



LEBANON BOROUGH COMMON COUNCIL
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
7:30 pm

The Regular Meeting of the Lebanon Borough Common Council was called to order by Council President Baldinger 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 Baldinger

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.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: ,

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #1:

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

Historical Chairman Joe Hauck stated the Historical Committee has started the process in putting together a 100th Year Celebration book. Administrator Romano would be looking into getting pricing for printing.

Trooper Delorenzi Report for the month of December there were 3 Investigations, 13 Operation Stops and 5 Accidents. The Speed sign report for the year 2025 is available in the clerk's office.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Councilman Valliere made a motion to approve 2026 Council Committees. With a second by Councilwoman Durange.

2026 COUNCIL COMMITTEE STRUCTURE
PERSONNEL
Council President Marlene G. Baldinger, Co-Chair
Mayor Jim Pittinger, Co-Chair
Councilman Ben Valliere
INFRASTRUCTURE formerly (B&G + S&R + Utilities) + Technology
Councilman Rich Burton, Co-Chair
Councilman Ben Valliere, Co-Chair
Council President Marlene G. Baldinger
PUBLIC SAFETY
Council President Marlene G. Baldinger, Chair
Councilwoman Lisa Porcello
Councilwoman Mary Ann Durange
FINANCE
Councilman Sam Berger, Chair
Mayor Jim Pittinger
Councilwoman Lisa Porcello
COMMUNICATIONS
Councilwoman Lisa Porcello, Chair
Councilwoman Mary Ann Durange
Council President Marlene Baldinger

LIAISONS
SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON
Council President Marlene Baldinger
Councilwoman Lisa Porcello
BETHLEHEM MUNICIPAL COURT LIAISON
Councilman Rich Burton
Councilman Sam Berger
PLANNING BOARD AND COAH REP
Councilman Sam Berger
Mayor Jim Pittinger
ADVISORY COUNCILS / COMMITTEES FORMED BY COUNCIL
REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Council President Marlene Baldinger
Mayor Jim Pittinger
Councilman Ben Valliere
Councilman Rich Burton, LBSA

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #43-2026:

Councilman Valliere made a motion to approve Resolution 43-2026 the Consent Agenda. With a second by Councilwoman Durange.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**RESOLUTION #42-2026
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 matters. If discussion is desired that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

1. Animal Control
2. Fire Dept Report

Introduced and adopted: January 21, 2026

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

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Marlene Baldinger,
Borough Council President

ATTEST:

Karen Romano, RMC
Borough Administrator/ Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Karen M. Romano, Borough Clerk hereby certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the Borough of Lebanon Council at a meeting duly held on the 21 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 21, 2026

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Borough Administrator/ Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Burton made a motion to approve the December 18, 2025, minutes and the Reorganization January 5, 2026 minutes seconded by Councilman Berger.

December 18, 2025, minutes

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Councilman Berger, Councilman Buton, Councilwoman Porcello, and Council President Baldinger

NO:

Abstain: Councilwoman Durange and Councilman Valliere

Absent:

January 5, 2026 minutes

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

ORDINANCE 01-2026: CAP Ordinance

Introduction

Councilman Valliere made a motion to approve Resolution 06-2026. With a second by Councilwoman Durange.

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

ORDINANCE #2026 - 01

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOROUGH OF LEBANON
IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
TO EXCEED THE INDEX RATE FOR THE 2026 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing body of the Borough of Lebanon in the County of Hunterdon finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2026 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing body hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$20,606.78 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Governing body hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing body of Borough of Lebanon, in the County of Hunterdon, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2026 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Lebanon shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$48,082.48, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Borough of Lebanon be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Vote after public hearing and upon final adoption:

Baldinger
Berger
Burton
Durange_
Porcello
Valliere

Ordinance approved by the Governing
Body and presented to the Mayor on
_____, 2026

Veto in Whole or Part:

Approved:

_____ {or}

James Pittinger, Mayor

Date:

James P Pittinger

James Pittinger, Mayor

Date:

Returned to Borough Clerk with statement attached on _____, 2026

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the above ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Lebanon on January 21, 2026, and will be considered for final passage after public hearing at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Lebanon to be held on February 18, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, located at 6 High Street, Lebanon, New Jersey

Karen M. Romano, Borough Adm

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #06-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 06-2026. With a second by Councilwoman Burton.

**BOROUGH OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION #06-2026**

**UNITY BANK
CHECKING ACCOUNT SIGNATURES
ESCROW ACCOUNT
NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATE BANKING RESOLUTION**

(For Deposit Accounts)

Depositor:
Borough of Lebanon
6 High Street
Lebanon, NJ 08833

Financial Institution:
Unity Bank
64 Old Hwy 22
Clinton, NJ 08833

I, the undersigned Deputy Clerk of the Borough of Lebanon, HEREBY CERTIFY that the Borough of Lebanon is organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New Jersey as a municipal corporation not for profit, with its principal office at 6 High Street, Lebanon, NJ and that The Borough of Lebanon is the complete and correct name of the Corporation.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that at a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Lebanon, duly and regularly called and held on January 5, 2026, at which a quorum was present and voting, the following resolutions were adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon that Unity Bank, at any one or more of its offices or branches, be and it hereby is designated as the Financial Institution of an depository for the funds of the Borough of Lebanon, which may be withdrawn on checks, drafts, advices of debit, notes or other orders for the payment of monies bearing the following appropriate number of signatures: any 3 of the following panel officers or employees of this Corporation (“Agents”), whose actual signatures are shown below:

James Pittinger	_____ Mayor Title
_____ Marlene Baldinger	_____ Council President Title
_____ Sam Berger	_____ Council Title
_____ Lisa Porcello	_____ Council Title
_____ Signature William Colantano Print Name	_____ CFO Title
_____ Signature Karen M. Romano, RMC	_____ Borough Administrator/ Clerk/ Treasurer Title

Print Name

and that the Financial Institution shall be and is authorized to honor and pay the same whether or not they are payable to bearer or to the individual order of any Agent or Agents signing the same.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Financial Institution is hereby directed to accept and pay without further inquiry any item drawn against any of the Borough of Lebanon's accounts with the Financial Institution bearing the signature or signatures of Agents, as authorized above or otherwise, even though drawn or endorsed to the order of any Agent signing or tendered by such Agent for cashing or in payment of the individual obligation of such Agent or for deposit to the Agent's personal account, and the Financial Institution shall not be required or be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issue or use of any item signed in accordance with the resolutions contained herein, or the application or disposition of such item or the proceeds of the item.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any one of such Agents is authorized to endorse all checks, drafts, notes, and other items payable to or owned by the Borough of Lebanon for deposit with the Financial Institution, or for collection or discount by the Financial Institution, and to accept drafts and other items payable at the Financial Institute.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above-named agents are authorized and empowered to execute such other agreements, including, but not limited to, special depository agreements and arrangements and arrangements regarding the manner, conditions, or purposes for which funds, checks or items of the Borough of Lebanon may be deposited, collected, or withdrawn and to perform such other acts as they deem reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of these resolutions.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority hereby conferred upon the above-named Agents shall be and remain in full force and effect until written notice of the revocation thereof shall have been delivered to and received by the Financial Institution at each location where an account is maintained.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the persons named above occupy the positions set forth opposite their respective names and signatures; that the foregoing resolutions now stand of record on the books of the Borough of Lebanon; that they are in full force and effect and have not been modified in any manner whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONEY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on _____ and attest that the signatures set opposite the names listed above are their genuine signatures.

CERTIFIED TO AND ATTESTED BY:

Lisa Saharic, Borough Deputy Clerk

Introduced and adopted:

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

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 21st 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 21, 2026
Lebanon Borough Administrator/ Clerk

Karen M. Romano, Administrator/ Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote: Motion was passed by the following vote:
YES: Councilwoman Durange, Council President Baldinger, Councilman Berger, Councilman Burton, Councilwoman Porcello, and Councilman Valliere
NO:
Abstain:
Absent:

RESOLUTION #07-2026:
Councilman Burton made a motion to approve Resolution 07-2026. With a second by Councilman Berger.

**BOROUGH OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION #07-2026**

UNITY BANK
CHECKING ACCOUNT SIGNATURES
GENERAL ACCOUNT
NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATE BANKING RESOLUTION
(For Deposit Accounts)

Depositor:
Borough of Lebanon
6 High Street

Financial Institution:
Unity Bank
90 Old Hwy 22

Lebanon, NJ 08833

Clinton, NJ 08809

I, the undersigned Deputy Clerk of the Borough of Lebanon, HEREBY CERTIFY that the Borough of Lebanon is organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New Jersey as a municipal corporation not for profit, with its principal office at 6 High Street, Lebanon, NJ and that The Borough of Lebanon is the complete and correct name of the Corporation.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that at a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Lebanon, duly and regularly called and held on January 5, 2026, at which a quorum was present and voting, the following resolutions were adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon that Unity Bank, at any one or more of its offices or branches, be and it hereby is designated as the Financial Institution of an depository for the funds of the Borough of Lebanon, which may be withdrawn on checks, drafts, advices of debit, notes or other orders for the payment of monies bearing the following appropriate number of signatures: any 3 of the following panel officers or employees of this Corporation (“Agents”), whose actual signatures are shown below:

_____	_____ Mayor _____
James Pittinger	Title
_____	_____ Council President _____
Marlene Baldinger	Title
_____	_____ Council _____
Sam Berger	Title
_____	_____ Council _____
Lisa Porcello	Title
_____	_____ CFO _____
Signature	Title

William Colantano	
Print Name	
_____	_____ Borough Administrator/ Clerk/ Treasurer _____

Signature Karen M. Romano, RMC _____	Title
Print Name	

and that the Financial Institution shall be and is authorized to honor and pay the same whether or not they are payable to bearer or to the individual order of any Agent or Agents signing the same.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Financial Institution is hereby directed to accept and pay without further inquiry any item drawn against any of the Borough of Lebanon's accounts with the Financial Institution bearing the signature or signatures of Agents, as authorized above or otherwise, even though drawn or endorsed to the order of any Agent signing or tendered by such Agent for cashing or in payment of the individual obligation of such Agent or for deposit to the Agent's personal account, and the Financial Institution shall not be required or be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issue or use of any item signed in accordance with the resolutions contained herein, or the application or disposition of such item or the proceeds of the item.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any one of such Agents is authorized to endorse all checks, drafts, notes, and other items payable to or owned by the Borough of Lebanon for deposit with the Financial Institution, or for collection or discount by the Financial Institution, and to accept drafts and other items payable at the Financial Institute.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above-named agents are authorized and empowered to execute such other agreements, including, but not limited to, special depository agreements and arrangements and arrangements regarding the manner, conditions, or purposes for which funds, checks or items of the Borough of Lebanon may be deposited, collected, or withdrawn and to perform such other acts as they deem reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of these resolutions.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority hereby conferred upon the above-named Agents shall be and remain in full force and effect until written notice of the revocation thereof shall have been delivered to and received by the Financial Institution at each location where an account is maintained.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the persons named above occupy the positions set forth opposite their respective names and signatures; that the foregoing resolutions now stand of record on the books of the Borough of Lebanon; that they are in full force and effect and have not been modified in any manner whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONEY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on _____, and attest that the signatures set opposite the names listed above are their genuine signatures.

CERTIFIED TO AND ATTESTED BY:

Lisa Saharic, Borough Deputy Clerk

Introduced and adopted:

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

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 21st 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 21, 2026

Karen M. Romano Administrator/ Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #08-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 08-2026. With a second by Councilman Burton.

**BOROUGH OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION #08-2026**

UNITY BANK
CHECKING ACCOUNT SIGNATURES
PAYROLL ACCOUNT, PAYROLL AGENCY ACCOUNT,
ANIMAL CONTROL ACCOUNT, PETTY CASH ACCOUNT, RECREATION ACCOUNT, AND
UNEMPLOYMENT ACCOUNT
NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATE BANKING RESOLUTION
(For Deposit Accounts)

Depositor:
Borough of Lebanon
6 High Street
Lebanon, NJ 08833

Financial Institution:
Unity Bank
90Old Hwy 22
Clinton, NJ 08809

I, the undersigned Deputy Clerk of the Borough of Lebanon, HEREBY CERTIFY that the Borough of Lebanon is organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New Jersey as a municipal corporation not for profit, with its principal office at 6 High Street, Lebanon, NJ and that The Borough of Lebanon is the complete and correct name of the Corporation.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that at a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Lebanon, duly and regularly called and held on January 5, 2026, at which a quorum was present and voting, the following resolutions were adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon that Unity Bank, at any one or more of its offices or branches, be and it hereby is designated as the Financial Institution of an depository for the funds of the Borough of Lebanon, which may be withdrawn on checks, drafts, advices of debit, notes or other orders for the payment of monies bearing the following appropriate number of signatures: any 3 of the following panel officers or employees of this Corporation (“Agents”), whose actual signatures are shown below:

_____	_____
James Pittinger	Mayor
	Title
_____	_____
Marlene Baldinger	Council President
	Title
_____	_____
Sam Berger	Council
	Title

_____	<u>Council</u>
Lisa Porcello	Title
_____	_____
Signature	CFO
_____	_____
William Colantano	Title
Print Name	
_____	<u>Borough Administrator/ Clerk/ Treasurer</u>
Signature	Title
Karen M. Romano, RMC	
Print Name	

and that the Financial Institution shall be and is authorized to honor and pay the same whether or not they are payable to bearer or to the individual order of any Agent or Agents signing the same.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Financial Institution is hereby directed to accept and pay without further inquiry any item drawn against any of the Borough of Lebanon's accounts with the Financial Institution bearing the signature or signatures of Agents, as authorized above or otherwise, even though drawn or endorsed to the order of any Agent signing or tendered by such Agent for cashing or in payment of the individual obligation of such Agent or for deposit to the Agent's personal account, and the Financial Institution shall not be required or be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issue or use of any item signed in accordance with the resolutions contained herein, or the application or disposition of such item or the proceeds of the item.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any one of such Agents is authorized to endorse all checks, drafts, notes, and other items payable to or owned by the Borough of Lebanon for deposit with the Financial Institution, or for collection or discount by the Financial Institution, and to accept drafts and other items payable at the Financial Institute.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above-named agents are authorized and empowered to execute such other agreements, including, but not limited to, special depository agreements and arrangements and arrangements regarding the manner, conditions, or purposes for which funds, checks or items of the Borough of Lebanon may be deposited, collected, or withdrawn and to perform such other acts as they deem reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of these resolutions.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority hereby conferred upon the above-named Agents shall be and remain in full force and effect until written notice of the revocation thereof shall have been delivered to and received by the Financial Institution at each location where an account is maintained.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the persons named above occupy the positions set forth opposite their respective names and signatures; that the foregoing resolutions now stand of record on the books of the

Borough of Lebanon; that they are in full force and effect and have not been modified in any manner whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONEY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on _____, and attest that the signatures set opposite the names listed above are their genuine signatures.

CERTIFIED TO AND ATTESTED BY:

Lisa Saharic, Borough Deputy Clerk

Introduced and adopted:

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

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 21st 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 21, 2026

Karen M. Romano, Administrator/ Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #11-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 11-2026. With a second by Councilman Burton.

**BOROUGH OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Resolution #11-2026**

Check Authorization Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Members of the Borough of Lebanon Governing Body that the following policy be adopted;

Authorized Signatures

1. All Borough checks (excluding payroll checks) require three (3) signatures from the following list:

- a. James Pittinger, Mayor
- b. Marlene Baldinger, Council President
- c. Sam Berger, Councilman
- d. Lisa Porcello, Councilwoman
- e. William Colantano, Chief Financial Officer
- f. Karen M. Romano, Administrator/Municipal Clerk

2. Payroll and payroll tax or withholding checks require one (1) signature from the following list:

- a. James Pittinger, Mayor
- b. Marlene Baldinger, Council President
- c. Sam Berger, Councilman
- d. Lisa Porcello, Councilwoman
- e. William Colantano, Chief Financial Officer
- f. Karen M. Romano, Administrator/Municipal Clerk

Or, payroll and payroll tax or withholding checks require two (2) electronic signatures from the following list:

- a. James Pittinger, Mayor
- b. Marlene Baldinger, Council President
- c. Sam Berger, Councilman
- d. Lisa Porcello, Councilwoman
- e. William Colantano, Chief Financial Officer
- f. Karen M. Romano, Administrator/Municipal Clerk

3. Borough Checks require one wet signature. Two signature stamp may be used authorization by the individual.

Introduced and adopted:

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

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 Common Council at a meeting duly held on the 21st 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 21, 2026

Karen M. Romano
Administrator /Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #12-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 12-2026. With a second by Councilman Burton.

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

RESOLUTION #12-2026

Depositor (Name of Governmental Entity): Borough of Lebanon Address: 6 High Street – Lebanon, NJ 08833	Financial Institution:
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the duly elected and qualified Authorized Governmental Agent and keeper of records for the Depositor (also referred to as "Governmental Entity") named above, that the following is a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Governing Body of said Governmental Entity held on, or dated on **January 5, 2026** in accordance with the law and the by-laws of, or consent of, said Governmental Entity, **The Borough of Lebanon 6 High St Lebanon NJ 08833** and that my delivery of this Certificate of Resolution to Financial Institution certifies to Financial Institution that such Resolution is still in full force and effect.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the name of the Depositor set forth above is the complete and correct name of *the* Governmental Entity and that the Governmental Entity is organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State/Commonwealth/District of _____ a Governmental Entity.

RESOLVED, that the Financial Institution named above, at any one or more of its offices or branches, be and it hereby is designated as a Financial Institution of and depository for the funds of this Governmental Entity, which may be withdrawn on checks, drafts, advices of debit, notes or other orders for the payment of monies (including electronic orders) bearing the signature of, or as otherwise authorized by, any one (1) of the following officers, employees or agents of this Governmental Entity ("Agents"), whose actual signatures are shown below:

Title	Name	Signature
Mayor	James Pittinger	
Council President	Marlene Baldinger	
Council Member	Sam Berger	
Council Member	Lisa Porcello	
CFO	William Colantano	
Administrator/Clerk	Karen Romano	

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Agents, whose names and signatures appear above, are hereby authorized to open and maintain a deposit account or accounts of the Governmental Entity with the Financial Institution, subject to the terms and conditions of the Business Deposit Account Agreement, as it may be amended from time to time (the "Account Agreement").

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Financial Institution is hereby directed to accept and pay without further inquiry any item or payment order drawn against any of the Governmental Entity's accounts with the Financial Institution bearing the signature of or as otherwise authorized by any such Agents even though drawn or endorsed to the order of any Agent signing or tendered by such Agent for

cashing or in payment of the individual obligation of such Agent or for deposit to the Agent's personal account, and the Financial Institution shall not be required or be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issue or use of any item signed, or payment order authorized, in accordance with the resolutions contained herein, or the application or disposition of such item or payment order or the proceeds of the item or payment order.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any one of such Agents is authorized to endorse all checks, drafts, notes and other items payable to or owned by this Governmental Entity for deposit with the Financial Institution, or for collection or discount by the Financial Institution, and to accept drafts and other items payable at the Financial Institution.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above named agents are authorized and empowered to execute such other agreements, including, but not limited to, special depository agreements and arrangements regarding the manner, conditions or purposes for which funds, checks or items of the Governmental Entity may be deposited, collected, or withdrawn and to perform such other acts as they deem reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of these resolutions.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority hereby conferred upon the above named Agents shall be and remains in full force and effect until written notice of the revocation thereof shall have been delivered to and received by the Financial Institution at the location where an account of the Governmental Entity is maintained and Financial Institution has had a reasonable period of time to act upon such notice.

I **FURTHER CERTIFY** that the persons named above occupy the positions set forth opposite their respective names and signatures; that the foregoing resolutions now stand of record on the books of the Governmental Entity; that they are in full force and effect and have not been modified in any manner whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on January 5, 2025 and attest that the signatures set opposite the names listed above are their genuine signatures.

**CERTIFIED TO AND
ATTESTED BY:**

X
Authorized Governmental Agent or Assistant
Authorized Governmental Agent
(Title)

Note: In case the Authorized Governmental Agent or other certifying officer is designated by the foregoing resolutions as one of the signing officers, this certificate should also be signed by a second Officer or Director of the Governmental Entity and that the Financial Institution shall be and is authorized to honor and pay the same whether or not they are payable to bearer or to the individual order of any Agent or Agents signing the same.

Introduced and adopted:

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

Nays:
Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 21st 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 21, 2026

Karen M. Romano,
Administrator/ Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #15-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 15-2026. With a second by Councilman Burton.

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

RESOLUTION No. 15-2026

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2006, the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play” Law, *N.J.S.A.*

19:44A-20.4 et. seq., became effective; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Lebanon has a need to award certain professional contracts for services required by the municipality in calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Pay-to-Play Law permits such services to be acquired through two processes, including the “non-fair and open” process, as well as the direct alternative as defined in *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7* on those contracts where it is anticipated that the total cost will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the public good and interest of the citizens of the Borough of Lebanon will best be served by the “non-fair and closed” process to secure experienced professional services, rather than the “fair and open” process of awarding a contract to the lowest bidder; and

WHEREAS, each professional will be required to first complete and submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification.

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

1. The following professional 2026 contracts shall be awarded under the “non-fair and closed” process:

Joseph Novak Esq.	Borough Attorney
Laura Atwell CPA, BKC	Borough Auditor
Paul Ferriero, Boswell Engineering	Borough Engineer
Fred Semrau Esq.	Tax Counsel
Everett Johnson	Bond Attorney
Kendra Lelie PP, AICP	Planner
Jonathan Drill Esq.	Land Use Board
John Lanza Esq	Special Counsel

2. The said professionals, prior to securing such contract, shall execute and file with the Clerk of the municipality, a 2026 Business Entity Disclosure Certification pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8*

Introduced and adopted:

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

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 21st 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 21, 2026

Karen M. Romano
Administrator/ Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #16-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 16-2026. With a second by Councilman Burton.

**BOROUGH OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION #16-2026**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX ASSESSOR TO ACT AS AGENT FOR
BOROUGH OF LEBANON FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILING AND SETTLING TAX
APPEALS ON BEHALF OF THE TAXING DISTRICT FOR THE TAX YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor is knowledgeable regarding the valuation and assessment of properties in the Borough of Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has the statutory responsibility, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-23 to 36, to set assessments for properties in Lebanon Borough under the Local Property Tax, N.J.S.A. 54:4-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Taxing District deems the Tax Assessor to be responsible and acting in the best interests of the municipality;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Lebanon, that the Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to act as agent for the Taxing District without further governing body approval, with the exception noted in paragraph (c) below;

(a) to determine when tax appeals, cross appeals, complaints and counterclaims should be filed on behalf of the Taxing District with regard to any property located in Lebanon Borough and accordingly direct the tax attorney for the Taxing District to file such documents with either the County Tax Board or Tax Court of New Jersey as deemed appropriate;

(b) to resolve and settle tax appeals pending before the County Tax Board, Tax Court or Appellate Courts for any tax year and authorize the tax attorney for the Taxing District to formalize such settlements in the appropriate Courts and/or County Tax Board;

(c) the tax assessor's settlement jurisdiction with regard to tax appeals involving commercial, industrial and/or apartment properties, shall require approval by the Borough Council in the event the reduction in the assessment for any pending tax year is greater than fifteen (15%) percent..

Introduced and adopted:

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

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 21, 2026 force and effect as of the date I have subscribed my signature.

Date: January 21, 2026

Karen M. Romano,
Administrator/Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #27-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 27-2026. With a second by Councilman Burton.

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

RESOLUTION #27-2026

THE LEBANON BOROUGH SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the Borough of Lebanon Council has determined a need for the services of John R. Lanza 5 Main Street PO Box 2520 Flemington, New Jersey 08822; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Special Council has elected to enter into a professional services agreement pursuant N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and shall enter into such contract on a non-affair and open contract basis pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Special Council has determined in consultation with the Borough Attorney, that Joseph Novak Esq. of Novak and Novak has the requisite experience for such specialized matters;

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

1. John R. Lanza of Lanza and Lanza LLP is hereby retained as Counsel to the Borough of Lebanon as of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.
2. The Mayor, Council President and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a professional services contract with John R. Lanza of Lanza and Lanza LLP on the condition that the Counsel shall complete a Business Entity Disclosure Certification.
3. This resolution authorizes a contract to be awarded without competitive bidding with such contract to be prepared and finally approved by the Borough Attorney.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the legal newspaper of the Borough.

Introduced and adopted:

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

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 21 st 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 21, 2026

Karen M. Romano,
Administrator/ Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #28-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 28-2026. With a second by Councilman Burton.

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

RESOLUTION #28-2026

THE LEBANON BOROUGH ENGINEER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Lebanon Council has determined a need for the services of Paul W. Ferriero, PE & PP of Boswell Engineering 180 Main Street P.O. Box 571, Chester, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has elected to enter into a professional services agreement pursuant N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and shall enter into such contract on a non-affair and open contract basis pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined in consultation with the Borough Attorney that Paul W. Ferriero, PE & PP has the requisite experience for such specialized matters;

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

5. Paul W. Ferriero, PE & PP is hereby retained as Engineer to the Borough of Lebanon as of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.
6. The Mayor, Council President and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a professional services contract with Paul W. Ferriero, PE & PP on the condition that the Engineer shall complete a Business Entity Disclosure Certification.
7. This resolution authorizes a contract to be awarded without competitive bidding with such contract to be prepared and finally approved by the Borough Attorney.
8. A notice of this action shall be published in the legal newspaper of the Borough.

Introduced and adopted:

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

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 21st 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 21, 2026

Karen M. Romano,
Administrator/ Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #29-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 29-2026. With a second by Councilman Burton.

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

**RESOLUTION #29-2026
THE LEBANON BOROUGH SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Lebanon Council has determined a need for the services of Special Tax Counsel Fred Semrau Esq. 714 Main Street Boonton, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has elected to enter into a professional services agreement pursuant N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and shall enter into such contract on a non-fair and open contract basis pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined in consultation with the Borough Attorney, that Fred Semrau Esq. has the requisite experience for such specialized matters;

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

9. Fred Semrau Esq. is hereby retained as Special Counsel to the Borough of Lebanon as of January 1, 2026- December 31, 2026
10. The Mayor, Council President and Administrator Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a professional services contract with Fred Semrau Esq. on the condition that the Special Counsel shall complete a Business Entity Disclosure Certification.
11. This resolution authorizes a contract to be awarded without competitive bidding with such contract to be prepared and finally approved by the Borough Attorney.
12. A notice of this action shall be published in the legal newspaper of the Borough.

Introduced and adopted:

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

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 21 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 21, 2026

Karen M. Romano
Administrator/ Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #30-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 30-2026. With a second by Councilman Burton.

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

RESOLUTION #30-2026

THE LEBANON BOROUGH PLANNER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Lebanon Council has determined a need for the services of Kendra Lelie PP, AICP, LLA with KMA Associates 2 East Broad Street, 2nd Floor Hopewell, NJ 08525; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has elected to enter into a professional services agreement pursuant N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and shall enter into such contract on a non-affair and open contract basis pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined in consultation with the Borough Attorney, that Kendra Lelie PP, AICP, LLA has the requisite experience for such specialized matters.

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

13. Kendra Lelie PP, AICP, LLA is hereby retained as Planner to the Borough of Lebanon on an interim bases as of January 1, 2026 ---December 31, 2026.
14. The Mayor, Council President and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a professional services contract with Kendra Lelie PP, AICP, LLA on the condition that the Planner shall complete a Business Entity Disclosure Certification.
15. This resolution authorizes a contract to be awarded without competitive bidding with such contract to be prepared and finally approved by the Borough Attorney.
16. A notice of this action shall be published in the legal newspaper of the Borough.

Introduced and adopted:

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

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Marlene Baldinger, Council President

ATTEST: _____

CERTIFICATION

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Date: January 21, 2026

Karen M. Romano,
Administrator/ Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #31-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 31-2026. With a second by Councilman Burton.

**BOROUGH OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION #31-2026

THE LEBANON BOROUGH LEGAL COUNSEL AS BOROUGH ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Lebanon Council has determined a need for the services of Joseph Novak Esq. of Novak and Novak LLC 78 Route 172 Hampton, New Jersey 08827; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has elected to enter into a professional services agreement pursuant N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and shall enter into such contract on a non-affair and open contract basis pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined in consultation with the Borough Attorney, that Joseph Novak Esq. of Novak and Novak has the requisite experience for such specialized matters;

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

17. Joseph Novak Esq. of Novak and Novak is hereby retained as Counsel to the Borough of Lebanon as of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.
18. The Mayor, Council President and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a professional services contract with Joseph Novak Esq. of Novak and Novak on the condition that the Counsel shall complete a Business Entity Disclosure Certification.
19. This resolution authorizes a contract to be awarded without competitive bidding with such contract to be prepared and finally approved by the Borough Attorney.
20. A notice of this action shall be published in the legal newspaper of the Borough.

Introduced and adopted:

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

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Marlene Baldinger, Council President

ATTEST: _____

CERTIFICATION

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Date: January 21, 2026

Karen M. Romano

Administrator/ Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #32-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 32-2026. With a second by Councilman Burton.

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

RESOLUTION#32-2026

Stickel, Koenig, Sullivan, and Drill

THE LEBANON BOROUGH LAND USE COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the Borough of Lebanon Council has determined a need for the services of Land Use Board Attorney Jonathan E. Drill Esq. of Stickel, Koenig, Sullivan and Drill 571 Pompton Ave Cedar Grove, NJ 07009; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has elected to enter into a professional services agreement pursuant N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and shall enter into such contract on a non-affair and open contract basis pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined in consultation with the Borough Attorney, that Jonathan E. Drill Esq. has the requisite experience for such specialized matters;

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

21. Jonathan E. Drill Esq. is hereby retained as Counsel to the Borough of Lebanon as of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.
22. The Mayor, Council President and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a professional services contract with Jonathan E. Drill Esq. on the condition that the Counsel shall complete a Business Entity Disclosure Certification.
23. This resolution authorizes a contract to be awarded without competitive bidding with such contract to be prepared and finally approved by the Borough Attorney.
24. A notice of this action shall be published in the legal newspaper of the Borough.

Introduced and adopted:

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

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 21st 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 21, 2026

Karen M. Romano,
Administrator/ Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #33-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 33-2026. With a second by Councilman Burton.

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

RESOLUTION #33-2026

BOND COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the Borough of Lebanon Council has determined a need for the services of Bond Counsel, Everett Johnson Esq. of Old Highway #28 P.O. Box 492, Whitehouse, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has elected to enter into a professional services agreement pursuant N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and shall enter into such contract on a non-affair and open contract basis pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined in consultation with the Borough Attorney, that Everett Johnson Esq. has the requisite experience for such specialized matters;

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

25. Everett Johnson Esq. is hereby retained as Bond

Counsel to the Borough of Lebanon as of January 1, 2026 –
December 31, 2026.

26. The Mayor, Council President and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a professional services contract with Everett Johnson Esq. on the condition that the Council shall complete a Business Entity Disclosure Certification.
27. This resolution authorizes a contract to be awarded without competitive bidding with such contract to be prepared and finally approved by the Borough Attorney.
28. A notice of this action shall be published in the legal newspaper of the Borough.

Introduced and adopted:

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

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 21st 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 21, 2026

Karen M. Romano,
Administrator/ Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #36-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 36-2026. With a second by Councilman Burton.

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

RESOLUTION # 36-2026

Experienced IT Solutions

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

WHEREAS, the maintenance and tech support covers the following: and
Monthly Network Support Plan at \$399.00 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 month-to-month agreement with **Experienced IT Solutions**. to perform specific network maintenance procedures, reports, and associated services to the networking system powering the Borough of Lebanon.

Introduced and adopted:

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

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 21, 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 21, 2026

Karen M. Romano
Administrator/ Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #43-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 43-2026. With a second by Councilman Burton.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 43-2026

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, the Borough of Lebanon has resolved to establish its Municipal Court as a shared Court with the Joint Municipal Court of Bethlehem and Bloomsbury; and

WHEREAS, the terms of an Interlocal Agreement have been mutually agreed upon by the Municipalities and received the approval of the Vicinage 13 Assignment Judge, Kevin Shanahan, A.J.S.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court requires the services of a Municipal Court Administrator for the calendar year 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Lebanon, Hunterdon County, New Jersey that the Borough of Lebanon hereby confirms the following person appointed by the Joint Court to their respective position for the Lebanon Borough Municipal Court as a shared Court of the Joint Municipal Court of Bethlehem and Bloomsbury for calendar year 2026:

Municipal Court Administrator- Donna Surdich;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Court personnel shall be compensated for their respective position in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement between the Borough of Lebanon and the Joint Municipal Court of Bethlehem and Bloomsbury.

Introduced and adopted:

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

Nays:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 21st 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 21, 2026

Karen Romano,
Administrator/Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #44-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 44-2026. With a second by Councilman Burton.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2026

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MUNICIPAL COURT
PROSECUTOR, ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR AND PUBLIC DEFENDER**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Lebanon has resolved to establish its Municipal Court as a shared Court with the Joint Municipal Court of Bethlehem and Bloomsbury; and

WHEREAS, the terms of an Interlocal Agreement have been mutually agreed upon by the Municipalities and received the approval of the Vicinage 13 Assignment Judge, Gerard J. Shamey A.J.S.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court requires the services of a Municipal Court Judge, Prosecutor and Public Defender for the calendar year 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Lebanon, Hunterdon County, New Jersey that the following persons are hereby appointed to their respective positions for the Lebanon Borough Municipal Court as a shared Court of the Joint Municipal Court of Bethlehem and Bloomsbury for calendar years 2026:

Prosecutor – Michelle M. Cresti
Alternate Prosecutor – Philip G. George

Public Defender – Mary C. Anodide
of Wilhelm & Roseersma, PC

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Court personnel shall be compensated for their respective positions in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement between the Borough of Lebanon and the Joint Municipal Court of Bethlehem and Bloomsbury.

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Administrator/Clerk

Marlene Baldinger, Council President

Introduced and adopted:

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

Nays:

Absent:

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 21st 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 21, 2026

Karen Romano,
Administrator/Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #45-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 45-2026. With a second by Councilman Burton.

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

**RESOLUTION #45-2026
RESOLUTION TO APPOINT GERARD J. SHAMEY AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE
FOR THE BOROUGH OF LEBANON**

WHEREAS, the position of Municipal Court Judge is filled by a person providing a service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Lebanon Hunterdon County, New Jersey as follows:

That Gerard J. Shamey be appointed Municipal Court Judge beginning January 1, 2026 thru December 31, 2027.

Introduced and adopted:

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

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Marlene Baldinger Borough Council President

ATTEST:

Karen Romano, Administrator/ Clerk
Borough Clerk

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Borough Council at a meeting held on January 21, 2026.

Karen Romano
Administrator/ Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #46-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 46-2026. With a second by Councilwoman Durange.

**BOROUGH OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 46-2026

2026 NJDCA SAGE RECREATION GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Lebanon desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$100,000.00 to carry out a project to construct a Walking Trail to complete a perimeter pedestrian route at the Borough's Holjes-Sheppard Park; and to develop a new Borough Welcome Pocket Park with a clock tower, paver patio/greeting area and sitting area;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, 1) that the Borough of Lebanon does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,

2) Recognizes and accepts that the department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement and also upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds

pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of Lebanon and the New Jersey department of community affairs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names titles and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application and that they Or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement and any other documents necessary in connection there within:

James J. Pittinger, Mayor
President

Marlene Baldinger, Council

James J. Pittinger, Mayor (print)

Marlene Baldinger, Council President(print)

Introduced and adopted:

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

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 21st 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 21, 2026

Karen Romano

Administrator/Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTION #47-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 47-2026. With a second by Councilman Burton.

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

RESOLUTION #47-2026

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:

**Kristen Abeles
Wendy Guidetti**

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 #2024-06, the following salary is hereby granted to the employee for the year 2025-2026:

Adult School Crossing Guards and Substitute Crossing Guards
..... \$ 24.00/hr. (NTX 5 hours per week)

Introduced and adopted: January 21, 2026

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

Nays: 0

Abstain:

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 21, 2026 force and effect as of the date I have subscribed my signature.

Date: January 21, 2026

Karen M. Romano,
Administrator/Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain: Councilwoman Durange

Absent:

RESOLUTION #48-2026:

Councilman Berger made a motion to approve Resolution 48-2026. With a second by Councilman Burton.

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

RESOLUTION #48-2026

BKC Certified Public Accountants

THE LEBANON BOROUGH AUDITOR

WHEREAS, the Borough of Lebanon Council has determined a need for the services of BKC Certified Public Accountant Laura Atwell CPA, PSA, RMA 114 Broad Street Flemington, NJ 08822, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has elected to enter into a professional services agreement pursuant N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and shall enter into such contract on a non-affair and open contract basis pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined in consultation with the Borough Attorney, that BKC Certified Public Accountants has the requisite experience for such specialized matters;

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

29. BKC Certified Public Accountants. is hereby retained as Auditor to the Borough of Lebanon as of January 1, 2026.
30. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a professional services contract with BKC Certified Public Accountants on the condition that the Auditor shall complete a Business Entity Disclosure Certification.
31. This resolution authorizes a contract to be awarded without competitive bidding with such contract to be prepared and finally approved by the Borough Attorney.
32. A notice of this action shall be published in the legal newspaper of the Borough.

Introduced and adopted:

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

Absent:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 21st 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 21, 2026

Karen M. Romano,
Administrator/ Clerk

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES: Councilman Berger made a motion to approve the Bill list for January 2025. Councilwoman Porcello seconded the motion.

The Motion was passed by the following vote:

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

NO:

Abstain:

Absent:

DISCUSSION:

Budget Meeting March 2, 2026 Boro Hall 6 pm

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

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

Former Councilman Greg Crawford thanked Councilman Richard Burton for serving as Council President for 13 years. He stated his selfless volunteerism throughout the Borough doesn't go unnoticed. Councilman Burton has followed in his mother's footsteps doing his best to keep Lebanon a Town to be proud of. Former Councilwoman Durange stated it is a pleasure to work alongside of Councilman Burton.

Councilman Valliere and Council President Baldinger also thanked Councilman Burton.

There being no further public comment Councilwoman Durange 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:

Recreation: Councilwoman Porcello stated the profit from for the 5K Race from Pro Activity was \$3000 the check was made to the Recreation Committee

MISCELLANEOUS:

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BODY

January 21, 2026

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

- Met with Engineers to review the 2026 Recreation Grant
- Met with KDP and JCP&L regarding electrical connection
- Met with KDP and Dutchman regarding pads for buildings
- Met with KDP regarding Sidewalks and curbing
- Met with KDP regarding swing set
- Met with KDP regarding garbage cans
- Snow Plowing: Call out, salt and snow manipulation

- Made sure all sidewalks and crosswalks were solved

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- I interviewed and hired 2 crossings guards
- Ordered new Stop signs and raincoats
- Worked with NJSP regarding closing the street for 5k race

REGISTRAR

- File all year end final Reports

LICENSING

- Issued all Food Licenses paid
- Dog licenses issue on an ongoing basis in January
- Send out Limo renewals

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

- Met with Stormwater Solutions regarding 2026 Budget
- Discussed jet vacuuming
- Schedule 2026 Street sweeping

CROSSING GUARDS

- Filled in for absent Crossing Guards

SENIOR CLUB: Senior Christmas Party was held at the Mountain View Chalet. Everyone had a wonderful time

RECREATION: 5K RUN/2K WALK - 1/1/2026

5K run/2K walk was a success with 235 participants.

Recreation received a check in the amount \$3,000.00 from the event proceeds.

12th NIGHT (BURNING OF THE GREENS) - 1/6/2026

Due to the park renovation the 12th Night was held at Borough Hall. There was a burn barrel, and we had the traditional crowning of the King and Queen.

Cupcakes and hot chocolate were served.

ENVIRONMENTAL/SHADE TREE

- Meeting Canceled

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

- No meeting

WELCOME BAGS

- No New Residents

ADJOURN:

Councilman Berger moved, and Councilman Burton seconded a motion to adjourn, there being no further business to come before Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm by unanimous vote.

Karen M. Romano,
Administrator/Clerk

