

**North Cornwall Township
North Lebanon Township
Special Meeting
March 15, 2023**

Call to Order: The March 15, 2023, special meeting of the North Cornwall Township Board of Supervisors and North Lebanon Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Edward Brensinger at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

In attendance for North Cornwall Township were Supervisors Michael Wahmann, Chairman, Sam Abram, Jr., Vice-Chairman and Ronald Sell, Treasurer; Thomas Long, Sr., Township Manager; Justin Thompson, Public Works Director, and Police Chief, Harry Ward.

In attendance for North Lebanon Township were Supervisors Edward Brensinger, Chairman, Gary Heisey, Vice-Chairman, and Arden Snook, Treasurer; Cheri Grumbine, Township Manager, Lori Books, Assistant Township Manager, and Police Chief, Timothy Knight.

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

Purpose of the Meeting: Mr. Brensinger announced the purpose of the meeting is to discuss potential opportunities for intermunicipal cooperation and regionalization, as requested by Mr. Wahmann of North Cornwall Township.

Discussion / Action: Discussion regarding the feasibility and interest of a regional Police Department began among the Board of Supervisors.

There was conversation that this regionalization process and study was conducted previously, but the status of the police departments has changed since then. The current NLT and NCT police departments are facing issues with manpower, scheduling, and providing adequate police coverage for each municipality. Both Police Chief's discussed and cited examples of these issues.

There was a discussion regarding the number of other police departments that are merging or forming regionalized police departments to keep up with manpower shortages, recruitment of new officers, and maintaining polices department's operational costs. The availability of grant funding for municipal police departments who regionalize was also discussed.

There was discussion on doing a Police Regionalization Study, but it was agreed the first step would be to visit other recently formed regionalized police departments. Mr. Snook mentioned they would have nothing to lose by looking into this process. Mr. Wahmann offered to represent NCT and proceed with this action and NLT's Mr. Heisey agreed to represent NLT.

Mr. Wahmann and Mr. Heisey each agreed to visit a Regional Police Department in the area to educate themselves in Regional Police Departments.

Public Comment- None

Mr. Wahmann and Mr. Brensinger thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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