



LEBANON BOROUGH COMMON COUNCIL
Wednesday, May 6, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Lebanon Borough Common Council was called to order by Mayor James J Pittinger at 2 pm.

The meeting was convened in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975; notice was sent to three local newspapers and posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Borough of Lebanon Governing Body conducted a VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING on May 6, 2020 at 2 p.m.

The hearing was held as a virtual hearing to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents, municipal officials, municipal employees and consultants in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The link to the virtual hearing was on the Borough of Lebanon website at least 48 hours prior to the hearing: www.lebanonboro.com . For those with no internet access, a phone number and code will also be included on the meeting agenda which will be posted on the Borough of Lebanon website at least 48 hours prior to the hearing: www.lebanonboro.com .

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pittinger.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

As of today, a total 8497 of American Service Members have given their lives for our Country in the war against terrorism, New Jersey total remains at 130. Mayor Pittinger requested a moment of silence in remembrance of all the service men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. On behalf of a grateful nation, they are truly heroes.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Pittinger, Councilwoman Saharic, Council President Burton, Councilman Berger, Councilman Junge, Councilwoman Harris and Councilwoman Baldinger

Absent:

Also, Present: Administrator /Clerk Karen M Romano RMC
and Attorney Joseph Novak Esq.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Council President Burton made a motion to open the public session. Councilman Junge seconded the motion with the unanimous approval of Council the floor was opened.

There being no further public comment Councilwoman Saharic made a motion to close the public session. Councilman Junge seconded the motion with the unanimous approval of Council the floor was closed.

RESOLUTION #69-2020:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution #69-2020 with a second by Council President Burton.

BOROUGH OF LEBANON

**COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION NO. 69-2020

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF LEBANON TO ENTER INTO A
CONTRACT WITH MUNICI PAY FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARD
PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH**

WHEREAS, several residents and others have expressed an interest in paying for Borough charges and costs with credit cards, and the Borough has researched these types of services offered to the State and other Municipalities: and

WHEREAS, Munci Pay appears to be the most affordable company that could provide such services to the Borough, its residents and others, and whereby after the initial setup cost to the Borough, any resident or other person utilizing such credit card privileges would be required to pay the additional credit card fee to Munci Pay based upon the amount of the credit charge; and

WHEREAS, establishing this service will enable residents and other persons to pay their tax bills online, as well as to pay for items such as dog licenses, vital statistics records, health licenses, street opening permits, construction permits, and like type costs and expenses with the ease of a credit card.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Lebanon that the Borough Council authorizes the implementation of such credit card charge services with Munci Pay; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the person using such credit card charge service shall pay directly to Munci Pay, the percent of the amount charged as a fee imposed by the credit card company, and in an amount not to exceed two and one half percent (2.5%) of the amount charged on their credit card.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any person paying with a check through Munci Pay shall pay an amount not to exceed \$1.50 per check.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Saharic, Burton, Berger, Junge, Harris, Baldinger

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Richard J. Burton, Council President

ATTEST: _____

CERTIFICATION

I, Karen M. Romano, Lebanon Borough Municipal Clerk hereby certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon at a meeting duly held on the 6th day of May 2020; that this resolution has not been amended or repealed; and that it remains in full force and effect as of the date I have subscribed my signature.

Date: May 6, 2020

Karen Romano, RMC
Administrator/Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Councilwoman Saharic, Council President Burton, Councilman Berger Councilman Junge, Councilwoman Harris and Councilwoman Baldinger

NO:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #70-2020:

Council President Burton made a motion to approve Resolution #70-2020 with a second by Councilman Berger.

BOROUGH OF LEBANON

**COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2020

RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE PAYMENT OF 2ND QUARTER 2020 REAL ESTATE TAXES UNTIL JUNE 1, 2020

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 outbreak has caused substantial economic disruption for the many taxpayers throughout the State of New Jersey, making it difficult for many residents to meet the May 1, 2020 due date for timely payment of 2nd quarter property taxes: and

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:4-67(a) authorizes local Governments to fix the rate of interest for the non-payment of tax assessments, and permits a grace period of ten days for payment from the standard due date at no interest; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 130 signed by Philip D. Murphy Governor of the State of New Jersey permits municipalities to extend the grace period for the payment of 2020 second-quarter property taxes to June 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Council of the Borough of Lebanon to extend the grace period for the payment of 2020 second-quarter property taxes to June 1, 2020 in order to alleviate economic disruption on Lebanon Borough taxpayers caused by COVID-19; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Lebanon, hereby authorizes an extension of the grace period for the payment of the 2020 second-quarter property taxes from May 11, 2020 to June 1, 2020, however, with statutory interest to be assessed from the original statutory due date of May 1, 2020 for property tax payments received after June 1, 2020.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs within three business days of adoption.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Saharic, Burton, Berger, Junge, Harris, Baldinger

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Richard J. Burton, Council President

ATTEST: _____

CERTIFICATION

I, Karen M. Romano, Lebanon Borough Municipal Clerk hereby certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon at a meeting duly held on the 6th day of May 2020; that this resolution has not been amended or repealed; and that it remains in full force and effect as of the date I have subscribed my signature.

Date: May 6, 2020

Karen Romano, RMC
Administrator/Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Councilwoman Saharic, Council President Burton, Councilman Berger Councilman Junge, Councilwoman Harris and Councilwoman Baldinger

NO:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #71-2020:

Councilman Junge made a motion to approve Resolution #71-2020 with a second by Councilman Berger.

**BOROUGH OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION # 71-2020

Anytime Plumbing Services

WHEREAS, a need to remove all moisture in the Municipal Building has arisen as a result of the installation of the new HVAC system corrections, which must be accomplished in a timely manner so as to complete this portion of the repair project; and

WHEREAS, to remedy the moisture problem, the Buildings and Grounds Committee has found the need to install a French drain, sump pump and repair the slop sink in the basement at Boro Hall at 6 High Street, and recommends Anytime Plumbing Services to perform the services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon with regard to the Municipal Building renovation project that Anytime Plumbing Services be retained to immediately provide the necessary plumbing services for the sum not-to-exceed \$4,900.00 and the Mayor and Council President are hereby authorized to execute an Agreement for the said services.

Introduced and adopted:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Ayes: Saharic, Burton, Berger, Junge, Harris, Baldinger

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

Council President, Richard J Burton

ATTEST:

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Lebanon Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Karen M. Romano, Lebanon Borough Clerk hereby certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the Borough of Lebanon Council at a meeting duly held on the May 6, 2020, that this resolution has not been amended or repealed; and that it remains in full force and effect as of the date I have subscribed my signature.

Date: May 6, 2020

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Lebanon Borough Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Councilwoman Saharic, Council President Burton, Councilman Berger Councilman Junge, Councilwoman Harris and Councilwoman Baldinger

NO:

Absent:

DISCUSSION:

MISCELLANEOUS:

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

ADJOURN:

Councilwoman Harris moved and Councilman Berger seconded a motion to adjourn, there being no further business to come before Council. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk

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