randy both said that is not permissible. Paul went on to say that no one submitted any such comments as the Plan went through the required drafting process. Randy stated that the Township must adopt a Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible for disaster aid funding and continued by stating that writing our own Hazard Mitigation Plan instead of using the County's would be very expensive. Randy went on to say that it is the mission of the township supervisors to provide services to the residents and not discuss agendas being pushed by other levels of government, to which Chanda replied that the Township must remain in control. Randy

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and Paul both stated that the Township is in control, with Paul citing the large amount of funding that the Township received for the purpose of acquiring and demolishing flood-prone dwellings after catastrophic flooding in 2011. Ammon Johnson stated that resident participation in the buyout program was voluntary. Chanda stated that the Plan makes it look as though FEMA is in control, to which Paul replied that the Township is in control. In response to Julie Kaylor's question about specific scenarios involving who is in control, Chanda cited issues involving riots which occurred several years ago. In response to Ron Weber's question concerning train derailment cleanup if the Plan is not approved by North Annville Township, Paul stated that the Township could be responsible for the costs of a cleanup or FEMA could delay funding. Brian Tshudy stated that local people have more knowledge in a disaster-related situation than people brought in from the outside. The discussion concluded with Randy stating that adoption of the Plan by resolution will be on the agenda for next month's meeting.

No one was present to discuss a Kleinfelter zoning request.

For the Emergency Services Advisory Committee Report, Brion Smoker thanked Paul and Megan Ryland-Tanner for their involvement with drafting revised bylaws. Discussion of the revised bylaws will be held at the meeting on Mon. April 15th, with a report expected for next month.

For the Fire Company Report, Keith Blauch, Bellegrove Fire Co. (BFC) Chief, stated that the BFC responded to 14 fire and 5 EMS calls during the month of March. 7 training sessions were held, as were 18 administrative duties and 3 meetings. 41.38 incident hours and 495.14 other hours were logged, for total hours of 536.52, which does not include Auxiliary time. Keith continued by questioning the process if the regular employer of an injured volunteer firefighter ceases to pay the employer portion of benefits premiums while the injured firefighter is unable to work at his/her regular job. Paul stated that the Township will review what and who is covered; however, state-level changes concerning who and what is covered may be required. Keith responded by stating that while medical expenses are covered, a BFC firefighter was in the process of losing the health insurance benefits from his full-time employer during a past injury. Paul stated that the Township will inquire with Tyler concerning available coverage(s), to which Keith replied that he will answer any questions in order to make sure that volunteers are covered. Ammon Johnson stated that the Union Water Works Fire Co. recently received bad news concerning the condition of their fire engine. The pump failed testing and will require a rebuild and a frame rail is separating. A plan to address the situation will need to be devised in the near future. Randy stated that the Township applied for a Local Share Assessment grant for the purchase of a fire engine and it is too late to allocate the American Rescue Plan funds for the purchase of a fire engine. Paul stated that American Rescue Plan funding deadlines must be adhered to and this situation is one of the reasons that the two fire companies have been asked to merge. Randy stated that the supervisors do not have any specific answers as to the current state of the Union Water Works fire engine and thanked the volunteers for their service. In response to Tammy Blauch's question concerning the remaining life span of the fire engine, Ammon stated that it will pass state inspection this year and also stated that the Union Water Works tanker passed state inspection with a clean bill of health. Randy stated that it is a lot for everyone to take into consideration.

For the Road Report, Randy stated that street sweeping is complete and PennDOT will

soon be taking down dead trees adjacent to the Brightbill farm along North State Route 934.

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PennDOT has stated that the tree removal work will be performed during two different fiscal years.

No business was presented for the Planning Commission Report.

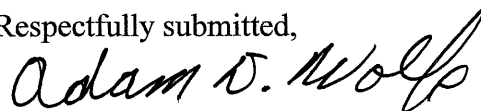
For the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) Report, Randy stated that the ZHB's written decision from the Country Lane Furniture hearing is posted to the website.

Next, Randy read from a flyer stating that the Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance will hold an Arbor Day Celebration at South Hills Park at 3:00 P.M. on Friday April 26th.

For public comment, Ben Bow questioned the ownership of a bent fire hydrant located west of the Millard Mansion along Route 422, to which Randy replied that it is not owned by the Township. In response to Tammy Blauch's comments concerning the proposed East Hanover Township Comprehensive Plan (Plan), Adam stated that the written comments have been forwarded to East Hanover Township and the Plan is scheduled to be considered for adoption by East Hanover Township at their meeting later this month. In response to Brian Tshudy's question concerning light industrial zoning for a chicken truck washing operation, Brent Kaylor stated that he does not believe that the chicken truck washing operation is located in the proposed area of light industrial zoning.

There being no further business, Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Clyde 2nd the motion, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Adam D. Wolfe, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report:

Balance in State Fund March 11, 2024		\$727,027.50
Receipts: Fulton Bank (FB) GIC Interest	\$114.36	
PLGIT Interest	15.74	
PLGIT Reserve Interest	<u>2,516.65</u>	<u>\$2,646.75</u>
Balance after receipts:		\$729,674.25
Disbursements:		
CK#: 452 American Rock Salt	<u>\$5,694.59</u>	<u>\$5,694.59</u>
Balance in State Fund April 8, 2024		\$723,979.66

Balance in General Fund March 11, 2024		\$1,091,348.49
Receipts: Recorder of Deeds	\$2,231.80	
Cleona Borough	257.33	
District Court	29.42	
District Court	52.49	
FB GIC Interest	122.83	
PLGIT Interest	303.11	
PLGIT Reserve Interest	3,858.86	
Keystone Municipal Collections	<u>12,476.48</u>	<u>\$19,332.32</u>
Balance after receipts:		\$1,110,680.81

Disbursements:

CK#: 6298 Leffler Energy	\$237.94
6299 P & N Excavating	1,190.28
6300 Paul DeShong	140.00
6301 Pennsylvania American Water	40.54
6302 State Workers Insurance Fund	4,540.00
6303 Lebanon Co. Conservation Dist.	5,000.00
6304 ELA Group, Inc.	2,059.75
6305 Union Water Works Auxiliary	160.00
6306 Daniel B. Krieg, Inc.	1,204.35
6307 South Annville Township	1,036.65
6308 Starner Excavating	5,110.00
6309 911 Rapid Response, LLC	371.97
6310 Martin Paving, Inc.	3,876.50
6311 Penn State Health	3,875.00
6312 Borough of Cleona	7,563.00
6313 Leb. Co. Emerg. Service Dept.	2,720.40
6314 Barley Snyder	6,128.00
6315 Randall Leisure	43.93
6316 Clyde Meyer	43.93
6317 Adam Wolfe	1,370.47

6318 Keystone Municipal Collections 83.02
EFT Comcast Cable 139.75

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EFT Met-Ed 67.61
EFT PA Department of Revenue 182.05
EFT IRS 471.11 \$47,656.25
Balance in General Fund April 8, 2024 \$1,063,024.56

Balance in Public Sewer Fund March 11, 2024 \$38,705.52

Receipts: none

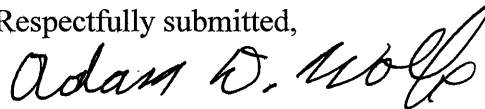
Disbursements:

CK#: 200 Annville Township Authority \$6,767.36 \$6,767.36
Balance in Public Sewer Fund April 8, 2024 \$31,938.16

Summary:

State Fund \$723,979.66
General Fund 1,063,024.56
Escrow Acct. 3,444.14
Public Sewer Fund 31,938.16
Total all Funds: \$1,822,386.52

Respectfully submitted,



Adam D. Wolfe, Treasurer