

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2016
OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held a Regular Meeting at 8:00 P.M., on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at the Municipal Building. President Kelly Fraasch called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Manager Keith McGill called the roll. Present were Commissioners John Bendel, Dave Brumfield, Steve McLean, Steve Silverman, and Kelly Fraasch. Also present were Chief of Police Lauth, Public Works Director Sukal, Finance Director McCreery, Inspections Officer Berkley, Assistant to the Manager Cross, 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 Commission goals and priorities for 2016, an update on the 2016 street reconstruction/maintenance program, stormwater and storm sewer updates, a discussion with Republic Services, board and authority updates from the Commission, and added items for the next meeting, including the Zamagias property, a naming rights opportunity, and the potential for banners for veterans.

Mr. McGill stated that prior to the meeting, the Commission met in executive session to discuss litigation involving Ms. Gillen and also received legal advice from the solicitor. The next adjourned meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2016, at 8 p.m.

Mr. Brumfield stated that on Monday, February 15, Allegheny County will close Painters Run Road between Robb Hollow and McMillen until sometime in May. When phase one is completed, additional areas on Painters Run will be closed. He also stated that State Rep. Dan Miller is having a youth summit on mental health and disabilities, which is scheduled for March 4, at the Beth El Congregation.

JUNIOR COMMISSIONER CHRISTIAN VIETMEIER COMMENTS

Junior Commissioner Christian Vietmeier was not in attendance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Barbara Sollenberger of 120 Newburn Drive spoke about the sharpshooting program. She also spoke about the pedestrian/bicycle/vehicle accident rates for 2015.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM
THE ADJOURNED MEETING HELD JANUARY 25, 2016**

Mr. Brumfield moved and Mr. McLean seconded to approve the minutes. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 2-16)
AMENDING THE CODE REGARDING PEDESTRIANS**

Mr. Bendel said the Ordinance would amend the current regulations by identifying when a pedestrian may cross at all locations in the municipality where official traffic-control signals or pedestrian-controlled signals are established, and establishing penalties for violation of such regulations.

Ordinance (Bill No. 2-16) as introduced.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-4-16 AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE/PURCHASE
AGREEMENT WITH WES BANCO FOR A NEW WHEEL LOADER**

Mr. McLean said this equipment is being obtained through the Commonwealth's Cooperative Purchasing Program (COSTARS). The equipment is a 2016 Caterpillar 938M Wheel Loader truck. The lease term is for five years. At the end of the full lease term, the Municipality shall have free and clear title to the equipment. The price of the new wheel loader less the trade of a 2004 Caterpillar 386 Wheel Loader valued at \$37,000 is \$216,037.

Mr. McLean moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-4-16, authorizing the proper municipal officials to execute the lease/purchase agreement and related documents, subject to review and approval by the Manager and solicitor. Mr. Bendel stated that he would be abstaining from the vote since WesBanco is a member (owner and customer) of the FHL Bank Pittsburgh, a cooperative. He said that he is employed by FHL Bank, and therefore, he would be abstaining from voting on this transaction with WesBanco. He also requested that this memo be filed with the minutes of tonight's meeting. The vote was called. The motion passed with four votes and one abstention.

**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 2016 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 Mr. Bendel seconded to authorize the proper municipal officials to execute an agreement with Diversified Municipal Services. Mr. McLean said that he would not be voting in favor of this item, stating that the municipality should not be involved with real estate matters. Mr. Brumfield said that he has supported this program every year, stating that higher-priced homes seem to be significantly underassessed while lower-priced homes are assessed closer to the value or slightly above. He agrees that the municipality shouldn't involve itself with real estate matters, but because the issue is not being addressed by the county or state, then local government has a duty to its residents to address the disparity. Mr. Bendel stated that he would be voting against the item, stating that the responsibility lies with Allegheny County, which is empowered by the state. Mr. Silverman stated that our solicitor has reviewed the program. He said

that Mt. Lebanon is looking to address the most egregious properties. Ms. Fraasch stated that she would be supporting the program. The vote was called. Mr. Brumfield, Mr. Silverman and Ms. Fraasch voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Bendel and Mr. McLean voted against the motion. The motion passed three to two.

**CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE ONE READY-TO-USE SNOW
PLOW TRUCK FROM WOLTZ AND WIND FORD
THROUGH THE PENNSYLVANIA COSTARS PURCHASING PROGRAM**

Mr. Brumfield said this truck will replace one of the older 17,950-pound gross vehicle weight trucks that will be sold at public auction this fall. The new 2016 snow plow truck includes a Ford F-550, with four-wheel drive, 6.7L Ford turbo diesel engine, 6 speed automatic transmission, snow plow preparation package, 8'6" J&J aluminum dump body with options, central hydraulic system, Hi-Way 304 stainless steel tailgate auger-spinner spreader, Western 9' Pro-Plus plow, and trailer tow package, at a total cost of \$98,540. This price reflects a savings of \$9,360 under the manufacturer's retail price of \$107,930 or an 8.7% reduction. Funding for this vehicle has been appropriated in the 2016 municipal budget.

Mr. Brumfield moved and Mr. McLean seconded to purchase one ready-to-use four-wheel drive snow plow truck from Woltz and Wind Ford through the Pennsylvania Costars Purchasing Program at a total cost of \$98,540. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE ONE LEAF LOADER TO
REPLACE A UNIT THAT HAS REACHED THE END OF ITS USEFUL LIFE**

Mr. Bendel said Commission approval is requested to purchase one trailer-mounted leaf loader from A&H Equipment of Bridgeville at a total cost of \$43,900. Funding is included in the 2016 operating budget. A & H Equipment participates in the Pennsylvania Costars Purchasing program and is offering a 4.9% discount.

Mr. Bendel moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to purchase one trailer-mounted leaf loader through the Costars Purchasing Program from A&H Equipment for \$43,900. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

To: Keith McGill
From: John Bendel
Date: February 9, 2016
Re: Abstention from vote

WesBanco is a member (owner and customer) of the FHLBank Pittsburgh, a cooperative. I am employed by FHLBank. I am therefore abstaining from voting on this transaction with WesBanco. I also request that this memo be filed with the minutes of tonight's meeting.