The North Annville Township Board of Supervisors met at the Union Water Works Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. on April 14, 2025 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 March 10, 2025 meeting minutes as presented in printed form. Clyde 2nd the motion, motion carried. Clyde then made a motion to adopt the March 10 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.

The insurance policy renewal presentation did not take place due to the absence of the insurance representative from the meeting.

For the Police Report, Cleona Borough Police Chief Farneski stated that the Cleona Police Dept. responded to 70 calls, including five motor vehicle accidents, and issued 27 citations in North Annville Township during the month of March. The Chief continued by stating that the radar speed sign collected the following data on eastbound Hill Church Road traffic over a period of 13 days: 4,959 vehicles traveling 41-45 mph, 5,341 vehicles traveling 46-50 mph, 2,340 vehicles traveling 51-55 mph, 588 vehicles traveling 56-60 mph, 116 vehicles traveling 61-65 mph, 26 vehicles traveling 66-70 mph and 7 vehicles traveling 70-plus mph. The Chief stated that the majority of the vehicles are traveling within the normal range of speed and went on to state that out of 17,000 vehicles, 600 would be in violation range. The speed sign will now be set up to capture the speed of westbound traffic in order to "get the whole picture." The Chief concluded his report by stating that a resident recently lost over $100,000 in a case to fraud as a result of a computer scam. As a result, the Chief advised residents to be alert and not fall for scams.

For an update on matters pertaining to Lebanon Solar I, LLC, Paul Bametzreider, Township Solicitor, stated that Commonwealth Court cancelled the scheduled oral arguments and will now decide the case solely on the written Briefs which were previously submitted by both sides. Brian Keck questioned the amount of time that it will take for Commonwealth Court to issue a decision, to which Paul replied that he has no idea.

Next, Aaron stated that the proposed Fire Apparatus Replacement Plan (Plan) stretches over a number of years in order to spread out the cost of replacement apparatus. Aaron continued by stating that state funding for replacement apparatus is available, and the Township should try submitting grant applications for a total of two years for each piece of apparatus to be replaced. The first piece of apparatus due to be replaced is the Bellegrove Fire Co. engine, as the Water Works Fire Co. engine is not being replaced. The cost of a replacement engine currently stands at $1.2 million and the build time is 30 months. Due to the high cost of apparatus, sub sales and boot drives cannot bring in the amount of money needed to fund replacement apparatus. As the existing Bellegrove engine needs to be replaced in a timely manner, a new engine needs to be ordered soon. Ron Weber questioned the residual value of the apparatus being replaced, to which Mark Sallada, Deputy Chief, replied that the North Annville Fire Co. (Fire Co.) Is using the residual value of existing apparatus to fund the purchase of other apparatus. Mark continued by stating that Tanker 6-1 is valued at approx. $125,000, with a total value of $250,000 for the three pieces of apparatus being sold. The Fire Co. is purchasing two other pieces of apparatus on

their own and they are also eliminating two high dollar pieces of apparatus. Ron asked to have everything itemized out, to which Mark replied that the Fire Co. was told that the Township could only fund one department, so the Bellegrove and Union Water Works proceeded to merge, which they did in a record amount of time. Mark continued by stating that the Plan has already been revised four times in order to appease the Township. Keith Blauch, Fire Co. Chief, read a statement in which he outlined the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's requirement that townships provide fire protection service to residents and continued by outlining the history of dedicated volunteer fire service in North Annville Township. Keith went on to state that, five years ago, the Emergency Services Advisory Committee advised the Township that an increased level of replacement apparatus funding was needed, and now there is still no direction on how to fund the Plan. Clyde stated that he spoke with his insurance carrier, who stated that insurance rates in the Township would not increase as long as a fire department is located within five miles of the location being served. Clyde continued by stating that Adam checked the distance from the Bellegrove Fire Co. to the Weber Bros. Salvage Yard on North Mill St., and found it to be exactly five miles. Someone then commented that the supervisors have already decided to sell the Water Works Station, to which Clyde responded that no such decision has been made. Clyde also stated that the supervisors have been unable to verify the $100,000 - $200,000 expected emissions-related increase in the cost of a new fire engine. Adam stated that everything he found indicated a price increase of $20,000 - $30,000 for a Class 8 tractor-trailer, to which several Fire Co. members replied that the previously stated cost increases for a fire engine were discussed at great lengths as being accurate during a recent fire apparatus convention. Haley Blauch stated that there are grants available; however, the federal government is currently not handing out grants and just because an application is submitted does not mean that it will be approved for funding. Adam replied that the Township can apply for Local Share Assessment grants to go toward the cost of new apparatus, as long as the Township is provided with a quote and specifications for the desired piece of apparatus. Nelson Heagy questioned the process for citizen representation on the fire company governing board, or if one of the supervisors planned to sit on the fire company's board. Paul Bametzreider stated that the request for funding comes from the Fire Co. and then revenues from a fire tax levy would be deposited into a special, designated fund. Nelson then requested that a fire tax only be levied on the improvement portion of land and not on vacant farmland that is not going to catch on fire. Clyde stated that the supervisors have not received the balances of the Bellegrove Fire Co. (BFC) bank accounts. Adam stated that the BFC annual financial reports do not include account balances. Mark stated that the Water Works Fire Co. has $200,379.38 and the BFC has $426,127.68. At currently proposed levels, the Fire Co. would have $400,000 left in their bank account after purchasing two new trucks on their own and taking into account the $200,000 which the Township has already allotted. Cindy Tshudy questioned support for mutual aid, to which Mark replied that neighboring mutual aid companies have higher dollar pieces of apparatus than the North Annville Fire Co. Mark also advised that comparing North Annville's fire service to South Annville's fire service is not a good comparison, since South Annville does not have any fire cos. within it's borders, but rather relies upon contracted fire services. A resident then questioned whether a 1% fire tax will be more or less than North Annville residents would pay if there were no fire cos. in North Annville. Aaron stated that South Annville paid Annville $100,000 more for fire service

this year than what they paid last year. Nelson Heagy stated that North Annville should approach Annville for fire service, to which Mark replied that Annville tends to respond with fewer volunteers than the North Annville Fire Co. Keith Blauch stated that the North Annville Fire Co. currently has 45 active members, 25% of whom do not live in North Annville but come here to provide volunteer fire service. Haley Blauch stated that a good portion of the North Annville volunteers are also instructors who train other departments, to which Cindy Tshudy replied that abilities are not being questioned. Doug Buffenmeyer suggested selling one of the Fire Co. buildings in North Annville. Joan Sallada stated that she was in charge of applying for grants for 20 years, during which time she submitted successful applications in the amount of $750,000. Joan continued by stating that apparatus grants are very difficult to obtain, and as a result, grants should not be relied upon for the funding of new apparatus. Tammy Blauch asked if the supervisors have something in mind with regard to the amount of apparatus to be purchased, to which Clyde replied that the supervisors would like to see the new pumper for the Water Works station be removed from the list. Adam questioned the need to replace Tanker 6-1 with a brush truck now instead of in 2029 when it was originally due for replacement. Joan Sallada stated that the Fire Co. already cut $1.4 million out of the Plan. Mark stated that he hopes the supervisors are not intending to eliminate the QRS, to which Clyde replied that there is no such intention. Clyde continued by stating that there is no intention to eliminate the $1.2 million engine and that two tankers, a utility truck and the QRS need to be retained. Clyde questioned the number of volunteers who man apparatus responding from the Water Works Station, to which Mark replied that it is 4-5 at nighttime and 3-4 during the daytime. Mark added that 1 person has the ability to respond to a call with a tanker. Jim Hoffman, Sr. stated that the issues cannot all be resolved at this meeting, and as a result, a break should be taken in order to go back to the drawing board. A resident expressed concern that residents on the east side of the Township won't get the same fire service coverage as residents on the west side of the Township. Clyde stated that discussion on this issue is wrapping up for the night and continued by stating that any level of fire tax that the supervisors decide upon will not go into effect until next year.

For the next item of business, Adam opened bids for the paving of the parking lot at the Bellegrove Fire Co. Social Hall. Ronnie Folk Paving of Shoemakersville submitted a bid of $30,845 while Schuylkill Paving of Schuylkill Haven submitted a bid of $44,870. The low bid of $25,500 came from Hackman Paving of Newmanstown. Adam made a motion to award the paving contract to Hackman Paving. Clyde 2nd the motion, motion carried.

For the Emergency Services Advisory Committee Report, Tammy Blauch questioned what the supervisors would like to see from the Fire Co., to which Aaron replied that the supervisors will want a balance sheet every year and continued by stating that it would be good to get a balance sheet for the merged company.

For an update on matters pertaining to Hill Church Rd., Clyde stated that the supervisors sent a letter to PennDOT, requesting that a four-way stop be implemented on a 6-12 month trial basis at the intersection of Hill Church Rd. & Thompson Ave. The letter also requests that certain embankment be removed and trees trimmed/removed; pavement markings, signage, rumble strips and a radar speed sign be added and a Hill Church Rd. speed study be performed. The supervisors are currently waiting for PennDOT's response to the letter.

For the Road Report, Clyde stated that street sweeping and the paving of Spiker's Hill on

Clear Spring Rd. have both been completed.

For discussion of the proposed Private Solar Plant Ordinance, David Tshudy, representing Lebanon Valley College (LVC), stated that he has been working with the Planning Commission on the drafting of an ordinance for a net metering private solar facility with strict guidelines on how to develop the project. The project, if developed, will generate 54-58% of LVC's electricity. David continued by stating that he is fine with the comments received from the Lebanon Co. Planning Dept. and would request supervisor action on the Ordinance at the June meeting. In response to a question regarding the location of the project, David stated that it will be located west of the soccer and baseball fields toward the Norfolk Southern Railroad. Nelson Heagy stated that the Ordinance will cap the project at 3 megawatts. Brian Keck stated that the Ordinance only applies to ground-mounted panels. Aaron made a motion to advertise the Ordinance for consideration at the June meeting of the supervisors. Adam 2nd the motion, motion carried.

For the Planning Commission Report, Brian Keck stated that representatives of Stone Ridge Retirement Community presented a plan for a scaled back expansion project at the Countryside Christian Community campus along North State Route 934.

For the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) Report, Paul DeShong, Chairman, stated that the ZHB denied the Van Der Ploog request for special exception to construct a self-storage facility along North Weaber St.; however, the ZHB granted the Van Der Ploog request for variance to construct a self-storage facility along North Weaber St. with 30% lot coverage and compliance with ordinances.

Next on the agenda, Clyde read a flyer inviting residents to an Arbor Day Celebration, to be held at Gloninger Woods Park on Friday April 25th from 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

For the Fire Company Report, Keith Blauch, Chief, stated that the North Annville Fire Co. responded to 12 fire calls and 2 EMS calls during the month of March. 57 activities took place during the same time period, while 656.48 man hours were logged. Keith went on to say that the North Annville Fire Co. recently hosted a community CPR course, sub sale and boot drive fundraisers are both coming up and a Youth ATV class will be held on April 26th in conjunction with Pat & Son Powersports. A Stop the Bleed class will also soon be held. Mark Sallada suggested that the Township consult with the Fire Co. with regard to solar decisions, in order to determine if there will be added costs for the type of apparatus required to extinguish fires involving solar systems. Keith stated that Lebanon Solar was going to provide firefighter training on solar system fires.

For public comment, Wayne Kauffman questioned what action has been taken to reduce gun range noise, as he recently recorded gunshot noise of 81 decibels originating from the Lebanon Co. Police Combat Pistol Club. Aaron stated that 75 decibels is the limit for new ranges, to which Wayne replied that something needs to be done. Paul suggested that someone reach out and talk to the Pistol Club and look at ordinances in order to make the Pistol Club be good neighbors.

There being no further business, Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Clyde 2nd the motion, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Adam D. Wolfe, Secretary

Treasurer's Report:		
Balance in State Fund March 10, 2025		$818,208.97
Receipts: Fulton Bank (FB) GIC Interest	$50.53	
PLGIT Interest	13.44	
PLGIT Reserve Interest	2,616.35	$2,680.32
Balance after receipts:		$820,889.29
Disbursements: none		
Balance in State Fund April 14, 2025		$820,889.29
Balance in General Fund March 10, 2025		$873,184.46
Receipts: Recorder of Deeds	$3,753.40	
Cleona Borough	466.80	
EMC Insurance Company	1,900.41	
FB GIC Interest	22.17	
PLGIT Interest	66.13	
PLGIT Reserve Interest	3,011.49	
Keystone Municipal Collections	25,701.68	$34,922.08
Balance after receipts:		$908,106.54
Disbursements:		
CK#: 6531 Miller & Bixler Auto Parts	$507.26	
6532 Leffler Energy	552.14	
6533 MediaOnePA	219.44	
6534 Leffler Energy	390.02	
6535 Pennsylvania American Water	45.72	
6536 Paul DeShong	140.00	
6537 Flagger Force, LLC	1,555.60	
6538 Penn State Health	3,875.00	
6539 Stratix Systems	101.85	
6540 Martin Paving, Inc.	4,478.00	
6541 Jonestown Ag Supply	90.68	
6542 Borough of Cleona	8,000.00	
6543 State Workers Insurance Fund	4,672.00	
6544 Daniel B. Krieg	118.90	
6545 Union Water Works Fire Co.	160.00	
6546 Starner Excavating	6,070.00	
6547 Clyde Meyer	43.93	
6548 Aaron Miller	43.93	
6549 Adam Wolfe	10.50	
6550 Adam Wolfe	1,425.77	
EFT Comcast Cable	144.48	
EFT Met-Ed	78.62	
EFT IRS	498.35	$33,222.19
Balance in General Fund April 14, 2025		$874,884.35

Balance in Public Sewer Fund March 10, 2025		$27,585.80
Receipts: none		
Disbursements:		
CK#: 209 Annville Township Authority	$5,204.88	$5,204.88
Balance in Public Sewer Fund April 14, 2025		$22,380.92

Summary:

State Fund	$820,889.29
General Fund	874,884.35
Escrow Acct.	3,448.80
Public Sewer Fund	22,380.92
Total all Funds:	$1,721,603.36

Respectfully submitted,

Adam D. Wolfe

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