

**MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING FEBRUARY 23, 2015  
OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held an Adjourned Meeting at 8:00 P.M., on Monday, February 23, 2015, at the Municipal Building, 710 Washington Road. Vice President Kelly Fraasch called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Manager Stephen M. Feller called the roll. Present were Commissioners Dave Brumfield, Kristen Linfante, Steve Silverman, and Kelly Fraasch. Commissioner John Bendel was not present. Also present were Finance Director Andrew McCreery, Police Chief McDonough, Fire Chief Sohyda, Acting Public Works Director Sukal, Planning Officer McGill, IT Officer Schalles, Business District Officer Milliron, and Public Information Officer Morgans. Also present were Phil Weis of the solicitor's office and Dan Deiseroth of the engineer's office.

**COMMISSION/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Feller stated that prior to the meeting, the Commission met in executive session to discuss assessment appeals and legal issues with the solicitor. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

Ms. Fraasch stated that on Saturday, February 28, at Clearview Common, the Mt. Lebanon Partnership will be presenting the Winterfest event that benefits Relay for Life. Tickets can be purchased online or at the event.

**JUNIOR COMMISSIONER HALEY SILVERMAN COMMENTS**

Haley Silverman spoke about various residential sidewalks that are used by the students to walk to and from school and are covered in ice and snow. She spoke about the high school construction project hindering convenient student parking, the kick-off of Relay for Life, the school play, and various other programs and athletic events at the high school.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Elaine Gillen of 735 Vallevista Avenue spoke about the deer population and asked about the deer sterilization proposal. Mr. Brumfield stated that a requirement for the Game Commission to consider this program is to first have a cull. Mr. Feller stated that sterilization is not currently permitted in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that a research project would need to be funded and approved by the Game Commission.

Karen Newman of 1140 Sunrise Drive spoke against deer culling.

Laura Yaremcho of 584 Moreland Drive spoke against deer culling.

Glenda Graves of 310 Bower Hill spoke against deer culling.

Mike Freeman of 444 Austin Avenue stated there is no way to reduce the deer population in a year. He asked that the issue be placed on the ballot.

India Mawn of 1082 Lindendale Drive stated that the deer are the only thing she likes about Mt. Lebanon, and that deer culling makes her ashamed to live in this community.

Barbara Sollenberger of 120 Newburn Drive spoke against deer culling.

Sally Myton of 140 Baywood Avenue spoke against deer culling.

Dave Egler of 121 Poplar Drive asked where the deer meat was being processed, stating that one deer can provide 200 meals, which can feed 1.8 million people in Pennsylvania. Mr. Feller stated that part of the requirement of the culling program is processing the deer and giving the meat to the needy families or a charitable food organization. Mr. Egler stated that he has been involved in a deer/vehicle collision and supports culling.

Kelly Barsotti of 335 Old Gilkeson Road stated she moved to Mt. Lebanon because it is a safe community. She stated that she is a teacher, and she teaches children to respect the environment. She is opposed to culling.

Rachel Shandor of 420 Carnegie Drive referenced a video showing deer being trapped. She asked that the commission consider tranquilizing deer and moving them to another area. Mr. Brumfield stated that the Game Commission will not permit deer being transported to another area.

Sim Graves of 310 Bower Hill Road spoke against trapping and killing deer.

Bill Hoon of 456 Coolidge Drive spoke against trapping and killing deer.

Nick Meduho of 101 Castle Shannon Boulevard asked several questions regarding deer management.

Jeanne Conklin Kauf of 40 Castle Shannon Boulevard stated that culling deer is cruel.

Geneva Pullen of 180 Morrison Drive spoke against culling deer.

Ann Roper of 371 Broadmoor Avenue stated that people live in the suburbs because they want to see wildlife. She spoke against culling deer.

Randolph Kelly of 524 Lyndhurst Avenue spoke about the police incident reports involving deer. He spoke against trapping and killing deer.

Dorene Ciletti of 138 James Place spoke against trapping and killing deer. She believed there were other alternatives to manage the deer population.

Stacey Chick of 177 Sleepy Hollow Road spoke against the use of rifles for deer culling.

Debra Zamberry of 793 Fruithurst Drive stated that deer are a problem. She spoke in support of deer culling, stating that she is having an issue with deer feces in her yard.

Evelyn Raiff of 245 Hazel Drive asked that the commission delay the culling and research more humane options.

Gregory Banks of 1037 Firwood Drive spoke about assessments, artificial turf and deer management.

Kimberly Schevtchuk of 519 Lyndhurst Drive spoke against the use of rifles to kill deer.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE  
REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

Mr. Silverman moved and Ms. Linfante seconded to approve the minutes. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 2-15)  
AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE  
OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE NORTH GARAGE**

Mr. Brumfield said this Ordinance will amend an existing lease so that the tenant can relinquish part of its space on the street level in the North Garage on Washington Road. The agreement also includes a renewal option. This ordinance was introduced February 10, 2015.

Mr. Brumfield moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to enact Ordinance (Bill No. 2-15). The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-3-15 AMENDING  
CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE POLICE PENSION PLAN**

Mr. Silverman said the Municipality and the Wage and Policy Committee of the Mt. Lebanon Police Department discussed concerns regarding the pension plan and agreed to implement certain changes for retirements in accordance with arbitration awards and other discussions.

Mr. Silverman moved and Ms. Linfante seconded Move to adopt Resolution No. R-3-15. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-6-15  
AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL RECORDS**

Mr. Brumfield said that in 1989, Mt. Lebanon adopted a Retention and Disposition schedule for municipal records issued by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

The municipality each year reviews its records and removes those no longer required under the schedule. This resolution authorizes destruction of various listed records according to the schedule.

Mr. Brumfield moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-6-15. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES CONTRACT TO DIVERSIFIED MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Mr. Silverman said Diversified Municipal Services, Inc., has proposed to represent the Municipality in defending and appealing assessed values including compiling sales data on the subject and comparable properties. With the 2015 appeals program, Diversified will prepare and analyze assessment to sale ratios for all transactions that have occurred in Mt. Lebanon in the past. Diversified will charge a flat fee of \$175 for each appeal attended.

Mr. Silverman moved and Ms. Linfante seconded to authorize the proper municipal officials to appoint Diversified Municipal Services. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPENDITURE  
LIST FOR JANUARY TOTALING \$5,155,267.47**

Mr. Brumfield moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to approve the expenditure list for January totaling \$5,155,267.47. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Mr. Silverman asked that the reports be received and filed.

**COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS OF OTHER COMMUNITIES**

Emily Spivak of 163 E. Edgewood Drive from McMurray, member of the Humane Society of the United States, stated that corralling deer is inhumane, and the program would not work to reduce the deer herd.

Becky Ghrist from Bentleyville stated that she signed the petition to stop the trapping program.

Kim Chicchi of 1700 Patrick Place from South Park asked that the commission consider halting the corralling program.

Terri Katchmar of 3265 Waltham Avenue from Dormont spoke against deer culling.

Steve Senick of 3625 Waltham Avenue from Dormont spoke against deer culling.

Mark Atkins of 1524 Orchardview Drive from Scott Township spoke against corralling deer, believing it was unsafe. He suggested waiting until next year and then participating in the archery program.

Joe Hirsch of 1411 Cardinal Drive from Scott Township spoke against deer culling, stating that Scott Township controls deer through other more humane means.

Mary Lynn Morocco of 3025 Thomas Jefferson Drive from Jefferson Hills stated that corralling deer was cruel.

Ginney Duffey of 2541 Shellburne Drive from Wexford stated that she has a passion for animals, and she is upset that Mt. Lebanon is corralling deer.

David Spivak of 163 E. Edgewood Drive from McMurray spoke against corralling deer. He believed the root of the problem was related to excessive speed of vehicles.

Carol Hirsch of 1411 Cardinal Drive from Scott Township asked that the commission revisit its decision to cull deer.

Alecia Allison of 1143 Wisconsin Avenue from Dormont stated that she is an avid hunter, but she did not agree with corralling and killing deer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.