



**LEBANON BOROUGH COMMON COUNCIL**

**REORGANIZATION MINUTES**

**Monday, JANUARY 5, 2026**

**7:30 pm**

The Reorganization meeting of the Lebanon Borough Council was called to order by Mayor James Pittinger at 7:30 pm.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor James Pittinger.

**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.

**INVOCATION: By Father Michael Saharic of St. Ann's Catholic Church**

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 Your 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.

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

Senator Andrew Zwicker and Assemblyman Roy Freiman  
Administered the Oath of Office for

Councilwoman Mary Ann Durange(Term expires 12/31/28)  
Councilman Benedict Valliere (Term expires 12/31/28)

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Pittinger, Councilman Burton, Councilman Berger, Councilwoman  
Durange, Councilman Valliere, Councilwoman Porcello, and Councilwoman Baldinger

Absent:

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

**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
	COUNCIL MAN GREG CRAWFORD
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AND SHADE TREE COMMITTEE</b>	JOE HAUCK
	LEX SAHARIC
	THOMAS ECCLES
	CHRISTOPHER LENTINI
<b>HISTORICAL COMMITTEE</b>	
	JOSEPH HAUCK, CHAIR
	JIM RUFFI
	JIM FARMER
	JANE FARMER
<b>OEM COORDINATOR</b>	
	LEX SAHARIC CHAIR
	CORY GARRABRANT VICE CHAIR
	ROBERT JUNGE
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	
	ALEX SAHARIC, CHAIR
	DR. CHRIS UCHRIN VICE CHAIR
	JOSEPH HAUCK
	RON LAPCZYSKI
	JAMES NEWMAN
	DAVID ABELES
	ROBERT WEINGART
	BRAD WETZEL
	MARIANNE MATHEWSON
	MAYOR PITTINGER
	COUNCILMAN SAM BERGER

<b>RECREATION COMMITTEE</b>	LISA PORCELLO CHAIR
	CAROL FORD VICE CHAIR
	MAYOR PITTINGER
	KATHEEN SEELING
	JOYCE COYLE
	ANITA WEINGART
<b>LBSA</b>	RICHARD BURTON CHAIR
	GREG CRAWFORD VICE CHAIR
	GLENN CHANDLER
	BEN VALLIERE
	EDWARD CICHONE
<b>RLSA</b>	RICHARD BURTON CHAIR
	WILLIAM COLANTANO
	EDWARD CICHONE
<b>Storm Water Management</b>	DR. CHRIS UCHRIN
	ROB WEINGART
	BRAD WETZEL
<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

**Mayor Pittinger Thanked Everyone for Service to the Community!**

**NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

Mayor Pittinger requested a motion to open the floor for a nomination for Council President.

**Councilman Berger nominated Councilman Burton for Council President. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Burton.**

**The motion was rejected by the following vote to appoint Councilman Burton for Council President:**

**YES: Councilman Burton, Councilman Berger**

**NO: Councilwoman Durange, Councilwoman Baldinger, Councilwoman Porcello and Councilman Valliere**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**Councilman Valliere nominated Councilwoman Baldinger for Council President. The nomination was seconded by Councilwoman Durange.**

**The motion was passed by the following vote to appoint Councilwoman Baldinger for Council President:**

**YES: Councilwoman Durange, Councilwoman Baldinger, Councilwoman Porcello and Councilman Valliere**

**NO: Councilman Burton, Councilman Berger**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**2026 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:**

**Mayor Pittinger read the Mayoral Appointments - thanking everyone for volunteering to better Lebanon Borough!**

**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)

**Mayor Pittinger requested a motion to approve the Professional Appointment Contracts**

**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>

**THE APPOINTMENT OF ALL PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS HELD TO THE JANUARY 21,2026 REGULAR MEETING. ALL PROFESSIONAL NOTIFICATION GIVE BY ADMINISTRATOR ROMANO.**

**GOVERNING BODY APPOINTMENTS**

**Council President Baldinger read the appointments:**

**EMPLOYEES and CONTRACT PROFESSIONALS 2026**

<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TERM EXPIRES</u></b>
Administrator	<b>KAREN M ROMANO</b>	12/31/2026
Municipal Clerk		TENURE

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.

	<b>LISA M. SAHARIC</b>	12/31/2026
Deputy Clerk, Deputy Registrar, Deputy Treasurer Recreation Sec., Environmental/Shade Sec. Historical Sec.		
ZONING OFFICER	JOSEPH HAUCK	12/31/2026
QPA	CHRISTINE BURKE	12/31/2026
TAX ASSESSOR	JEFFERY BURD	12/31/2029

**Councilman Berger made a motion to appoint the Employees and Contract Professionals seconded by Councilman Burton.**

**The motion was passed by the following vote:**

**YES: Councilwoman Durange, Councilman Burton, Councilman Berger, Council President Baldinger Councilwoman Porcello, and Councilman Valliere**

**NO: None**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**Mayor Pittinger requested a motion to approve Resolutions 1-2026 through 42-2026,**

**Councilman Valliere made the motion to approve Resolutions 1-2026 through 41-2026 with a seconded by Councilman Berger.**

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

**RESOLUTION #01-2026**

**A RESOLUTION NAMING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES AND  
AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES ON CHECKS FOR THE**

**BOROUGH OF LEBANON FOR THE YEAR 2026**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 mandates that the governing body of a municipal corporation shall, by resolution passed by a majority vote of the full membership thereof, designate as a depository for its monies a bank or trust company have its place of business in the state and organized under the laws of the United States or this state;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that:

1.

Unity Bank  
Citizens  
TD Bank  
Bank of America  
Sun Bank  
Peapack & Gladstone Bank  
PNC  
Northfield

be and are hereby designated as depositories for the Borough of Lebanon for the year **2026**.

2. Prior to the deposit of any municipal funds in the above-mentioned depositories, said bank shall file with the Chief Financial Officer a statement or other prove indicating that the bank is covered under the Government Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA) (R.S. 17:9-41).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Unity Bank is named as the depository for Borough Checking Accounts.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following Borough Officials are hereby authorized to sign checks or withdrawal slips where a combination of three principal signatures are required.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR/ CLERK, CFO, MAYOR, COUNCIL PRESIDENT,  
FINANCE CHAIR AND FINANCE MEMBER

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that signature cards with the signatures of the persons authorized to sign be forwarded to all Borough Depositories.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Marlene Baldinger, 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 Common Council at a meeting duly held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026; 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: January 5, 2026

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Karen M. Romano, RMC, CMR  
Lebanon Borough Administrator/ Clerk

**BOROUGH OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #02-2026**

**INTEREST ON TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, unpaid taxes result in higher taxes for all, to include most importantly those who pay their taxes on time.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon that the rate of interest to be charged by the Borough of Lebanon for nonpayment of taxes or assessments on or before the date they would become delinquent shall be eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on the balance over \$1,500.00 provided, however, that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within 10 days after the date upon which the same became payable. Any installment received after the expiration of said ten (10) day grace period, shall bear interest from the original due date.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that there shall be additional penalties for unpaid taxes in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-61, namely:

Six percent (6%) penalty on any delinquency exceeding \$10,000.00 on any given parcel of property, where the responsible party fails to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

Any prior resolutions approved inconsistent with the above resolution are hereby repealed.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

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Lebanon Borough Administrator/ Clerk

**BOROUGH OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #03-2026**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR  
TO CANCEL REFUNDS AND/OR OVERPAYMENTS  
FOR TAXES AND/OR MUNICIPAL CHARGES LESS THAN \$10.00**

WHEREAS, P.L. 1996, Ch. 113 amended P.L. 1983, Ch. 568, allows for the cancellation of a refund or delinquency less than \$10.00; and

WHEREAS, the governing, body of a municipality may authorize a municipal employee to cancel a refund or delinquency of property taxes and/or municipal charges less than \$10.00 without further action of the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the Borough of Lebanon, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector is hereby

authorized to process refunds and delinquencies as permitted by applicable law.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Lebanon Borough Administrator/ Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION #04-2026**

**AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF IDLE FUNDS  
AND FUND TRANSFERS**

**WHEREAS**, it is always desirable that idle funds of the Borough of Lebanon be invested in legal investment vehicles, and

**WHEREAS**, it is occasionally necessary to transfer funds for the purpose of meeting current Borough expenses or for the purpose of effecting investment, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize the CFO and/or Treasurer, to request bids and to place orders for the investment of idle funds solely in legally authorized investment vehicles after rate most favorable to the Borough, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the above-named CFO and Treasurer are hereby

authorized to transfer funds by wire solely for the following purposes and subject to all pertinent regulations:

1. To or from Borough checking or savings accounts to other Borough accounts.
2. To or from Borough checking or savings accounts to or from accounts specified by banks or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Funds solely for the purpose of investing for the account of the Borough of Lebanon.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Marlene Baldinger, Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lebanon Borough Administrator/ Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION #05-2026**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
TO MAINTAIN A PETTY CASH FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200.00  
FUND BONDED FOR \$130,000.00**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund for the Borough of Lebanon; and

**WHEREAS**, said Petty Cash Fund has been considered by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon; and

**WHEREAS**, said Petty Cash Fund requires approval of the Director of Local Government Services; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Council that said fund be under the direction of the Chief Financial Officer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED ON THIS** 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026, by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon in the County of Hunterdon that:

1. The Council hereby approves the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund.
2. During the year 2026, Chief Financial Officer, be and is hereby authorized and permitted to establish a Petty Cash Fund and be responsible for in the amount not to exceed \$200.00 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21. Said Petty Cash Fund will be used by such office or department to pay claims for small miscellaneous expenses not exceeding \$50.00 in each case.
3. Chief Financial Officer, having custody of the Fund be bonded in the amount of \$130,000.00 and will maintain said Fund in accordance with the laws and regulations governing its operation.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Marlene Baldinger, Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**RESOLUTION 09-2026  
2026 TEMPORARY BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides for temporary appropriations to be made by the Governing Body within the first 30 days of the beginning of the fiscal year, and

**WHEREAS**, appropriations are to provide for the period for the first three months of the new fiscal year, and

**WHEREAS**, the total of the appropriations so made shall not exceed 26.25% of the total of the appropriations made for all purposes in the budget for the preceding fiscal year excluding appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges and capital improvement fund, and

**WHEREAS**, twenty-six point twenty-five percent (26.25%) of the Borough of Lebanon's budget for Calendar Year 2026 is \$709,630.46 and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE Borough Council of the Borough of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following temporary appropriations are made for the first three months of Calendar Year 2026 according to the schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution take effect immediately, and that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Auditor.

BOROUGH OF LEBANON  
2026 TEMPORARY BUDGET

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NUMBER	TEMPORARY BUDGET AMOUNT
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION- SALARIES	01-201-20-100-010	\$ 65,000.00
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-20-100-200	8,000.00
MAYOR AND COUNCIL-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-20-110-200	2,800.00
COMMUNICATIONS	01-201-20-110-201	1,750.00
REGISTRAR-SALARIES	01-201-20-120-011	800.00
REGISTRAR-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-20-120-201	250.00
CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES	01-201-20-120-202	500.00
FINANCE-SALARIES	01-201-20- 130-010	9,500.00
FINANCE-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-20- 130-200	8,500.00
FINANCIAL ANNUAL AUDIT	01-201-20- 135-200	1,000.00
COMPUTERIZED DATA PROCESSING	01-201-20- 140-200	10,000.00
COLLECTION OF TAXES-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-20- 145-200	7,100.00
ASSESSMENT OF TAXES-SALARIES	01-201-20- 150-010	6,510.00
ASSESSMENT OF TAXES-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-20- 150-200	250.00
LEGAL SERVICES-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-20- 155-200	25,000.00
ENGINEERING-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-20- 165-200	1,000.00
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-20- 175-200	100.00
PLANNING BOARD-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-20- 180-200	1,250.00
ENVIRONMENTAL-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-21- 180-200	125.00
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT- SALARIES	01-201-21- 185-010	5,800.00
FAIR HOUSING PLAN	01-201-21- 190-200	2,500.00
OTHER INSURANCE	01-201-23- 210-200	50,000.00
EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE	01-201-23- 220-200	21,000.00
CROSSING GUARDS-SALARIES	01-201-25- 240-011	11,500.00
PUBLIC SAFETY-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-25- 240-200	13,000.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-25- 252-200	500.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT-OTHER	01-201-25-	

EXPENSE	255-200	40,000.00
PUBLIC WORKS-SALARIES	01-201-26-280-010	1,000.00
PUBLIC WORKS-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-26-280-200	17,500.00
STORM WATER MANAGEMENT	01-201-26-280-300	5,000.00
REFUSE COLLECTION-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-26-305-200	35,000.00
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS-SALARIES	01-201-26-310-010	6,000.00
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-26-310-200	9,000.00
SHADE TREE-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-26-313-020	2,000.00
BOARD OF HEALTH-SALARIES	01-201-27-330-010	900.00
BOARD OF HEALTH-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-27-330-200	250.00
SUBTOTAL		<u>370,385.00</u>

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NUMBER	TEMPORARY BUDGET AMOUNT
SUMMER RECREATION-SALARIES	01-201-28-370-100	1,000.00
SUMMER RECREATION-OTHER EXPENSES	01-201-28-370-200	250.00
RECREATION COMMITTEE-OTHER EXPENSES	01-201-28-370-300	2,000.00
RECREATION-CONTRIBUTION TO SENIOR CITIZENS	01-201-28-370-400	100.00
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS	01-201-28-370-500	5,000.00
ELECTRICITY-6 HIGH STREET	01-201-31-430-200	6,000.00
STREET LIGHTING-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-31-435-200	3,000.00
TELEPHONE-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-31-440-200	2,500.00
WATER-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-31-445-200	300.00
NATURAL GAS-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-31-446-200	2,000.00
SEWERAGE-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-31-455-200	600.00
FIRE HYDRANTS-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-31-461-200	5,800.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COST	01-201-32-465-200	20,000.00
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM	01-201-36-471-200	38,000.00
SOCIAL SECURITY-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-36-472-200	8,500.00
STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-36-476-200	100.00

MUNICIPAL COURT-OTHER EXPENSE	01-201-43-490-200	6,250.00
DEBT SERVICE-BOND PRINCIPAL	01-201-45-920-202	190,000.00
DEBT SERVICE-BOND INTEREST	01-201-45-930-202	24,800.00
ACQUISITION OF PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT	01-201-44-905-001	100.00
ACQUISITION OF FIRE EQUIPMENT	01-201-44-907-001	100.00
TOTAL TEMPORARY 2026 BUDGET		\$ 686,785.00

TEMPORARY BUDGET CALCULATION		
TOTAL 2025 BUDGET		\$ 2,405,641.20
LESS:		
2025 DEBT SERVICE		(528,111.17)
2025 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS		(11,000.00)
		\$ 1,866,530.03
TEMPORARY BUDGET ALLOWED @ 26.5% OF PRIOR YEAR BASE		\$ 494,630.46
ADD :		
2026 DEBT SERVICE		214,800.00
2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS		200.00
TEMPORARY BUDGET ALLOWED		\$ 709,630.46

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Marlene Baldinger, Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**RESOLUTION # 10-2026**

**RESOLUTION REQUIRING CLAIMANT CERTIFICATIONS ON  
CERTAIN TYPES OF TRANSACTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, N.J. S. A. 40A: 5- 16(a) restricts payment to vendors without completed Claimant certifications on purchase orders, a Claimant or Vendor certification is a certification from the party claiming payment that the bill or demand is correct; and

**WHEREAS**, Local Finance Notice 2018- 13 adopted new regulations on Claimant Certifications, allowing greater flexibility for local units in implementing the claimant certification requirement set forth in N. J. S. A. 40A: 5- 16(a); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Lebanon desires to eliminate the requirement for claimant certifications for certain vendors submitting single claims not exceeding \$5,000 per payment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Lebanon, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey that the requirement for a vendor signature on Borough purchase order not exceeding \$5,000 per payment is eliminated for the following class of payees; (1) the advance of employee expenses (2). for services provided exclusively and entirely by an individual, including sole proprietors, (3) Payments may be through standard EFT technologies, and (4) Claimants who do not provide such certifications as part of it's normal course of business.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Marlene Baldinger, 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 Common Council at a meeting duly held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026; 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: January 5, 2026

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Karen M. Romano, RMC, CMR  
Lebanon Borough Administrator/ Clerk

### RESOLUTION #13-2026

### DESIGNATING REGULAR MEETING PLACE BOTH IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL AND DATES AND RATES AND OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS AND DIGITAL MEDIA

### RE: OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 requires that notice of meetings be sent to a local newspaper at least 48 hours in advance of all meetings.

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S. 10:4-6 et seq. hereinafter the "Act" provides for the giving of an annual notice by public bodies of a schedule of the succeeding year, including the location of each meeting to the extent it is known, and the time and date of each meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act authorizes a public body to make certain other determinations and to take certain other actions in conformance therewith;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of Lebanon Borough that:

1. The Council hereby adopts the third Wednesday of each month as its regular meeting date, to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Hall, 6 High Street, Lebanon or such another place as designated unless rescheduled in conformity with the said Act, provided that any such meetings which fall on a New Jersey legal holiday shall be rescheduled to the next regular business day at the same time and place.

2. The Council hereby designates the following newspapers are hereby designated as the newspapers to receive any and all notices required or permitted to be given under the Act including but not limited to the Annual Notice of regular meetings or any revision thereto, 48 hour notice of any special meeting and notice of any emergency meeting for which prior adequate notice was not provided:

a. The *Courier News* which is hereby determined to be the newspaper, which has the greatest likelihood of informing the public within this municipality of meetings of this public body. As well as the Borough website: [www.lebanonboro.com](http://www.lebanonboro.com)

3. The following newspaper is hereby designated as an alternate newspaper to receive any of the notices described in paragraph 2 above in the event that either of the newspapers designated in paragraph 2 shall be unavailable to receive or publish/digital such notices within the time requirements of the Act due to weekly publish/digital schedules;

b. The *Hunterdon Review* which is hereby determined to be the alternate newspaper which has the greatest likelihood of informing the public of this municipality of meetings of this public body and may be utilized when necessary to receive such notices in order to conform to the maximum extent possible with the time and notice requirements of the Act.

c. The *Star Ledger* which is hereby determined to be the alternate newspaper which has the greatest likelihood of informing the public of this municipality of meetings of this public body and may be utilized when necessary to receive such notices in order to conform to the maximum extent possible with the time and notice requirements of the Act.

d. The *Trenton Times* which is hereby determined to be the alternate newspaper which has the greatest likelihood of informing the public of this municipality of meetings of this public body and may be utilized when necessary to receive such notices in order to conform to the maximum extent possible with the time and notice requirements of the Act.

4. The Council hereby designates the following online media are hereby designated as the online sources to receive any and all notices required or permitted to be given under the Act including but not limited to the Annual Notice of regular meetings or any revision thereto, 48 hour notice of any special meeting and notice of any emergency meeting for which prior adequate notice was not provided:

- a. The Star **Ledger** which is hereby determined to be the most likely online source which has the greatest likelihood of informing the public of this municipality of meetings of this public body and may be utilized when necessary to receive such notices in order to conform to the maximum extent possible with the time and notice requirements of the Act.
- b. The **TAPintoit** which is hereby determined to be the alternate online source which has the greatest likelihood of informing the public of this municipality of meetings of this public body and may be utilized when necessary to receive such notices in order to conform to the maximum extent possible with the time and notice requirements of the Act.
- c. The **Express Times** which is hereby determined to be the alternate online source which has the greatest likelihood of informing the public of this municipality of meetings of this public body and may be utilized when necessary to receive such notices in order to conform to the maximum extent possible with the time and notice requirements of the Act

4. The following fees are hereby fixed to cover the costs of providing and mailing to a person requesting copies of any notice pursuant to Section 14 of the Act, which fees shall be prepaid by such persons:

***OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT***

a. To receive by mail any one copy of any annual notice of regular meetings or revision thereto described in Section 13 of the Act, or any one 48 hour advance written notice described in Subsection 3-d of the Act of any regular, special or rescheduled or emergency meeting of this body, **the sum of \$1.00.**

b. To receive written advance notice of all of the meetings of this public body within the time prescribed by Subsection 3-d of the Act up to and including December 31, 2023, **the sum of \$50.00.**

5. This public body shall keep reasonably comprehensible minutes of all of its meetings showing the time and place, the members present, the subjects considered, the actions taken, the vote of each member, and any other information required to be shown in the minutes by law, which shall be promptly available to the public to the extent that making such matters public shall not be inconsistent with Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act. (R.S. 10:4-12).

a. The fee to receive by mail or in person, any one copy of any official minutes of any regular or special open meeting or any revision thereto shall be **the sum of \$3.00.**

b. The fee to receive by mail or in person one copy of all the official minutes of

all of the regular and special meetings of this public body shall be **the sum of \$75.00 per year.**

6. Copies of the attached Annual Notice shall be provided as follows:

- a. Posted and maintained throughout the calendar year on the public bulletin board, at the Borough Municipal offices, located at 6 High Street Lebanon, NJ 08833
- b. Mailed or hand delivered to the newspapers designated in Paragraph 2 hereof.
- c. Posted on the Borough website: [www.lebanonboro.com](http://www.lebanonboro.com)
- d. Filed with the Clerk of the Municipality.
- e. Mailed or hand delivered to any person so requesting in accordance with Paragraph 4 hereof.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Borough of Lebanon Governing Body **may** conduct VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS pursuant to the most current executive order set by the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

As needed, Meetings will be held as a virtual meeting to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents, municipal officials, municipal employees, and consultants in response to any public health emergency.

The link to the virtual meeting shall appear on the Borough of Lebanon website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting: [www.lebanonboro.com](http://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 and in the clerk's office at 6 High Street Lebanon NJ 908-236-2425. The notice shall be posted at least 48 hours prior to the meeting: [www.lebanonboro.com](http://www.lebanonboro.com) .

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Marlene Baldinger, Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

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Date: January 5, 2026

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Karen M. Romano, RMC, CMR  
Lebanon Borough Administrator/ Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-2026**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN AFFIRMATIVE  
ACTION COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

**WHEREAS**, Lebanon Borough must appoint an Affirmative Action Compliance Officer.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of Lebanon Borough that Karen Romano, is hereby appointed Affirmative Action Compliance Officer for the year 2026.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Marlene Baldinger, Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

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Date: January 5, 2026

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Karen M. Romano, RMC, CMR  
Lebanon Borough Administrator/ Clerk

**BOROUGH OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION # 17-2026**

**ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, Municipal employees, other than those appointed for specific terms pursuant to New Jersey statutes are subject to annual reappointment, and the Governing Body wishes to make those appointments for 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon, that the following persons are appointed to the stated positions for a period January 1, 2026 through the annual reorganization of the Borough of Lebanon in January 2027.

		Term
Karen Romano	Administrator	12/31/2026
Karen Romano	Municipal Clerk	Tenure
Lisa Saharic -	Borough Deputy Clerk	12/31/2026
William Colantano	CFO	12/31/2028
Joe Hauck -	Zoning Officer	12/31/2026
Christine Burke	QPA	12/31/2026
Jeff Burd	Assessor	12/31/2028

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that aforesaid employee shall be compensated in accordance with the 2026 salary resolution adopted by the Borough Council: and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the school crossing guards, and maintenance person have been appointed by specific designation in the reorganization Motion of the Council and shall compensated at the hourly rates as established by the funding resolution for such positions.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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Marlene Baldinger, Council President

**CERTIFICATION**

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Date: January 5, 2026

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Karen M. Romano, RMC, CMR  
Lebanon Borough Administrator/ Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-2026**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING  
A LEBANON BOROUGH OFFICE ON AGING MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Lebanon wishes to appoint an Office on Aging Municipal Coordinator; and

**WHEREAS, Council has determined** Rose Hrehowesik is qualified for this position;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Lebanon that Madeline Nolan be appointed to the position of Office on Aging Municipal Coordinator for a one-year term beginning January 5, 2026, ending December 31, 2026.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Marlene Baldinger, Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

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Date: January 5, 2026

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Karen M. Romano, RMC, CMR  
Lebanon Borough Administrator/ Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-2026**

**SUMMARY: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING  
A LEBANON BOROUGH OFFICE ON AGING MUNICIPAL  
ALTERNATE COORDINATOR**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Lebanon wishes to appoint an Office on Aging Municipal Alternate Coordinator; and

**WHEREAS**, Council has determined Carol Ford is qualified for this position;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Lebanon that Trudy Peters be appointed to the position of Office on Aging Municipal Coordinator for a one year term beginning January 5, 2026 ending December 31, 2026.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Marlene Baldinger, Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

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Date: January 5, 2026

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Karen M. Romano, RMC, CMR  
Lebanon Borough Administrator/ Clerk

**BOROUGH OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #20-2026**

**CORRECTIVE APPEALS RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Lebanon has been informed that from time-to-time errors are made in computing tax assessment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor of Lebanon Borough has requested the Borough Council to authorize the Borough Attorney and/or Special Tax Counsel. to file corrective appeals of such errors with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of Lebanon Borough that the Borough Attorney and/or Special Tax Counsel of Lebanon Borough be and is hereby authorized to file corrective appeals with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation, to enter a defense of appeals filed with said Board, and to sign stipulations of appeals on behalf of Lebanon Borough which he feels are proper and in the best interest of the Municipality, in consultation with the Tax assessor.

**BE IT FURTHER RESLOVED**, that any proposed reduction in excess of 5% of the current fair market value of any non-residential property shall require the prior review and approval of the Borough Council.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Marlene Baldinger, Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

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Date: January 5, 2026

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Karen M. Romano, RMC, CMR  
Lebanon Borough Administrator/ Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-2026  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)**

**WHEREAS**, in Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 5, the President directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State and Local governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

**WHEREAS**, the 9-11 Commission recommended adoption of a standardized incident Command System; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary that all Federal, State and Local emergency management agencies and other public safety agencies coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

**WHEREAS**, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State and Local organizations utilize standard terminology, standardized organizational structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training and exercising comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the ability to utilize State and Federal funding to enhance County and Local agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already part of various incident management activities throughout the State, County and The Borough of Lebanon, including all public safety and emergency response organizations training programs; and

**WHEREAS**, over fifty Federal grant programs mandate that NIMS be adopted as a prerequisite for obtaining these grants:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Borough of Lebanon hereby mandates that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) be utilized for all incident management in the Borough of Lebanon:

**BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED** that all Emergency response units serving the Borough of Lebanon adopt and utilize the National Incident Management System:

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Marlene Baldinger, Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

#### CERTIFICATION

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Date: January 5, 2026

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Karen M. Romano, RMC, CMR  
Lebanon Borough Administrator/ Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION # 22-2026**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR  
TO CONDUCT A PRIOR YEAR TAX SALE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Lebanon that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to conduct a tax sale for all prior year's delinquent taxes pursuant to New Jersey Law, Chapter 99.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Marlene Baldinger, Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

### CERTIFICATION

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Date: January 5, 2026

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Karen M. Romano, RMC, CMR  
Lebanon Borough Administrator/ Clerk

**BOROUGH OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #23-2026**

### **FAIR HOUSING AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING OFFICER**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to P.L. 2024, c.2, the Borough of Lebanon is required to appoint a Municipal Housing Liaison for the oversight of administration of the Borough of Lebanon 's affordable housing program to enforce the requirements of the law and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et. seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Lebanon has amended Chapter 165 entitled Fair Housing and Affordable Housing Officer to provide for the appointment of a Municipal Housing Liaison to administer the Borough of Lebanon's affordable housing program.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Lebanon in the County of [insert name of County], and the State of New Jersey that Karen Romano is hereby appointed by the Governing Body of the Borough of Lebanon as the Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the affordable housing program, pursuant to and in accordance with Chapter 165 of the Borough of Lebanon's Code.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Marlene Baldinger, 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 Common Council at a meeting duly held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026; 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: January 5, 2026

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Karen M. Romano, RMC, CMR  
Lebanon Borough Administrator/ Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-2026**

**APPOINTING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT  
FOR  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Lebanon petitioned the Superior Court of New Jersey for a Declaratory Judgment to determine that the Borough's proposed Housing Element and Fair Share Plan is compliant with its constitutional obligation to provide its fair share of the regional need for very-low, low, and moderate income housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough's proposed 2026 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("Plan") will result in the creation of housing units affordable to and intended for occupancy solely by qualified very-low, low, and moderate-income households; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough's Plan has a third-round component, and the Borough requires

the assistance of an Administrative Agent for the Borough's third round program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Lebanon has reviewed the proposal from CGP&H and has determined to retain and designate CGP&H its Administrative Agent for all other components of the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that

1. The Borough hereby approves the retention of Community Grants, Planning and Housing, 101 Interchange Plaza, Suite 301, Cranbury, New Jersey 08512 as its Administrative Agent for all other administrative services set forth in the Borough's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, including but not limited to the Borough's operating manual and affirmative marketing plan, in accordance with the terms of the January 28, 2020 proposal submitted by CPG&H for Affordable Housing Administrative Agent, at a cost to the Borough not to exceed \$2,500 for the year 2026; and
2. That the Mayor and the Administrator/Clerk are authorized to execute an Agreement with CGP&H on behalf of the Borough of Lebanon.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Marlene Baldinger, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026; 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: January 5, 2026

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Karen Romano, RMC  
Administrator/Clerk

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

**Resolution # 25-2026**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC  
AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.3, requires each Public Agency to designate an individual to serve as its Public Agency Compliance Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists in the position of Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Borough of Lebanon; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Lebanon desire to appoint a Public Agency Compliance Officer; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Lebanon, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following appointment is approved:

*Karen M Romano  
Public Agency Compliance Officer  
Term: 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2026*

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Marlene Baldinger, 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 January 5, 2026 force and effect as of the date I have subscribed my signature.

Date: January 5, 202

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Karen M. Romano, RMC  
Borough Administrator/Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION # 26-2025**

**COUNCIL ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR**

**WHEREAS**, , the governing body has determined the need for an experienced person to coordinate the delivery of public safety services to its residents;

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of an unpaid, volunteer Director position, by a person with experience in the delivery of fire, emergency medical, emergency management and/or police services to the public would be advantageous to the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon, that the following person shall be appointed as Public Safety Director for the year 2026.

**PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR KEVIN SAHARIC**

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Marlene Baldinger, Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

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Date: January 5, 2026

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Karen M. Romano, RMC, CMR  
Lebanon Borough Administrator/ Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION # 34-2026**

**TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE LEBANON BOROUGH EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to appoint members to the Emergency Management Council as specified by the Emergency Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lebanon Borough Emergency Management Council is comprised of the Borough Mayor, the Emergency Management Coordinator, one (1) Deputy Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator, Emergency Shelter Coordinator, Borough Administrator, Borough Engineer, Borough Attorney, South Branch EMS, Chief of Lebanon Fire Company, Borough Public Safety Coordinator, Lebanon Public Safety Committee Chair, NJDCA Construction Code Official, NJ State Police Perryville Barracks, and Superintendent of Lebanon Borough School.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that all individuals listed in the above noted titles be appointed for the period of one (1) year effective 01/01/2026 through 12/31/2026; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety – Division of Emergency Management upon adoption.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Marlene Baldinger, Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 January 5, 2026 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: January 5, 2026

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Karen M. Romano, RMC  
Lebanon Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION # 35-2026**

**BUILDING SYSTEMS AND SERVICES, INC**

**WHEREAS**, a need has arisen for an ongoing maintenance program, or emergent tasks for HVAC which must be accomplished in a timely manner so as to not delay any repair; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body as recommended Building Systems and Services, Inc. of 270 US Highway 206 suite 307 Flanders, NJ 07836 to Manage and Maintain the HVAC Honeywell software system: and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon that the Mayor, Council President and Clerk be authorized to execute a contract with **BUILDING SYSTEMS AND SERVICES** to perform specific maintenance procedures, reports, and associated services to the computer system for a sum not-to-exceed \$2,750.00 for one year.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Marlene Baldinger, Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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**BOROUGH OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
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**RESOLUTION # 37-2026  
Thermal Service of NJ Inc**

**WHEREAS**, a need has arisen for an ongoing maintenance program, or emergent tasks which must be accomplished in a timely manner so as to not delay the any repair; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body as recommended Thermal Service of NJ Inc.of 125 Newfield Ave Edison NJ 08818 to maintenance the HVAC equipment: and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon that the Mayor, Council President and Clerk be authorized to execute a contract with Thermal Service of NJ Inc.to perform specific maintenance procedures, reports, and associated services to the HVAC system for a sum not-to-exceed \$4,500.00 for one year.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Marlene, Baldinger, Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

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Lebanon Borough Administrator/ Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION # 38-2026  
FAST FIRE AND SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES**

**WHEREAS**, a need has arisen for an ongoing maintenance program, or emergent tasks which must be accomplished in a timely manner so as to not delay the any repair; and

**WHEREAS**, as a requirement of the State of New Jersey the governing body as recommended find the need to contract for Fire Alarm Inspection, Fire Extinguisher service, and Sprinkler Inspection 217 Halls Mill Road Lebanon, NJ 08833; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon that the Mayor, Council President and Clerk by authorized to execute a contract with Fast Fire and Security Technologies to perform specific maintenance procedures, reports, and associated services for a sum not-to-exceed \$2,150.00 for one year.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

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**RESOLUTION # 39-2026  
Jersey Elevator**

**WHEREAS**, a need has arisen for an ongoing maintenance program, or emergent tasks which must be accomplished in a timely manner so as to not delay the any repair; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body has recommended Jersey Elevator 657 Line Road Matawan, NJ 07747 to manage and maintenance the elevator; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon that the Mayor Council President and Clerk be authorized to execute a contract with **Jersey Elevator** to perform specific maintenance procedures, reports, and associated services to the elevator for a sum not-to-exceed \$2000.00 for one year.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

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**THE BOROUGH OF LEBANON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
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**RESOLUTION # 40-2026  
AlphaDog website management**

**WHEREAS**, a need has arisen to maximize the Borough's abilities to be in compliance with the State of New Jersey's regulations in all departments for website management. AlphaDog will be utilized to maintain and create the Borough website for public notification of road projects, recreation projects, record retention, education needs and various other Borough administration tasks; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body as recommended AlphaDog 335 Union Avenue Belleville, NJ 07109 Manage and Maintain the Lebanon Borough website: and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon that the Mayor, Council President and Clerk be authorized to execute a contract AlphaDog to perform specific website services and associated services with a yearly maintenance fee sum not-to-exceed \$5,600.00 for one year.

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 41-2026**

**CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES WHEREAS,**

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Lebanon has a need for Animal Control Services in lieu of an Animal Control Officer;

**WHEREAS,** Animal Control Solutions has provided such services in previous years and has proposed a Contract renewal at the annual contract fee of \$4,356.00 per year for any and all animal services for two calendar years **2025 -2026** and

**WHEREAS,** the governing body has determined that Animal Control Solutions 2 Marshall Drive Flemington, NJ 08822 has the necessary personnel and expertise to provide such services; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon that the Mayor, Council President and Clerk be authorized to execute a contract for Animal Control Services for two calendar years 2025-2026 with Animal Control Solutions in the amount of \$4,356.00 for any and all animal services in Schedule A (Attached hereto)

Introduced and adopted:

Ayes: Durange, Burton, Berger, Baldinger, Porcello, Valliere

Nays:

Absent:

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**The motion was passed by the following vote:**

**YES: Councilwoman Durange, Councilman Burton, Councilman Berger, Council President Baldinger Councilwoman Porcello, and Councilman Valliere**

**NO: None**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

### RESOLUTIONS:

#06-2026	Unity Bank Escrow Account
#07-2026	Unity Bank General Account
#08-2026	Unity Bank Checking Accounts
#11-2026	Check Authorization
#12-2026	Unity Bank
#15-2026	Professional Contracts Pay to Play
#16-2026	Tax Assessor Filing and Setting
#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
#36-2026	Experienced It Solutions

**Were held and moved to the January 21, 2026 Regular meeting**

**2026 Council Committee Appointments moved to the January 21, 2026 Regular meeting.**

Mayor Pittinger requested a motion to enter the Open Public session.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:**

**Councilwoman Durange made the motion to open the first public session with a second by Councilman Valliere the motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Joe Hauck thanked Council for their time and hoped everyone would move forward in a positive direction.

**There being no further public comments, Councilman Berger moved to close the public session with a second by Councilman Valliere. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**ADJOURN:**

**Councilman Berger made the motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Councilman Burton. The motion passed by unanimous vote at 8:10 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted.

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Karen M. Romano, RMC  
Administrator/ Clerk