

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH LEBANON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

1. Mayor Smith opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. with the Pledge.
2. ATTENDANCE

Linda Allen – Absent	Maryan Harrison - Present
Linda Burke – Present	Bill Madison – Absent
Bryan Corcoran – Present	Rolin Spicer – Present

3. Mayor Smith stated in response to Council’s wishes to honor our First Responders, we have a resolution tonight. Mayor Smith personally thanked the First Responders.

**RESOLUTION 2020-33 A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION OF THE
FIRST RESPONDERS THAT SERVE THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH LEBANON,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

A motion to waive the three reading rule was made by Burke, seconded by Corcoran, all yeas. By title only, Resolution 2020-33, a motion to adopt was made Burke, seconded by Harrison, all yeas.

Corcoran suggested a round of applause. Everyone clapped in appreciation of Union Township, Hamilton Township, Warren County Sheriff Department and all First Responders. Pictures were taken with First Responders, Mayor, and Councilmembers. Burke thanked them for all that they do. Chief Reese, Hamilton Township thanked everyone for their appreciation. Chief Napier, Union Township accepted the honor on behalf of Union Township and their crew. Sgt. Boylan, Warren County Sheriff Department, South Lebanon Post, thanked everyone. Burke suggested a proclamation to commemorate this occasion. Mayor Smith thanked Union Township Trustee, Fred Vonderhaar, for attending tonight.

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5. **ORDINANCE 2020-21 FIRST READING: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF COCHRAN ROAD**
6. **MOTION NEEDED TO AUTHORIZE THE FISCAL OFFICER TO SEND AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE TO THE WARREN COUNTY AUDITOR**

A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Corcoran, all yeas.

7. AUTHORIZATION OF INVOICES

A motion to authorize the invoices for payment was made by Spicer, seconded by Harrison, all yeas.

8. Mayor Smith reported that we have received response back from the developer for GE Credit Union and they will be working on the property.
9. Solicitor Revelson stated that last year council talked about and brought up for a vote rezoning the parcel at Dwire Road and SR 48, 5067 Lebanon Road, and we then pursued a grant program to potentially purchase the property, but it was denied. The grant funding is still available this year. Solicitor Revelson stated that he was reapproached by the property owner's lawyer and the owner is still interested in selling the property. Solicitor Revelson said he told the lawyer that he didn't believe it was in South Lebanon's budget to go above the grant amount. It was discussed about donating a portion of the property as an advantage for tax purposes for the owner. Solicitor Revelson stated that Council in the past has authorized by motion to allow him to negotiate or pursue a contract. Haddix stated that there is a local match for this grant. Haddix believed the match last year was \$90,000. A motion for Solicitor Revelson to move forward in the process was made by Burke, seconded by Harrison, all yeas.
10. Administrator Haddix reported on the amount of development as seen by the number of zoning permits.

Haddix stated that he spoke with Mr. Evans today and he still wants to move forward with the donation of property. Haddix stated there will need to be surveying of the property and there may be some cost to us. Mayor Smith recommended McGill Smith Punshon because they already have surveyed much of the community.

Haddix said that he spoke with Aaron Reid, Warren County Community Services and he is waiting for the "Hyper Local Open Spaces" final plan. They are planning to put up a tent across the street that will be manned daily from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with internet access. There will also be free WiFi at Rogers Park through the end of October. Burke stated that Warren County Community Services is looking to help children not fall behind in their education who aren't physically at school, which is approximately 30% of students.

Haddix reported that our new Court Clerk, Deanne Haltman, started a couple of week ago. She is currently under the tutelage of the City of Monroe's Court Clerk and so she is learning a great deal.

11. Corcoran stated that he is looking forward to the Food Truck Rally this Saturday.

12. Burke thanked the Mayor and staff, Solicitor Revelson for all that they do for our community. They are a great group of people to work with.

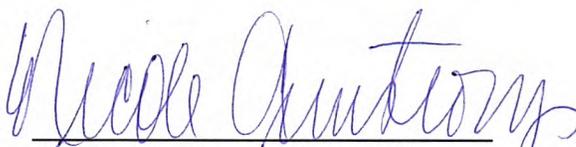
13. Harrison echoed Burke's sentiments.

Harrison asked Solicitor Revelson how we handle profane or distasteful signs in yards. Solicitor Revelson stated he is unsure unless it is a zoning violation, but he doesn't believe it is in our zoning code. Solicitor Revelson said maybe it in our property maintenance code. Harrison asked if Solicitor Revelson could investigate this. Solicitor Revelson said he would look at it. Harrison asked if this would be protected by our First Amendment.

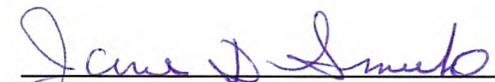
14. Spicer stated he has received questions from residents about keeping chickens in backyards and asked Council to allow Solicitor Revelson to look into changing our zoning verbiage. Haddix asked if Spicer wanted to initiate a zoning text amendment. Haddix stated that chickens are allowed in R-1 residential areas with at least 3 acres. Spicer stated that many areas around us are changing their zoning. Solicitor Revelson asked for clarification. Spicer stated to change the zoning to keep chickens. Burke asked if it would be temporary. Spicer stated to change the zoning. Mayor Smith inquired about which areas have made this change. Haddix stated if this is just for chickens and not livestock. Harrison stated just chickens. Solicitor Revelson said he will look into this and asked for any areas if known.

15. Haddix reminded everyone that there is still time to complete the census. It is important to have an accurate count of all residents. Mayor Smith explained the direct impact of the census on the Village.

16. Mayor Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Spicer, all yeas.



Nicole Armstrong, Fiscal Officer



James D. Smith, Mayor