The North Annville Township Board of Supervisors met at the Water Works Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. on October 14, 2024 for the purpose of a regular monthly meeting. All members were present. Also present was: see attached attendance sheet in minute book.

Clyde Meyer, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Aaron Miller, Vice-Chairman, made a motion to adopt the September 9, 2024 meeting minutes as presented in printed form. Clyde 2nd the motion, motion carried. Clyde then made a motion to adopt the September 9 Treasurer's Report as presented in printed form. Aaron 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. Aaron 2nd the motion, motion carried.

Next, Marty Brandt introduced Dylan Fye as the new director of the Annville Free Library, taking the place of Dee Neff, who retired after 26 years of service. Marty continued by thanking North Annville Township for support of the Library's capital campaign and stating that the Library is facing rising costs in the form of increased utility rates as well as a mandated increase in hourly wages. Dylan stated that the Library has seen 32,000 visitors thus far in 2024, which is a 6,000 visitor increase over last year. Dylan continued by stating that the Library is in a healthy spot and witnessing continually increasing usage since the completion of renovations. In response to Chanda Tshudy's question regarding the method of tracking the number of visitors, Dylan stated that a door tracker is used to count the number of visitors and staff takes note if they frequently observe the same individuals visiting the Library. Marty stated that libraries track the number of attendees in order to leverage funds. Dawn Arnold stated that story time at the Library is wonderful.

For the Police Report, Cleona Borough Police Chief Farneski stated that the Cleona Police responded to 41 calls in North Annville Township during the month of September. A dozen citations have been issued for oversized trucks on Clear Spring Rd., with no hearings having taken place and one citation being withdrawn by the Police Dept. The Chief continued by stating that a couple officers will soon be leaving the Cleona P.D., and as a result, they have received 12 applicants for the open positions. The Chief also advised residents to be alert for scam emails, as an Annville Township resident recently lost $100,000 by responding to a scam email and a Union Township business lost $40,000 as a result of a scam. The Chief went on to state that scam emails are difficult to track and we are approaching the time of year when the number of scams will be on the rise. With regard to a vehicle which was recently abandoned on Clear Spring Rd., the Chief advised residents to contact the police if an abandoned vehicle appears on the side of the road, as the police are often not immediately aware of whether or not a vehicle is abandoned. In response to Dale Ebersole's pertaining to a specific oversize trailer citation issued for a violation on Clear Spring Rd., the Chief stated that he rescinded the citation.

For matters pertaining to Lebanon Solar I, Paul Bametzreider, Township Solicitor, stated that the Township's Commonwealth Court Brief was filed on September 25th, with Lebanon Solar now having 30 days during which to file a Reply Brief. Paul continued by stating that no hearings or arguments will take place until sometime next year.

For matters pertaining to Nuisance Ordinance violations, Clyde stated that the property owner on Water Works Way has stated that she has made progress and requested that her September 30th cleanup deadline be extended by 30 days. In response to Julie Kaylor's question,

Adam stated that the address of the property is 3143 Water Works Way and the name of the property owner is Michelle Biondollo. Paul suggested granting the request to extend the deadline by 30 days and letting Ms. Biondollo know that Court action will commence if the cleanup is not complete by the end of the 30 days. Adam suggested extending the deadline to November 11th. Clyde made a motion to send Ms. Biondollo a letter stating that the cleanup must be complete by November 11th and also to send Adam to inspect the condition of the property in person as of the deadline. Adam 2nd the motion, motion carried. Adam then explained that Jim Houser, at 1693 North State Route 934, has removed abandoned junk from his property and must complete the removal of abandoned vehicles by October 18th.

Next on the agenda, Adam stated that the on-lot disposal system has failed at the Timothy Gruber property along Syner Road. As the Sewage Enforcement Officer has determined that the soil on the property is unsuitable for the installation of a conventional replacement on-lot disposal system, Mr. Gruber has engaged the services of an engineer to design a small flow treatment facility, which must be approved by the Township and then submitted to DEP for final review and approval. Adam continued by stating that the Township approved the proposed small flow treatment facility during the COVID restrictions and lock downs in the year 2020; however, no response was ever received from DEP. Aaron made a motion to approve the Timothy Gruber Small Flow Treatment Facility Planning Module and submit it to DEP. Clyde 2nd the motion, motion carried.

For the next item of business, Adam stated that the Dept. of the Auditor General recently performed an audit of the Township's Liquid Fuels Fund for the period of January 1, 2021-December 31, 2023. The result was a "clean" audit with no comments or findings. The full audit report can be viewed on the Township's website.

For the Emergency Services Advisory Committee Report, Brion Smoker stated that the fire co. merger is moving along ahead of schedule and the Merger Committee will soon be meeting with the insurance companies.

For the Road Report, Clyde stated that flashing red lights have been installed on top of the stop signs at the intersections of Thompson Avenue & Hill Church Rd. as well as Clear Spring Rd. & North State Route 934. Clyde continued by stating that PennDOT has authorized the Township to install advance warning Clear Spring Rd. trailer length restriction warning signs on Routes 422 & 934. Clyde also stated that Adam contacted Prime, Inc. with regard to the ongoing use of Clear Spring Rd. by Prime, Inc. trailers exceeding 43' in length. Nolt Paving has provided an $11,900 quote for scratch coat paving on "Spiker's Hill" on Clear Spring Road or $5,000 for milling the road surface. After discussion, Adam made a motion to approve Nolt Paving's $5,000 quote for milling the road surface. Aaron 2nd the motion, motion carried. Aaron then clarified that the Township could not install advance warning Clear Spring Rd. trailer length restriction signs on Routes 422 & 934 until the Township was able to meet PennDOT's burden of proof by proving that the signs were necessary due to the ongoing use of the roadway by trailers exceeding 43' in length. In response to James Mentzer's question regarding the enforceability of the originally-installed trailer length restriction signs, Paul stated that the original signs were indeed enforceable and continued by stating that the advance warning signs are being installed as an extra courtesy by the Township and not required by the Motor Vehicle Code.

For the Fire Company Report, Keith Blauch, Bellegrove Fire Co. (BFC) Chief, stated that the BFC responded to 11 incidents during the month of September, for a yearly total of 153. 29 monthly activities took place during the month of September, for a yearly total of 345. 356.44 man hours were logged during the month of September, for a yearly total of 4,680.57. Keith concluded by stating that the BFC will host an open house from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on October 31st.

For the Planning Commission Report, Brian Keck, Secretary, read from the Planning Commission's written statement concerning the proposed Lebanon Valley College solar field, in which the Planning Commission concludes that the Township's Solar Farm Ordinance does not apply to LVC's proposed project and also concludes that net-metering systems are the most efficient and effective method by which to utilize renewable energy. Paul stated that he recently received a phone call from David Tshudy, an attorney hired by LVC to propose amendments to the Township's Solar Farm Ordinance. Paul continued by stating that Mr. Tshudy will submit proposed ordinances, at which point the Township can review what Mr. Tshudy has submitted. Chanda Tshudy expressed concern with this approach to LVC's proposed project and stated that perhaps the Township should move forward with it's own Ordinance. Paul responded by stating that LVC's proposed solar field will be a net-metering private system, designed to only supply approx. 50% of LVC's electricity needs directly to the facility, with any excess electricity flowing back into the grid. Paul continued by stating that the Township is trying to address the regulation of net-metering systems and suggested allowing the process to go thru it's steps.

For the Zoning Hearing Board Report, Paul DeShong stated that the ZHB granted the petitioner's requests in the case of both the recently-held Gehman and Hawbaker/Carrig zoning hearings.

For public comment, Paul stated that State Legislature recently adopted Act 94, which authorizes an increase in the maximum allowable annual supervisor compensation for townships of the second class, following a 30-year period with no increases in the maximum annual compensation. The maximum allowable annual compensation for a supervisor in a township within North Annville's population range will now be $3,200. An increase in annual supervisor compensation would need to be adopted by ordinance and would only take effect at the beginning of new six-year terms.

There being no further business, Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Clyde 2nd the motion, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam D. Wolfe

Adam D. Wolfe, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in State Fund September 9, 2024			$737,149.50
Receipts: Fulton Bank (FB) GIC Interest		$38.16	
PLGIT Interest		15.13	
PLGIT Reserve Interest		2,810.79	$2,864.08
Balance after receipts:			$740,013.58
Disbursements: none			
Balance in State Fund October 14, 2024			$740,013.58

Balance in General Fund September 9, 2024			$947,997.50
Receipts: Recorder of Deeds		$1,102.50	
Cleona Borough		234.32	
Commonwealth of PA-Fire Relief		18,133.50	
Commonwealth of PA-PURTA		409.72	
Lebanon Co. Probation Service		35.56	
Melvin Gehman		400.00	
FB GIC Interest		257.09	
PLGIT Interest		379.97	
PLGIT Reserve Interest		3,173.31	
Keystone Municipal Collections		16,335.89	$40,461.86
Balance after receipts:			$988,459.36
Disbursements:			
CK#: 6406	Leffler Energy	$308.70	
6407	Leffler Energy	195.64	
6408	Pennsylvania American Water	45.72	
6409	Paul DeShong	140.00	
6410	State Workers Insurance Fund	945.00	
6411	Barley Snyder, LLP	12,073.66	
6412	Kathy Sheffy	175.00	
6413	Annville Area Fire Relief Ass.	18,133.50	
6414	Miller Municipal Supply, LLC	334.20	
6415	Witmer Public Safety Group	20,006.00	
6416	Penn State Health	3,875.00	
6417	ELA Group, Inc.	481.25	
6418	Union Water Works Auxiliary	160.00	
6419	Clyde Meyer	43.93	
6420	Aaron Miller	43.93	
6421	Adam Wolfe	1,370.47	
6422	Adam Wolfe	288.56	
6423	Cleona Borough	7,587.78	
EFT	Comcast Cable	140.18	
EFT	Met-Ed	69.76	
EFT	IRS	471.11	$66,889.39

Balance in General Fund October 14, 2024		$921,569.97
Balance in Public Sewer Fund September 9, 2024		$34,012.07
Receipts: none		
Disbursements:		
CK#: 205 Annville Township Authority	$5,204.88	$5,204.88
Balance in Public Sewer Fund October 14, 2024		$28,807.19

Summary:

State Fund	$740,013.58
General Fund	921,569.97
Escrow Acct.	3,444.14
Public Sewer Fund	28,807.19
Total all Funds:	$1,693,834.88

Respectfully submitted,

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