



LEBANON BOROUGH COMMON COUNCIL
Wednesday, September 29, 2023
7:30 pm

The Regular Meeting of the Lebanon Borough Common Council was called to order by Council President Burton at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held in person and virtually.

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council President Burton.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

As of today, a total 8519 of American Service Members have given their lives for our Country in the war against terrorism, New Jersey total remains at 131. Mayor Pittinger of collected 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: Council President Burton, Councilman Berger Councilwoman Logan,
Councilman Crawford, and Councilman Kirchofer

Absent: Mayor Pittinger and Councilman Lance

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

CONCORD ENERGY SERVICES PRESENTATION: Lisa Hibbs presenter.

RESOLUTION #90-2023:

**Councilman Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 90-2023 the Consent Agenda.
With a second by Councilwoman Logan.**

**. BOROUGH OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION #90-2023**

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are routine by the Governing Body of Lebanon Borough and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

1. Tax Assessor Report
2. Fire Department Report
3. Animal Control
4. Hunterdon County Department of Finance Miscalculation letter
5. Go Hunterdon Safe Route to School Bronze Award
6. Bethlehem, Bloomsbury, Lebanon, Security Plan
7. Stormwater Compliance Evaluation and Assistance Inspection
8. Tax Assessor Resignation
9. Boswell Engineering Press Release

Introduced and adopted: September 20, 2023.

Ayes: Burton, Berger, Logan, Crawford, Kirchofer

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Lance

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Richard J. Burton, Council President

ATTEST: _____

CERTIFICATION

I, Karen M. Romano, Lebanon Borough Administrator/ Clerk hereby certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the Borough of Lebanon Council at a meeting duly held on the September 20, 2023, force and effect as of the date I have subscribed my signature.

Date: September 20, 2023

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Council President Burton, Councilman Berger, Councilwoman Logan, Councilman Crawford and Councilman Kirchofer

NO:

Abstain:

Absent: Councilman Lance

ORDINANCE: 03-2023 Chapter 165 Land Use: Introduction

Councilwoman Logan made a motion to approve the August 2023, Special Minutes. With a second by Councilman Berger.

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF LEBANON CODE OF LAND USE ORDINANCES TO REPEAL LEBANON BOROUGH LAND USE ORDINANCES REVISED IN 2004. CHAPTER 165 LAND USE REGULATIONS ORDINANCE; TO ADOPT CHAPTER 165 LAND USE ORDINANCE; AND TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE WAIVER OF SITE PLAN REVIEW APPLICATION AND WAIVER CHECKLIST TO ADOPT CHECK LISTS, TO ADOPT ZONING MAP AND SCHEDULE OF ZONING REQUIREMENTS.

The Ordinance is available in its entirety on the website www.lebanonboro.com and in the clerk's office.

Council President Burton Thanked Councilwoman Logan and Administrator Karen Romano for the work to complete the Lane Use Ordinance.

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Council President Burton, Councilman Berger, Councilwoman Logan, Councilman Crawford and Councilman Kirchofer

NO:

Abstain:

Absent: Councilman Lance

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Councilwoman Logan made a motion to open the public session. Councilman Berger seconded the motion with the unanimous approval of Council the floor was opened.

Trooper John Barczyk introduced himself as the new Liaison for Lebanon Borough. He stated there have been 9 calls since he has been assigned to Lebanon.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Crawford made a motion to approve the August 2023, Special Minutes. With a second by Councilwoman Logan.

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Council President Burton, Councilwoman Logan, Councilman Crawford and Councilman Berger

NO:

Abstain: Councilman Kirchofer

Absent: and Councilman Lance

RESOLUTION 91-2023:

Councilman Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 91-2023 with a second by Councilman Kirchofer.

**BOROUGH OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. 91-2023**

ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR 2023

WHEREAS, Hyun Lee, Esq. of the law firm of Maleski, Eisenhut & Zielinski, LLC was appointed to serve as the Municipal Prosecutor for Year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court Administrator has indicated that an appointment resolution for an alternate prosecutor is required by the Municipal Division of the Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to appoint Philip George, Esq. of the law firm of Eric M. Bernstein and Associates, LLC to serve as the alternate Municipal Prosecutor for Year 2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the alternate Municipal Prosecutor shall be Philip George, Esq. of the Law Firm of Eric Bernstein and Associates LLC, residing at 34 Mountain Blvd., Building A, Warren, NJ 07059.

Introduced and adopted: September 20, 2023:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Ayes: Burton, Berger, Logan, Crawford, Kirchofer

Nays: 0

Absent: Lance

Richard J. Burton, Council President

ATTEST: _____

CERTIFICATION

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Date: September 20,2023

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Council President Burton, Councilman Berger, Councilwoman Logan, Councilman Crawford and Councilman Kirchofer

NO:

Abstain:

Absent: Councilman Lance

RESOLUTION 92-2023:

Councilman Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 92-2023 with a second by Councilman Kirchofer.

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

RESOLUTION #92-2023

CROSSING GUARDS APPOINTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lebanon Borough Common Council that the following are appointed as Adult School Crossing Guards and Substitute Crossing Guards:

Ronald Gelok

Douglas Matthewson

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Lebanon Borough Council that the salary range for the Adult School Crossing Guards and Substitute Crossing Guards having been established and set forth in Ordinance #2019-04, the following salary is hereby granted to the employee for the year 2022-2024:

Adult School Crossing Guards and Substitute Crossing Guards

and Substitute Crossing Guards \$ 23.00/hr. (NTX 5 hours per week)

Introduced and adopted: September 20,, 2023

Ayes: Burton, Berger, Logan, Crawford, Kirchofer

Nays: 0

Absent: Lance

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Richard J. Burton, Council President

ATTEST:_____

CERTIFICATION

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Date: September 20, 2023

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Council President Burton, Councilman Berger, Councilwoman Logan, Councilman Crawford and Councilman Kirchofer

NO:

Abstain:

Absent: Councilman Lance

RESOLUTION 93-2023:

Councilman Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 93-2023 with a second by Councilman Kirchofer.

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

RESOLUTION #93-2023

Temporary Tax Assessor Appointment

WHEREAS, the Borough of Lebanon requires the services of a Certified Tax Assessor and desires to appoint such person.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Borough of Lebanon as follows:

1. Jeffery Ward is hereby appointed as the Tax Assessor of the Borough of Lebanon starting October 1, 2023.

Introduced and adopted:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Ayes: Burton, Berger, Logan, Crawford, Kirchofer

Nays: 0

Absent: Lance

Richard J Burton
Borough Council President

CERTIFICATION

I, Karen Romano, Lebanon Borough Acting Clerk hereby certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the Borough of Lebanon Common Council at a meeting duly held on the 20th day of September 2023; 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: September 20, 2023

Karen M. Romano
Borough Administrator/ Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Council President Burton, Councilman Berger, Councilwoman Logan, Councilman Crawford and Councilman Kirchofer

NO:

Abstain:

Absent: Councilman Lance

RESOLUTION 94-2023:

Councilman Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 94-2023 with a second by Councilman Kirchofer.

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

RESOLUTION # 94-2023

SOCIAL PERMIT

Music in the Park

WHEREAS, an application for Social Permit has been made by the Lebanon Borough Music in the Park, 6 High Street, Lebanon NJ.; and

WHEREAS, the submitted form is complete and all fees have been waived;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lebanon Borough Common Council to approve the above-named application and authorize the Borough Clerk to sign said application and file it with the NJ Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Introduced and adopted: September 20, 2023

Ayes: Burton, Berger, Logan, Crawford, Kirchofer

Nays: 0

Absent: Lance

LEBANON BOUROUGH COUNCIL

Richard J. Burton,
Borough, Council President

ATTEST:

Karen Romano, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Karen M. Romano, Lebanon Borough Clerk hereby certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the Borough of Lebanon Common Council at a meeting duly held on the 20th of September 2023; 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: September 20, 2023

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Borough Administrator /Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Council President Burton, Councilman Berger, Councilwoman Logan, Councilman Crawford and Councilman Kirchofer

NO:

Abstain:

Absent: Councilman Lance

RESOLUTION 95-2023:

Councilman Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 95-2023 with a second by Councilman Kirchofer.

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

RESOLUTION #95-2023

Town Wide Yard Sale

BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Lebanon Mayor and Council permit one-way traffic only on the following streets on September 23, 2023 from the hours of 8:00AM to 4:00 PM, or on the rain date, September 24, 2023 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

ONE WAY:

going South on Myrtle Avenue
going North on High Street
going South on Maple Street
and going East on Brunswick Avenue

The Recreation Commission or State Police may, at its discretion; post “No Parking” signs where ever it is deemed necessary.

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Introduced and adopted: September 20, 2023

Ayes: Burton, Berger, Logan, Crawford, Kirchofer

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:Lance

ATTEST:

Richard J Burton
Borough Council President

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Borough Administrator / Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Karen M. Romano, Lebanon Borough Clerk hereby certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the Borough of Lebanon Common Council at a meeting duly held on the 20th day of September 2023 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: September 20, 2023

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Borough Administrator /Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Council President Burton, Councilman Berger, Councilwoman Logan, Councilman Crawford and Councilman Kirchofer

NO:

Abstain:

Absent: Councilman Lance

RESOLUTION 96-2023:

Councilman Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 96-2023 with a second by Councilman Kirchofer.

**BOROUGH OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION #96-2023**

**APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE YEAR ENDED
12/31/2022**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Local Finance Notice 91-15, the Borough of Lebanon must submit a Corrective Action in response to recommendations identified in the municipal audit for the year ended 12/31/2022 to the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, Chief Finance Officer, Cameron Keng has submitted the following as the “Corrective Action Plan for the Borough of Lebanon for the year ended 12/31/2022”:

The CFO has met with the Clerk’s office and discussed the recommendations.

Recommendation:

The Municipality should ensure that no expenditures of municipal fund are made unless adequate resources are available.

The Municipality should ensure that required signatures are obtained for all payments.

Corrective Action:

The Municipality will implement procedures to ensure that no expenditures of municipal fund are made unless adequate resources are available.

The Municipality will ensure that required signatures are obtained for all payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Lebanon hereby accepts and approves the above action plan.

Introduced and adopted: September 20, 2023 LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Ayes: Burton, Berger, Logan, Crawford, Kirchofer

Nays: 0

Absent: Lance

Richard Burton
Borough Council President

CERTIFICATION

I, Karen M. Romano, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lebanon at a meeting held in the Lebanon Borough Municipal Building, 6 High Street, at 7:30 PM on the 20th day of September 2023.

Karen M. Romano
Borough Administrator/ Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Council President Burton, Councilman Berger, Councilwoman Logan, Councilman Crawford and Councilman Kirchofer

NO:

Abstain:

Absent: Councilman Lance

RESOLUTION 97-2023:

Councilman Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 97-2023 with a second by Councilman Kirchofer.

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

APPROVAL OF THE 2022 AUDIT

RESOLUTION #97-2023

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts, and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2022 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A-5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R.S. 52:27BB-34; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have received, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

General Comments

Recommendations

and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lebanon Borough Common Council are personally requiring Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

General Comments

Recommendations

And upon completion of their approval, they will so certify as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the Borough Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Borough Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board: and

WHEREAS, all members of the Borough Governing Body have received and familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit as provided by the Local Finance Board; an

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the Township Committee to the penalty

provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 - “A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the Director of Local Government Services, under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, and in addition shall forfeit his office.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Governing Body of the Borough of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Introduced and adopted: September 20, 2023

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Ayes: Burton, Berger, Logan, Crawford, Kirchofer

Nays: 0

Absent: Lance

Richard J Burton

Borough Council President

ATTEST:

Karen M. Romano
Borough Administrator/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 September 20, 2023 at 7:30 pm 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: September 20, 2023

Karen M. Romano

Borough Administrator/Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Council President Burton, Councilman Berger, Councilwoman Logan, Councilman Crawford and Councilman Kirchofer

NO:

Abstain:

Absent: Councilman Lance

RESOLUTION 98-2023:

Councilman Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 98-2023 with a second by Councilman Kirchofer.

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

RESOLUTION #98-2023

SALARIES YEAR 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lebanon Borough Common Council the following is a schedule of salaries and wages for the various positions in the Borough of Lebanon for the year 2023

Borough Administrator

\$1,755.00. per month

Borough Clerk/PB Sec/BOH Sec/Assess Search Officer,	
HR, Treasurer	\$99,113.00
Deputy Clerk/Recreation/Environmental Secretary, Asst. Treasurer	\$56,977.00
Senior Club, Shade Tree Committee and Historical Committee Secretary	
Tax Collector	\$16,797.00
QPA	\$2,758.00
Tax Assessor	\$18,055.00
Dog/Cat Licensing Agent	\$915.00
Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$1086.00
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$1086.00
Zoning Officer	\$15,939.00
Adult School Crossing Guard Supervisor	\$26.50/hr.
Adult School Crossing Guards	\$23.00/hr.
Special & Part Time Patrol Officers	\$ 38.00 to 175.00/hr.
Summer Park Program Director - Contract	\$3,500.00
Recycling Coordinator	\$4,258.00
Summer Park Counselors	\$ 10.00 to 15.00/hr.
Handyman Services	\$ 11.00 to 30.00/hr.
Clerical Temporary Staff	\$ 10.00 to 25.00/hr.
General Labor	\$ 12.00 to 35.00/hr
Custodial/Cleaning Service - Contract	Full Service: \$150.00 Partial Service: \$75.00
Mileage	Rate as determined by IRS per mile standard

Introduced and adopted: September 20, 2023

Ayes: Burton, Berger, Logan, Crawford, Kirchofer

Absent: Lance

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Abstain:

Richard Burton, Council President

CERTIFICATION

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Dated: September 20, 2024

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Borough Administrator / Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Council President Burton, Councilman Berger, Councilwoman Logan, Councilman Crawford and Councilman Kirchofer

NO:

Abstain:

Absent: Councilman Lance

RESOLUTION 99-2023:

Councilman Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 99-2023 with a second by Councilman Kirchofer.

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

RESOLUTION #99-*2023

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the CFO is hereby authorized to make the following payment for redemption of tax sale a certificate. (also return Premium)

Block	Lot	Cert #	Name/Address	Amount
4	1.01	2022-001	C&E Tax Lien Fund 1 PO Box 5021 Philadelphia, PA 19111-5021	\$ 304,334.58

Premium \$ 485,000.00

Introduced and adopted:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Ayes: Burton, Berger, Logan, Crawford, Kirchofer

Nays:

Absent: Lance

Richard Burton,

Borough Council President

ATTEST:

Karen Romano
Borough Clerk

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Borough Council at a meeting held on September 20, 2023.

Karen Romano
Borough Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Council President Burton, Councilman Berger, Councilwoman Logan, Councilman Crawford and Councilman Kirchofer

NO:

Abstain:

Absent: Councilman Lance

RESOLUTION 100-2023:

Councilman Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 100-2023 with a second by Councilman Kirchofer.

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

RESOLUTION # 100-2023

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the CFO is hereby authorized to make the following payment for redemption of tax sale a certificate. (also return Premium)

Block	Lot	Cert #	Name/Address	Amount
4	1.02	2022-002	C&E Tax Lien Fund 1	\$ 161,975.71

PO Box 5021
Philadelphia, PA 19111-5021

Premium \$ 223,000.00

Introduced and adopted:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Ayes: Burton, Berger, Logan, Crawford, Kirchofer

Nays:

Absent: Lance

Richard Burton,

Borough Council President

ATTEST:

Karen Romano

Borough Clerk

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Karen Romano
Borough Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Council President Burton, Councilman Berger, Councilwoman Logan, Councilman Crawford and Councilman Kirchofer

NO:

Abstain:

Absent: Councilman Lance

RESOLUTION 101-2023:

Councilman Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 101-2023 with a second by Councilman Kirchofer.

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

RESOLUTION #101-2023

Opposing H.R. 3372, Which Would Establish a 10-Year "Pilot Program for States to

WHEREAS, H.R. 3372, was introduced in the House of Representatives on May 16, 2023, and would create a program for states to "test" 91,000-pound trucks on their roads; and

WHEREAS, this increase to 91,000 pounds, represents a nearly 14% increase over the current large rigs which are approximately 80,000 pounds in weight; and

WHEREAS, a 2023, joint study prepared by the National Association of Counties and National Association of County Engineers, found that 72,000 local bridges across the country cannot safely handle 91,000-pound trucks and that it would cost \$61 billion to replace them; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States, Department of Transportation, even with a 5th axle distributing the load, 91,000-pound trucks would only pay for about 55% of their damage to roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, since Congress last raised truck weights, the number of trucks registered in the U.S. and the miles they drive have increased by 91%; and

WHEREAS, Hunterdon County is home to numerous small and historic bridges that currently cannot handle existing heavy trucks that traverse our roadways; and

WHEREAS existing truck traffic presents numerous challenges for Hunterdon County's 26 municipalities including its numerous, small, historic downtowns; and

WHEREAS, placing such weighted vehicles in and among narrow roadways, shared with walking School Districts will create public safety hazards which exceed present infrastructure planning and budgetary allocations or funding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to U.S. Representative Tom Kean, U.S. Senators Robert Menendez and Cory Booker; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Lebanon hereby opposed H.R. 3372, and calls upon its federally elected representatives to oppose this legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Borough of Lebanon shall send a copy of this resolution to all 26 Hunterdon County municipalities, with a request that they adopt similar in content, in collective voice of resolutions in opposition to H.R. 3372.

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Introduced and adopted: September 20, 2023

Ayes: Burton, Berger, Logan, Crawford, Kirchofer

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

ATTEST: Lance

Richard J Burton
Borough Council President

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Borough Administrator / Clerk

CERTIFICATION

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Date: September 20, 2023

Karen M. Romano, RMC

Borough Administrator /Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Council President Burton, Councilman Berger, Councilwoman Logan, Councilman Crawford and Councilman Kirchofer

NO:

Abstain:

Absent: Councilman Lance

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES: Councilman Berger made a motion to approve the Bill list for July 2023. Councilman Crawford second the motion.

For bills from 08/29/2023 to 09/20/2023
Current Fund

		Current Fund		
197 - NEW JERSEY FIRE EQUIPMENT	PO 12805	Fire Equipment	6,049.80	6,049.80
808 - Thermal Service of New Jersey Inc.	PO 12881	Service Call - change out condensate pum	917.07	
	PO 12908	Monthly Billing of PM Service Contract:	349.00	1,266.07
718 - VIKING PEST CONTROL	PO 12882	Pest Control: 6 High Street & 96 Main St	141.51	141.51
597 - JERSEY ELEVATOR COMPANY INC.	PO 12883	Monthly Maintenance: September 2023	162.41	162.41
103 - JIM PITTINGER	PO 12884	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Coffee Mug	614.20	614.20
765 - TeleCloud LLC	PO 12885	Monthly Phone Service: 9/1/2023 - 9/30/2	450.03	450.03
907 - Dorsey & Semrau, LLC	PO 12887	Special Tax Counsel: Tax Appeals August	96.00	96.00
559 - LANZA & LANZA LLP	PO 12889	Litigation Clinton Water	37.00	37.00
247 - COMCAST	PO 12890	96 Main Street: Phone/Internet Service 8	242.65	
	PO 12904	6 High Street: Phone / Internet 9/1/2023	457.32	699.97
401 - JOINT COURT BETHLEHEM/BLOOMSBURY	PO 12891	Shared Service Court 3rd Qtr. September	4,902.00	4,902.00
861 - Building Systems & Services, Inc.	PO 12892	Maintenance Agreement: 7/1/2023 - 12/31/	1,614.50	1,614.50
833 - Borough of Frenchtown	PO 12893	DPW Supervisor / Admin Fees	3,652.80	3,652.80
31 - NOVAK & NOVAK LLC	PO 12894	Legal Services Retainer September 2023	4,723.33	
	PO 12902	Maser/Colliers Litigation	518.00	
	PO 12903	Superior Towing	1,119.25	6,360.58
167 - KAREN ROMANO	PO 12895	Cell Phone Reimbursement September 2023	100.00	
	PO 12898	Social Permit (Music in the Park 10/7/20	102.80	
	PO 12926	Reimbursement: Costco (Building & Ground	57.75	260.55
762 - MR. BUG'S LAWN CARE	PO 12896	Lawn Care / Fertilizer: 6 High Street, 9	5,290.00	5,290.00
369 - STICKEL KOENIG & SULLIVAN & DRILL L	PO 12897	Codification	2,160.00	
	PO 12927	Planning Board / Codification	3,810.00	
	PO 12930	Car Rock Properties LLC	60.00	6,030.00
59 - LEBANON BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION	PO 12899	Local School Tax September 2023	293,323.10	293,323.10
70 - NO HUNTERDON-VORHEES REG HS DIST	PO 12900	Regional School Tax September 2023	279,777.00	279,777.00
119 - LEBANON FIRE COMPANY	PO 12901	Remove (1) tree on Maple Street & (1) tr	3,500.00	3,500.00
27 - WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NJ INC	PO 12905	Municipal Waste 8/1/2023 - 8/31/2023	7,765.30	7,765.30

940 - OCEAN RESORT CASINO	PO 12906 NJLM Annual Conference: Reference ID 121	996.00	
	PO 12907 NJLM Annual Conference: Reference ID 1219	498.00	1,494.00
95 - NJ STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN	PO 12909 HEALTH/DENTAL	14,057.58	14,057.58
912 - De Lage Landen Financial Services, INC	PO 12910 Copier Lease: 9/1/2023 - 9/30/2023	147.00	147.00
16 - JCP&L	PO 12911 Electricity	932.71	932.71
910 - Office Concepts, Inc.	PO 12912 Copier Maintenance: 9/15/2023 - 10/14/2	127.05	127.05
665 - Bartlett Tree Exports	PO 12913 Borer Treatment two park trees	280.00	280.00
54 - NJ ADVANCE MEDIA	PO 12914 Advertising: Planning Board Resolution 2	52.85	52.85
942 - WILLIAM R SCHIBEL SR.	PO 12915 Music in the Park 10/7/2023 (Band Reel t	400.00	400.00
941 - JAMES E FRY JR	PO 12916 Music in the Park 10/7/2023 (Band Reel t	400.00	400.00
943 - C&E TAX LIEN FUND I	PO 12917 Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate	384,975.71	384,975.71
943 - C&E TAX LIEN FUND I	PO 12918 Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate (Bloc	789,334.58	789,334.58
291 - STORM WATER COMPLIANCE SOLUTIONS LL	PO 12919 Stormwater Services	6,200.00	6,200.00
401 - JOINT COURT BETHLEHEM/BLOOMSBURY	PO 12920 Contraband Screener for Court Security	2,951.00	2,951.00
361 - WARREN CO MUNICIPAL CLERK'S ASSOC	PO 12922 Warrens County Municipal Clerk's Associa	70.00	70.00
766 - BKC CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS	PO 12923 Performance of the Statutory audit for t	15,250.00	15,250.00
737 - Hunterdon County Democrat	PO 12924 Subscription Renewal 12 weeks - 1/03/202	33.88	33.88
20 - QUILL CORPORATION	PO 12925 Building & Grounds / Office Supplies	253.87	253.87
830 - Republic Services	PO 12929 Residential Service: 9/1/2023 - 9/30/202	8,042.76	8,042.76
944 - CARBONITE AUTOMOTIVE	PO 12931 SERVICES	479.81	479.81
ANIMAL CONTROL FUND			
321 - NJ DEPT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SVCS	PO 12886 Animal License Fee: August 2023	4.20	4.20
466 - ANIMAL CONTROL SOLUTIONS, LLC	PO 12921 8/23 dead cat disposal from 142 Main Str	60.00	60.00
DEVELOPERS ESCROW			
929 - KYLE MCMANUS ASSOCIATES LLC	PO 12888 Lebanon Cheese	330.75	330.75
369 - STICKEL KOENIG & SULLIVAN & DRILL L	PO 12928 Lebanon Cheese	260.00	260.00
TOTAL			1,848,130.57

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127.05 8/27/2023

PO# 12872 Copier Maintenance: 8/15/2023 - 9/

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Totals by fund	Payments	Previous Checks/Voids	Current Total	
Fund 01 Current Fund			127.05	1,847,475.62 1,847,602.67
Fund 12 ANIMAL CONTROL FUND				64.20 64.20
Fund 14 DEVELOPERS ESCROW				590.75 590.75
BILLS LIST TOTALS			127.05	1,848,130.57 1,848,257.62

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The Motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Council President Burton, Councilman Berger, Councilwoman Logan, Councilman Crawford and Councilman Kirchofer

NO:

Abstain:
Absent: Councilman Lance

DISCUSSION:

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Councilman Crawford made a motion to open the public session. Councilman Kirchofer seconded the motion with the unanimous approval of Council the floor was opened.

Ms. Rowland asked about the property management ordinance. Councilwoman Logan stated it would be discussed in the Board of Health meeting.

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

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

MISCELLANEOUS:

ADJOURN:

Councilman Kirchofer moved, and Councilman Crawford seconded a motion to adjourn, there being no further business to come before Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by unanimous vote.

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk