

TO: Mt. Lebanon Commission
FROM: Keith A. McGill, Municipal Manager
DATE: January 6, 2017
SUBJECT: Agenda – Regular Meeting – January 10, 2017 – 8 p.m.

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Roll Call

- DB 1. Commission/Manager’s announcements:**
- Summary of discussion session topics (Manager McGill)
 - Manager’s announcements (Manager McGill)
 - Community highlights (Commission Vice President Silverman)

DB 2. Citizens Comments.

JB 3. Consideration of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held December 13, 2016 and the Organizational Meeting held January 3, 2017.

Recommended Action: Move to approve the minutes.

SS 4. Introduction of Ordinance (Bill No. 1-17) amending the Mt. Lebanon Code to include newly enacted ordinances or amendments to existing ordinances enacted since January 26, 2016.

Mt. Lebanon’s ordinances were codified in 1978 with updates occurring periodically since that time. All of the ordinances have been enacted previously by the Commission, but this action will codify the documents.

- Recommended Action:*
- SS 1. Introduce Ordinance (Bill No. 1-17).
 - DB 2. Set the public hearing for Monday, January 23, 2017.

KF 5. Introduction of Ordinance (Bill No. 2-17) authorizing the incurring of non-electoral debt for various capital projects.

The municipality desires to issue debt for the projects listed below and also to pay the costs of issuing the bonds:

<u>Proposed Projects</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Bond Funding</u>
Ice Rink Floor Replacement Public Works Facility and Firing Range	General	\$1,510,000
Fire Truck	General	\$ 555,000
Total		\$8,800,000

- Recommended Action: KF 1. Introduce Ordinance (Bill No. 2-17).
 DB 2. Set the public hearing for January 23, 2017.

SM 6. Consideration of Ordinance (Bill No. 10-16) amending the Charter regarding tax limits.

The Home Rule Charter Section 914 contains limitations on increases in taxes, including a 2-mill limit on increases in annual real estate tax, and a restriction on increasing earned income tax only when there is a corresponding reduction in real estate. The 2-mill limit was added to Section 914 at a time when Allegheny County used a predetermined ration of 25% for assessments, whereas now it uses 100%. The 2-mill limit in Section 914 would allow a tax increase of approximately \$5,000,000 a year; the proposed 10% limit would lower this amount to approximately \$3,500,000.

Section 914 allows a tax increase in excess of the stated limitations only if the increase is approved by a referendum or by unanimous vote of all Commissioners in office. Therefore, the Commission desires to change the Charter regarding the limitations and taxes. This ordinance was introduced November 28, 2016, and the public hearing was held December 13, 2016.

- Recommended Action: Move to enact Ordinance (Bill No. 10-16).

JB 7. Consideration of commencement of pension benefits.

Mt. Lebanon sponsors three defined pension benefit plans for its employees: General Employees, Police and Firemen. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Department of the Auditor General requires that all benefit commencements for the Police Pension Plan be approved by the Commission. It also recommends that all benefit commencements regardless of plan type be approved by the Commission.

The employees detailed below have requested benefit commencement commensurate with the terms of their respective pension plans.

Employee Name Title	Pension Plan Department	Benefit Start Date			
Steven Lane Lieutenant	Firemen Fire	2/1/2017			
Kathleen Mays Library Assistant	General Employees Library	2/1/2017			

- Recommended Action: Move to approve benefit commencement for Steven Lane and Kathleen Mays.

DB 8. Adjournment.