

**MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 2015  
OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held an Adjourned Meeting at 8:00 P.M., on Monday, September 28, 2015, at the Municipal Building. 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, Steve Silverman, Coleen Vuono, and Kelly Fraasch. Commissioner John Bendel participated via the telephone. Also present were Chief of Police Lauth, Public Works Director Sukal, Recreation Director Donnellan, Finance Director McCreery, Inspections Officer Berkley, 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**

Ms. Fraasch summarized the information that was reviewed during the discussion session including the sanitary sewer consent order, the Indoor Tennis agreement, the proposed design guidelines for Virginia Manor, issues with collection of current and delinquent LST, revisions to the fund balance policy, and deer management.

Mr. Feller stated that prior to the meeting, the Commission met in executive session to discuss appointments to boards and authorities, labor negotiations, a zoning appeal and other legal issues with the solicitor. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

Ms. Fraasch stated that the next Second Saturday is October 10, from 9 a.m. to noon.

**JUNIOR COMMISSIONER NANCY LU COMMENTS**

Ms. Lu introduced herself and thanked the Commission for the opportunity to be Junior Commissioner. She spoke about activities involving academics and athletics. She stated that the student body is ecstatic that the high school renovation project is complete. She added that the dedication ceremony is scheduled for October 11, at 2 p.m.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Cynthia Richey, Director of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library, stated that she is retiring on October 10. She thanked the Commission, staff and community for financial support over the years, stating that many people have benefited from this funding. She also said that this generosity helps improve the quality of life in Mt. Lebanon.

Maureen Barrett of 226 McCully Street spoke about posted hunting signs.

Elaine Gillen of 735 Vallevista Avenue spoke about a 19% service charge from Jordan Tax on her monthly sewer bill. She also spoke about deer management.

Marianne Keefer of 827 Vallevista Avenue spoke against lethal means to control the deer population.

Bill Hoon of 456 Coolidge Avenue didn't believe there was a deer problem, stating that it was a gardener issue.

Barbara Alsko of 815 Florida Avenue spoke against lethal means to control deer, believing it was unsafe. She spoke in support of sterilizing deer.

Nick Meduho of 101 Castle Shannon Boulevard spoke about deer management and procedures. He also spoke about a block party and an incident on Sleepy Hollow Road.

Nancy Smith of 380 Avon Drive spoke about deer browsing and the negative affect it has on the environment. She spoke in support of an annual deer culling program.

David Egler of 121 Poplar Drive spoke in support of deer culling. He also spoke in support of the LST being collected by Jordan Tax. He also asked for a clarification on the bond issue.

Bruce Slater of 140 Skylark Circle discussed the use of goats to combat invasive species in Bird Park. He also spoke against the implementation of preservation design guidelines for Virginia Manor. He spoke about bicyclists and walkers not using reflective gear at night. He supported archery and sharpshooters to control deer.

Kimberly Shevtchuk of 519 Lyndhurst Drive expressed opposition to the use of lethal weapons to control deer.

Barbara Sollenberger of 120 Newburn Drive supported deer sterilization.

Sally Myton of 140 Baywood Avenue supported deer sterilization and opposed archery hunting in Mt. Lebanon.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM  
THE REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 9-15)  
AMENDING MUNICIPAL PARK RULES**

Mr. Brumfield said this Ordinance amends the rules to prohibit smoking in any area of a park and public grounds facility posted with "No Smoking" signs or symbols. The ordinance was introduced on August 11, 2015, and a public hearing was held September 8, 2015.

Mr. Brumfield moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to enact Ordinance (Bill No. 9-15). The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 11-15) ADOPTING  
A SCHEDULE OF REASONABLE COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
COLLECTION OF CURRENT AND DELINQUENT LOCAL SERVICES TAX**

Ms. Vuono said the municipality intends to appoint Jordan Tax Service to collect current and delinquent local services tax. This ordinance establishes a schedule of reasonable costs of collection to be imposed and collected from delinquent taxpayers.

Ordinance (Bill No. 11-15) was introduced.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 12-15) AUTHORIZING  
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED  
\$9,900,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING PORTIONS OF THE  
MUNICIPALITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES A AND B OF 2010**

Mr. Brumfield said the proposed Ordinance is necessary for the Municipality to issue General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2015 in the amount not to exceed \$9,900,000 with the proceeds being used to refund portions of the General Obligation Bonds, Series A and B of 2010 and to pay the costs of issuance of the 2015 bonds. The savings in debt service costs achieved are expected to be approximately \$400,000, or 4.1% for outstanding 2010 series.

Ordinance (Bill No. 12-15) authorizing General Obligation Bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$9,900,000 for the purpose of refunding the Municipality's General Obligation Bonds, Series A and B of 2010 was introduced, and the public hearing was set for October 13, 2015.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-13-15 TO APPLY FOR  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS THROUGH  
THE SOUTH HILLS AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

Mr. Silverman said a pre-application was prepared and provided to the South Hills Area Council of Governments for Community Development Block Grant Funds. The pre-application was for 50% funding of handicapped sidewalk construction to take place in 2016 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. A requirement for submission of the formal Community Development Block Grant application is that the Commission adopts a standard resolution.

Mr. Silverman moved and Ms. Vuono seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-13-15. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-14-15 TO APPLY FOR  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE  
SOUTH HILLS AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR NORTH  
MEADOWCROFT BASKETBALL AND TENNIS COURT ADA IMPROVEMENTS**

Ms. Vuono said a pre-application was prepared and provided to the South Hills Area Council of Governments for Community Development Block Grant Funds. The pre-application was for the funding of an ADA Access Project to take place in 2016 in the amount of \$104,500. Mt. Lebanon had previously bid the project, but did not proceed with its completion in 2007. The project was reviewed again due to the availability of possible grant funding.

A requirement for submission of the formal Community Development Block Grant application is that the Commission adopts a standard resolution.

Ms. Vuono moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-14-15. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH JORDAN TAX SERVICES  
FOR COLLECTION CURRENT AND DELINQUENT LOCAL SERVICES TAX**

Mr. Silverman said local services tax is a tax levied on wage earners within the municipality borders whose income exceeds \$12,000. The total tax is \$52 and is distributed between the municipality and the Mt. Lebanon School District, with the municipality receiving \$47 of the tax. Currently, the municipality collects tax payments internally. Jordan Tax Service is the current and delinquent earned income tax collector for the municipality through the Southwest Tax Collection District. Through this agreement, employers within the municipality will be able to submit all local tax payments to one location. In addition, this agreement would lower the pro rata share of the tax collection for both taxing bodies by a net 3-5%.

Mr. Silverman moved and Ms. Vuono seconded to authorize the proper municipal official to execute the agreement. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT  
WITH INDOOR TENNIS FOR MT. LEBANON**

Mr. Brumfield said Indoor Tennis was established in 1967 for the purpose of purchasing and operating an indoor tennis program at the community tennis center. The partnership between Indoor Tennis and the Municipality has provided the community with a quality program and facilities during the winter months. This agreement replaces the prior agreement between the parties and shall remain in effect until May 31, 2020.

Mr. Brumfield moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to authorize the proper municipal officials to sign the agreement. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPENDITURE  
LIST FOR AUGUST TOTALING \$3,680,181.74**

Ms. Vuono moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to approve the expenditure list for August totaling \$3,680,181.74. The vote was called. Mr. Bendel abstained from voting because of his son's seasonal part-time employment with the tennis center. The motion carried with four votes and one abstention.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Ms. Vuono asked that the reports be received and filed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Steve Feller  
From: John Bendel  
Date: September 28, 2015  
Re: Abstention from vote

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My son is employed at the Tennis Center. I am therefore abstaining from voting on the monthly payroll. I also request that this memo be filed with the minutes of tonight's meeting.