



**REORGANIZATION AGENDA  
LEBANON BOROUGH COMMON COUNCIL  
6 High Street, LEBANON, NEW JERSEY 08833**

**Monday, January 5, 2026 7:30pm**

**1. CONVENE: Meeting Called to Order by Mayor James Pittinger**

This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been given by posting a notice on the Lebanon Borough website, the main Bulletin Board of the Lebanon Borough Municipal building located at 6 High Street, Lebanon, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements. A copy was sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Courier News and Hunterdon Review, newspapers designated to receive such notices.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

Please join me in a moment of silence for all  
US service members and First Responders who have given their lives for our country.

On behalf of a grateful nation, they are truly heroes.

**4. INVOCATION: Father Michael Saharic**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, Eternal Father,  
You have revealed Your Glory to all nations.  
God of power and might, wisdom and justice,  
through You authority is rightly administered,  
laws enacted, and judgment decreed.

We commend to Your unbounded mercy  
the citizens of this Borough,  
who have entrusted this body with  
the authority to enact laws for the Common Good.

Let the Light of Your Divine Wisdom  
direct the deliberations of the  
Mayor and Council  
and may it shine forth in all their proceedings  
and all laws framed for our rule and government.

Mindful of Your many blessings, may  
the Mayor and Council seek to preserve peace,  
promote happiness, safeguard the life and dignity of the each  
human person and to secure and transmit the same  
unimpaired to succeeding generations,  
so as to bring to the citizens of this borough  
the blessings of  
Liberty and Prosperity.  
We ask this in your most Holy Name.

Amen.

**5. OATH OF OFFICE:** by Judge Joseph Novak Esq.

**Council**

Councilman Benedict Valliere (Term expires 12/31/28)  
Councilman Maryann Durange (Term expires 12/31/28)

**6. ROLL CALL:**

**7. COUNCIL PRESIDENT NOMINATION:**

**8. LEBANON BOROUGH 2025 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION!**

**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS**

<b>MAYOR JIM PITTINGER</b>	
<b>COUNCIL AND BOARD OF HEALTH</b>	COUNCIL PRESIDENT RICH BURTON
	COUNCILMAN SAM BERGER
	COUNCILWOMAN LISA PORCELLO
	COUNCILWOMAN MARLENE BALDINGER
	COUNCILMAN ROBERT KIRCHOFER
	COUNCILMAN GREG CRAWFORD

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AND SHADE TREE COMMITTEE</b>	
	JOE HAUCK LEX SAHARIC
	THOMAS ECCLES CAROL FORD
	CHRISTOPHER LENTINI VALARIE FEDUN
<b>HISTORICAL COMMITTEE</b>	
	JOSEPH HAUCK, CHAIR
	JANE FARMER
	JIM FARMER
	MARLENE BALDINGER
<b>OEM COORDINATOR</b>	
	LEX SAHARIC CHAIR
	CORY GARRABRANT VICE CHAIR
	ROBERT JUNGE
	MARLENE BALDINGER
<b>LAND USE BOARD</b>	
	ALEX SAHARIC, CHAIR
	DAVID ABELES VICE CHAIR
	JOSEPH HAUCK
	RON LAPCZYSKI
	JAMES NEWMAN
	JAMES FORDHAM
	ROBERT WEINGART
	MARIANNE MATHEWSON
	MAYOR PITTINGER
	COUNCILMAN SAM BERGER
<b>RECREATION COMMITTEE</b>	LISA PORCELLO CHAIR
	CAROL FORD VICE CHAIR
	MAYOR PITTINGER
	KATHEEN SEELING
	KRISTIN ABELES
	JENN FINK
<b>LBSA</b>	RICHARD BURTON CHAIR
	GREG CRAWFORD VICE CHAIR
	GLENN CHANDLER
	BEN VALLIERE
	WILLIAM COLANTANO
	EDWARD CICHONE
<b>RLSA</b>	RICHARD BURTON CHAIR
	WILLIAM COLANTANO
	MAYOR PITTINGER
	EDWARD CICHONE

<b>Garden Club</b>	LISA DE ROSE
	CHRISTINE BURTON
	And all 42 members
<b>AGING MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR</b>	MADELINE NOLAN
<b>ALTERNATE AGING MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR</b>	TRUDY PETERS
<b>Lebanon Volunteer Fire Company</b>	CHIEF ALBERT BROSS IV DEPUTY CHIEF CORY GARRABRANT and All Members
<b>Clinton Rescue</b>	All Members and Staff

**9. 2026 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:**

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION/SHADE TREE COMMITTEE**

Carol Ford (1yr- 12/31/2027)  
Christopher Lentini (4yr- 12/31/2029)  
Valarie Fedun (1yr- 12/31/2027)  
1 Open Seat

**HISTORICAL AD HOC COMMITTEE:**

Joseph Hauck (1yr -12/31/2026)  
Jim Farmer (1yr -12/31/2026)  
Jane Farmer (1yr -12/31/2026)  
Marlene Baldinger (1yr-12/31/2026)

**LAND USE BOARD**

Joseph Hauck ENV/CLASS III ZONING OFFICER (1yr- 12/31/2026)  
James Pittinger CLASS 1 (1yr- 12/31/2026)  
Sam Berger CLASS III (1yr- 12/31/2026)  
Marianne Mathewson ALTERNATE #1 (1yr- 12/31/2026)  
Open ALTERNATE #2 (1 yr -12/31/2026)

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Lisa Porcello (2yr-12/31/2027)  
Jennifer Fink (1yr-12/31/2026)  
Kirsten Abeles (1yr-12/31/2026)  
Open (1yr-12/31/2026)

**10. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS (CONTRACTS):**

<b>BOROUGH ATTORNEY</b>	<b>JOSEPH NOVAK ESQ</b>	<b>12/31/26</b>
<b>BOROUGH ENGINEER</b>	<b>BOSWELL ENGINEERING</b>	<b>12/31/26</b>
<b>BOROUGH PLANNER</b>	<b>KMA (Kyle, McManus Assoc)</b>	<b>12/31/26</b>
<b>BOROUGH LAND USE</b>	<b>STICKEL, KOENIG, SULLIVAN &amp; DRILL</b>	<b>12/31/26</b>
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>	<b>ANIMAL SOLUTIONS</b>	<b>12/31/26</b>
<b>BOROUGH PHYSICIAN</b>	<b>THE DOCTOR IS IN</b>	<b>12/31/26</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL</b>	<b>NJDCA</b>	<b>12/31/26</b>

**11. GOVERNING BODY APPOINTMENTS**

**EMPLOYEES and CONTRACT PROFESSIONALS 2026**

<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TERM EXPIRES</u></b>
Administrator / Municipal Clerk Registrar, Treasurer, Recycling Coordinator, Assessment search officer, Land Use Board, Board of Health Sec., Fair Housing and Affordable Housing Officer, COAH Municipal Housing Liaison, OEM Sec.	KAREN M ROMANO	12/31/26 TENURE
	LISA M. SAHARIC	12/31/2026
Deputy Clerk, Deputy Registrar, Deputy Treasurer Recreation Sec., Environmental/Shade Sec.		
ZONING OFFICER	JOSEPH HAUCK	12/31/2026
QPA	CHRISTINE BURKE	12/31/2026
TAX ASSESSOR	JEFFERY BURD	12/31/2029
CFO	WILLIAM COLANTANO	12/31/2028

## **12. RESOLUTIONS:**

#01-2026	Bank Depositories/Signatures Checking Accts.
#02-2026	Interest on Taxes
#03-2026	Cancel Refunds And /Or Overpayments
#04-2026	Investment of Idle Funds
#05-2026	Unity Bank Petty Cash Fund
#06-2026	Unity Bank Escrow Account
#07-2026	Unity Bank General Account
#08-2026	Unity Bank Checking Accounts
#09-2026	Temporary Budget
#10-2026	Claimant Certification on Certain Transactions
#11-2026	Check Authorization
#12-2026	Unity Bank
#13-2026	Meeting Place & Date, Newspapers For OPMA
#14-2026	Affirmative Action Officer
#15-2026	Professional Contracts Pay to Play
#16-2026	Tax Assessor Filing and Setting
#17-2026	Annual Employee Appointments
#18-2026	Officer on Aging
#19-2026	Office of Aging Municipal Alternate Coordinator
#20-2026	Corrective Appeals Resolution
#21-2026	Nims
#22-2026	Authorizing Tax Collector to Conduct a Prior Year Tax Sale
#23-2026	Fair Housing and Affordable Housing Officer
#24-2026	Administrative Agent for Affordable Housing Obligations
#25-2026	Appointment of Paco Officer
#26-2026	Public Safety Director
#27-2026	John Lanza Special Legal Counsel
#28-2026	Paul W. Ferriero Pe Boswell Engineer
#29-2026	Fred Semrau Esq. Tax Appeal Counsel
#30-2026	Kendra Lelie Planner KMA
#31-2026	Joseph Novak Esq. Borough Counsel
#32-2026	Stickel, Koning, Sullivan and Drill- Planning Board/Boa Attorney
#33-2026	Everett Johnson Esq.- Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.
#34-2026	Opensource It
#35-2026	BSS HVAC Software
#36-2026	Experienced It Solutions
#37-2026	Thermal
#38-2026	Fast Fire and Security Technologies
#39-2026	Jersey Elevator
#40-2026	Alphadog Website
#41-2026	Animal Control Solutions
#42-2027	Members To Emergency Management Council

### 13. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

<b>2026 COUNCIL COMMITTEE STRUCTURE</b>
<b>PERSONNEL</b>
<b>Council President Richard J. Burton</b>
Councilman Sam Berger
Councilwoman Lisa Porcello
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE formerly (B&amp;G + S&amp;R + Utilities) + Technology</b>
<b>Council President Richard J Burton</b>
Councilwoman Lisa Porcello
Councilman Benedict Valliere
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>
<b>Councilwoman Marlene Baldinger</b>
Councilman Benedict Valliere
Councilman Sam Berger
<b>FINANCE</b>
<b>Councilman Sam Berger</b>
Council President Richard J. Burton
Councilwoman Lisa Porcello
<b>LIASONS, Planning Board, Special Projects - Not Standing Council Committees</b>
<b>SCHOOL BOARD LIASON</b>
<b>Clerk Administrator / Karen Romano</b>
Councilwoman Baldinger
<b>BETHLEHEM MUNICIPAL COURT LIAISON</b>
<b>Councilman Sam Berger</b>
Councilwoman Baldinger
<b>PLANNING BOARD AND COAH REP</b>
Sam Berger (1 Seat - Governing Body Appt)
Mayor Jim Pittinger (Mayor Seat)
<b>ADVISORY COUNCILS / COMMITTEES FORMED BY COUNCIL</b>
<b>REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Council President Rich Burton</b>
Mayor Jim Pittinger
Councilman Sam Berger
LBSA Richard Burton

<b>COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Greg Crawford</b>
Councilwoman Mary Ann Durange Councilman Sam Berger Councilwoman Lisa Porcello

**14. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

**15. ADJORN**

**(Resolutions will not be read in their entirety. They have been posted on the Borough Bulletin Board and copies are available for the public and press.)**