

**North Cornwall Township
General Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2021**

Call to Order:

The March 2, 2021 meeting of the North Cornwall Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Mr. Wahmann at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. This meeting was held at the Lebanon County Expo Center located at 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA.

In attendance were Supervisors Michael Wahmann, Chairman, Ron Sell, Vice-Chairman, Samuel Abram, Jr., Treasurer, Thomas J. Long, Sr., Township Manager, Amy Leonard of Henry & Beaver Law Office, and Michael Miller, Attorney.

Others in attendance are listed on the attached sign-in sheet.

Executive Session:

Executive Session was held on February 16, 2021 to discuss Personnel and Legal matters.

Executive Session was held on February 20, 2021 to discuss Personnel and Legal matters.

ACTION: Mr. Abram motioned to ratify the action taken at this Executive Session to which Officer Joseph Fischer was suspended without pay. Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

ACTION: Mr. Abram motioned to issue an administrative suspension letter to Police Chief John Leahy and ratify the action to place Chief John Leahy on administrative leave with pay. Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Executive Session was held on March 1, 2021 to discuss Personnel and Legal matters.

Attorney Mike Miller read a Press Release stating North Cornwall Township does not usually comment on Personnel matters, but did provide limited comments on the status of Officer Joseph Fischer and Chief John Leahy. The entire Press Release is posted on the Township website and a copy can be obtained at the Township office.

Public Comment:

Ellie Salahub questioned why Officer Fischer was suspended and not fired and feels Chief Leahy has been radicalized. She is very disappointed in our Police Department.

John Salahub wants to know if the Board has time to discuss his Resolution. Mr. Wahmann said he will address it later in the meeting.

Anita Winer asked if Fischer was suspended permanently. Attorney Miller replied the township's collective bargaining agreement with the police force gives Fischer due process rights that prevent an immediate firing.

Fred Tomco commented the Board should not rush to judgement and there is a lot of fake news.

Public Comment ended at 7:13PM.

Plan Briefing/ Presentation Request(s): None

Township Engineer Report: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Dept.: None

Zoning / Code / Planning Commission Report:

Planning Commission Report – None

The next meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Fire Dept: None

PUBLIC WORKS

Park & Recreation:

Meetings cancelled until further notice.

Highway/Recycling: None

Sanitary Sewer/MS4 Stormwater: None

ADMINISTRATION

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Abram made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2021 meeting as written.

Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report/Fund Balance Report:

Mr. Abram presented the Treasurer's report. The Board reviewed receipts, expenditures, and fund balances as listed on the agenda. Mr. Wahmann made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report to be filed for annual audit and the payment of the bills presented. Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Manager's Report:

Administrative Office - Misc. Activities & Correspondence:

Mr. Wahmann presented a letter from Mr. Swank of Springwood Development Partners asking for an extension of construction work hours from March 15 through November 5, 2021. Mr. Abram did not recommend the extension due to the construction work historically has not always followed the Township rules of not starting work before 7:00AM.

ACTION: Mr. Abram motioned to give Tom Long, Township Manager consent to contact and direct the developer who requested the waiver the construction start time is 7:00AM. No violation of the start time will be tolerated. Mr. Sell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

New Business:

Mr. John Salahub addressed the Board asking for the acceptance of a Resolution against hate crimes in the Township.

ACTION: Mr. Sell motioned to accept Resolution 2021-09. Mr. Abram seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

ACTION: Mr. Wahmann motioned to accept the resignation of Chief John Leahy from North Cornwall Township Police Department. Mr. Abram seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Old Business: None

Solicitor's Report:

Ms. Leonard reported she had one item related to the Township loan for paving and bridgework. She would like the Board to authorize her to prepare the required debt Act documents.

ACTION: Mr. Wahmann moved to authorize Ms. Leonard to move forward with the required Debt Act documents. Mr. Sell seconded. All voted in favor.

Supervisor's Report:

Mr. Abram wanted to express his continued support for the North Cornwall Township Police Department.

Additional Public Comment:

Mr. Matt Boehm of Springwood Development thanked the Board for addressing the construction noise issue.

Adjournment:

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas J. Long, Sr.
Township Manager
TJL/jt