

**TO:** Mt. Lebanon Commission  
**FROM:** Stephen M. Feller, Manager  
**DATE:** October 10, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** Agenda – Regular Meeting – October 14, 2014  
Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Roll Call

**SF 1. Manager’s announcements:**

- Meeting schedule
- Recognition of Mr. Michael Nalepa and Officer Thomas Rutowski

**JB 2. Junior Commissioner Nikola Ranick’s comments.**

**JB 3. Citizen Comments.**

**KF 4. Consideration of the [minutes](#) from the Adjourned Meeting held September 22, 2014. - passed**

Recommended Action: Move to approve the minutes.

**SS 5. Public hearing on the [Capital Improvement Program \(CIP\)](#).- hearing held**

As required by the Charter, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for 2015-2019 was submitted to the Commission on July 31, 2014. Copies of the document have been placed at the library, municipal building, and website. A public hearing is required to be held on this program prior to the issuance of the Manager’s Recommended Budget.

Recommended Action: JB 1. Conduct the public hearing.

**KF 6. Consideration of Ordinance ([Bill No. 11-14](#)) amending the Zoning Ordinance regarding Fence Design. - passed**

A Shadowbox Fence is one where the boards are placed on either side of the fence rail, spaced so they block vision but still allow airflow through the fence.

The Ordinance permits a Shadowbox Fence up to six feet in height in all districts. The Ordinance currently allows this type up fence up to four feet in height.

On July 22, 2014, the Planning Board recommended that the Ordinance not be approved and that the amendment be considered as part of a comprehensive review and update of the Zoning Ordinance that is proposed for 2015. This ordinance was introduced August 25, 2014, and the public hearing was held September 22, 2014.

Recommended Action: Move to enact Ordinance (Bill No. 11-14).

**DB 7. Consideration of Resolution No. R-16-14 to reimburse PennDOT for the design, construction and inspection costs associated with curb ramps on S.R. 3044 (Castle Shannon Boulevard). - passed**

This Resolution authorizes the proper Municipal Officials to sign an agreement to construct pedestrian facilities that are ADA compliant as part of the proposed street improvement project at 11 intersections along Castle Shannon Boulevard. The estimated cost for this ADA work is \$86,044, and the estimated PennDOT cost for the street, signal, and drainage work is approximately \$1,500,000.

*Recommended Action:* Move to adopt Resolution No. R-16-14.

**KF 8. Consideration of Resolution No. R-17-14 to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds through the South Hills Area Council of Governments. - passed**

A pre-application was prepared and provided to the South Hills Area Council of Governments for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The pre-application was for 50% funding of handicapped sidewalk construction to take place in 2015 in the amount of \$17,500.

Mt. Lebanon has successfully used this program over the past several years to address the installation of handicapped sidewalk ramps throughout the Municipality.

*Recommended Action:* Move to adopt Resolution No. R-17-14 authorizing the filing of an application for CDBG funds for handicapped sidewalk construction in the amount of \$17,500 for the year 2015.

**SS 9. Consideration of a private street policy. – pulled from agenda**

The policy outlines a procedure by which property owners on private streets may request to petition the Municipality to make the street public.

*Recommended Action:* Move to approve the policy.

**DB 10. Consideration of a tax appeal stipulation for property located on Dorchester Avenue (L&B 97-L-170). - passed**

The Mt. Lebanon School District and Brookdale Senior Housing, LLC, have reached an amicable settlement of the property owner's 2011 assessment appeal. The parties have stipulated to the following assessment:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
2011	\$15,000,000
2012	\$16,000,000
2013	\$18,000,000
2014	\$19,000,000

The 2014 value would carry on to future years unless further appealed by either party.

Recommended Action: Move to authorize the Municipal Manager and/or Solicitor to sign the order of settlement and discontinuance.

**KF 11. Consideration to install stop signs at Altoona Place and Serpentine Drive and Altoona Place and Serrano Avenue. - passed**

On October 1, 2014, the Traffic Board recommended stop signs at two locations:

1. Altoona Place and Serrano – it was determined that Serrano Avenue operates as the minor street with respect to Altoona Place given the proximity to the signalized intersection at Cochran Road. Therefore, installation of a stop sign on the Serrano Avenue approach to Altoona Place is recommended.
2. Altoona Place and Serpentine – given the steep grade of the Altoona Place approach to Serpentine Drive as well as the potential for sight distance issues with on-street parking along Serpentine Drive, it is recommended that stop signs be placed on the Serpentine Drive approaches to Altoona Place.

Recommended Action: Move to approve the installation of stop signs as recommended by the Traffic Board and Traffic Engineer.

**SS 12. Consideration to restrict left turns out of the governor's drive of Jefferson Elementary on Ruth Street. - passed**

At the October 1, 2014 Traffic Board meeting, the principal from Jefferson Elementary spoke about the backup of vehicles that is created on Ruth between Bower Hill Road and Linda Lane during school drop-off and pick-up. The Traffic Board recommended that the left turn restriction be implemented. This would prohibit vehicles leaving Jefferson Elementary from turning left onto Ruth toward Bower Hill from 7:30-9 a.m. and from 3-4 p.m.

Recommended Action: Move to approve the restrictions as recommended by the Traffic Board and Traffic Engineer.

**JB 13. Adjournment.**