

**MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING MAY 28, 2019
OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held an Adjourned Meeting at 8:00 P.M., on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at the Municipal Building, 710 Washington Road. Commission President Steve McLean called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Manager McGill called the roll. Present were Commissioners Kelly Fraasch, Craig Grella, Steve Silverman and Steve McLean. Commissioner John Bendel participated via the telephone. Also present were Assistant Manager McMeans, Chief of Police Lauth, Fire Chief Sohyda, Public Works Director Sukal, Finance Director McCreery, Recreation Director Donnellan, and Public Information Officer Pace-Lilly. Also present were Phil Weis of the solicitor's office and Dan Deiseroth of the engineer's office.

COMMISSION/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manager McGill summarized the information that was reviewed during the discussion session, including a communications consultant presentation by Adams Sarthou Communications LLC and CorCom, Inc., review of the public works lift project, which Mr. McGill indicated this item was being removed from the regular agenda. He stated that they also reviewed the draft ordinance pertaining to sanitary sewer laterals, and would continue the discussion session to review capital projects and heard from commissioners regarding activities with various boards and authorities after this meeting.

Manager McGill stated that immediately following the extended discussion session meeting, the Commission will meet in executive session to receive legal advice from the solicitor on various legal issues. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at 8 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Municipal Building. The discussion session will also begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. in Room C.

Mr. Grella congratulated the Mt. Lebanon Magazine for being a finalist in four categories in the Golden Quill Awards sponsored by the Press Club of Western PA. He also noted that information regarding street reconstruction can be found on the website. He stated that the recreation department was having its senior cookout on Tuesday, June 4, at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$7, and they must be purchased by Friday, May 31. He stated that Friday, June 7 is the first First Friday on Washington Road, with free music by Aldo Arlo at Clearview Common, from 7-10 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT INTERNS

Mr. McLean said in August of 2017 the Municipality launched a pilot program to provide an opportunity for high school students who expressed an interest in learning more about how local government functions in Mt. Lebanon. The program included a real world look at the decision process behind the provision of local services, the budget process, the role of various boards and authorities, the role of the elected officials, how policies are developed and implemented, the importance of public outreach and effective communication and other related topics. The interns have attended public meetings each month, attended advisory board meetings, and met with department heads.

The Municipality would like to recognize our student interns Peter Garlitz, Myles Greenbaum, and Katie Lin, who took part in the program during the spring semester of 2019 and thank them for their time and dedication to the program.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Robert Freeman of 1166 Firwood Drive, stated his family has been in the real estate business in this community for over 50 years. He stated that there are over 15,000 homes in Mt. Lebanon, and less than 500 properties are sold in any given year; therefore, it would take a minimum of 27 years to reach your goal regarding televising laterals, providing all homes were sold. There are many homes that are in families for decades; therefore the goal to televise all laterals will never be met. He does not believe that point of sale testing is the answer to the lateral issue, adding that it is an additional burden to realtors.

Tim Pleta of 27 Hoodridge Lane believed that cameras would not be able to view some laterals because of roots, etc. With the proposed ordinance, a lateral with roots or a small crack would need replaced. He spoke against the proposed lateral ordinance.

Charlene Haislip, a realtor in Mt. Lebanon, spoke against the proposed lateral ordinance being required at point of sale, stating it could be a hardship for residents.

Arch Autenreich, president of the realtors association in Pittsburgh, spoke against camera lateral testing at point of sale.

Brad Templeton of 370 Beadling Road, who is a realtor, spoke against the proposed lateral ordinance. He stated that the proposed ordinance could be the difference between selling a home or foreclosure.

Bill Hoon of 456 Coolidge spoke against the deer management program, stating it is costly.

Martin Flaherty of 283 Arden Road questioned why the proposed lateral ordinance requires a NASSCO-certified person to televise the lateral.

Kimberly Schevtchuk of 519 Lyndhurst spoke about deer management policies.

Rick Bartkowski of 1072 Summer Place spoke against the proposed lateral ordinance, stating there is no mandate. He asked that Kelly Fraasch recuse herself from this issue since she is a realtor.

Solicitor Weis stated that Ms. Fraasch does not have to recuse herself; she is able to vote on the issue.

Chuck Blumenschein of 905 Ruth Street was opposed to the proposed lateral ordinance. He submitted a list of questions that he requested be answered.

Paul Grandy of 910 Washington Road spoke against the proposed lateral ordinance, asking that it be placed on hold since it is not required at this time. He asked that the Commission push back against ALCOSAN and support the residents since the City of Pittsburgh isn't doing anything, including dye testing. He stated that the Commission has a fiduciary responsibility to the residents, and that includes not making residents spend private dollars unnecessarily as is proposed in the lateral ordinance.

Jack Getkin of 130 Seminole Drive stated that he is a master plumber, and he is skeptical of the effect the ordinance will have on the perceived inflow of stormwater infiltration through the system through private laterals. He stated that the majority of laterals in Mt. Lebanon are aged terracotta, and there will be some roots or cracks in them, resulting in the residents bearing the financial burden of repairing/replacing them in accordance with the proposed ordinance. He stated that he was opposed to the ordinance. He suggested that each commissioner have their own laterals televised so that they would have a better understanding on the financial burden the proposed ordinance will have on the residents. He also stated that Mt. Lebanon Public Works employees do a great job plowing snow in the winter, contrary to the remarks that were made in the discussion session meeting preceding this one.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM
THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 14, 2019**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 2-19) FOR
ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF THE SANITARY
SEWER TRAVERSING THE PROPERTY OF MARFRED REALTY, LLC.**

Mr. Grella said a Grant of Easement has been submitted to the Municipality by Marfred Realty, LLC, owners of the property at 1551 Washington Road, where The Fresh Market resides, for the 12-inch sanitary sewer that traverses the property. The installation of the sanitary sewer line was inspected by the Municipal Engineer's office and the final condition verified by CCTV on July 6, 2018.

The Municipal Engineer has reviewed the documents and recommends enactment of the ordinance for accepting the dedication of the sanitary sewer traversing the property of Marfred Realty, LLC.

This ordinance was introduced on May 14, 2019.

Mr. McLean declared the public hearing opened.

Because there were no comments, Mr. McLean declared the public hearing closed.

**CONSIDERATION OF AN AWARD FOR
MT. LEBANON'S 2019-2020 INSURANCE PROGRAM**

Ms. Fraasch said the non-employment-related insurances for the municipality expire on June 5, 2019. This includes property, equipment, crime, automobile, general liability, professional, umbrella and cyber liability coverages. For the upcoming year, the quote from MRM PLT, the insurance pool that currently insures the municipality, is \$374,772. There are minimal changes to the coverage, deductibles or limits for the next year. The general fund will be responsible for \$351,449, and the parking fund will pay \$23,323.

Ms. Fraasch moved and Mr. Grella seconded to authorize the placement of insurance for 2019-2020 with the MRM PLT insurance pool at a premium of \$374,772. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE BALLISTIC VESTS

Mr. Grella said Commission approval is requested to purchase 46 Survival Armor ballistic vests and carriers from Markl Supply Company at a total purchase price of \$42,826. The budgeted amount is \$50,000. These new vests will replace equipment fitted for each Mt. Lebanon Police Department officer that was purchased in 2014 and has reached its useful end of life. Ballistic vests carry a manufacturer's warranty of five years, and their replacement is currently covered under the Collective Bargaining agreement. Previously approved Capital Improvement funds will be used for the purchase of these new vests. Markl Supply Company has quoted the vests and carriers under Costars Pricing and PA State Contract #4400015302.

Mr. Grella moved and Ms. Fraasch seconded to purchase 46 Survival Armor ballistic vests and carriers from Markl Supply Company at a total purchase price of \$42,826. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO INSTALL A YIELD SIGN ON THE
CHANNELIZED RIGHT TURN FROM BEVERLY ROAD ONTO NEWBURN DRIVE**

Ms. Fraasch said residents expressed a concern over the lack of traffic control signage on the channelized right turn from Beverly Road onto Newburn Drive. Upon review, it was determined that yield control for the channelized right turn is recommended to establish right of way for the traffic approaching this intersection. The Traffic Board passed a motion to recommend this installation.

Ms. Fraasch moved and Mr. Grella seconded to install a yield sign for the channelized right turn movement from Beverly Road onto Newburn Drive. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO INSTALL A STOP SIGN ON THE HOLLY LANE
APPROACH TO MORRISON DRIVE, A STOP SIGN ON
BOTH HOLLY LANE APPROACHES TO HELEN DRIVE, AND
A STOP SIGN ON THE THEODAN DRIVE APPROACH TO HELEN DRIVE**

Mr. Silverman said residents of this neighborhood have expressed a concern over the lack of traffic control at the intersections of Holly Lane with Morrison Drive, Holly Lane with Helen Drive, and Helen Drive with Theodan Drive. Upon review, it was recommended that stop signs be installed on the perceived minor street approaches to establish right of way for traffic approaching these intersections. Specifically, it was recommended that a stop sign be installed on the Holly Lane approach to Morrison Drive, on both Holly Lane approaches to Helen Drive, and on the Theodan Drive approach to Helen Drive. The Traffic Board passed a motion to recommend this installation.

Mr. Silverman moved and Ms. Fraasch seconded to install a stop sign on the Holly Lane approach to Morrison Drive, a stop sign on both Holly Lane approaches to Helen Drive, and a

stop sign on the Theodan Drive approach to Helen Drive. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO INSTALL A STOP SIGN ON THE NORTHBOUND COUCH FARM ROAD APPROACH TO VALLEYVIEW ROAD AND A STOP SIGN ON THE WESTBOUND VALLEYVIEW ROAD CHANNELIZED RIGHT TURN APPROACH TO COUCH FARM ROAD. ALSO TO MAINTAIN THE LANDSCAPED TRAFFIC ISLANDS TO A HEIGHT OF LESS THAN 3 FEET ABOVE THE ROADWAY

Mr. Grella said residents of this neighborhood have expressed a concern over the traffic control at the intersection of Couch Farm Road and Valleyview Road. Upon review, it was determined that stop signs are recommended for both the northbound Couch Farm Road approach and the westbound channelized right turn Valleyview Road approach. Additionally, it was recommended that the vegetation within the channelizing island on the westbound Valleyview Road approach be maintained to a height of less than three (3) feet above the roadway to assist in providing adequate visibility of vehicles in the intersection.

Mr. Grella moved and Ms. Fraasch seconded to install a stop sign on the northbound Couch Farm Road approach to Valleyview Road as well as on the westbound channelized right turn approach from Valleyview Road to Couch Farm Road. In addition, the landscaping and vegetation within the traffic island on the westbound Valleyview Road approach to Couch Farm Road should be maintained to a height of no more than three (3) feet above the roadway surface. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE ONE FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE PLOW TRUCK FROM DIEHL OF GROVE CITY THROUGH THE CENTRAL WESTMORELAND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PURCHASING PROGRAM

Ms. Fraasch said this truck will replace truck #603, a 2012 model Ford F-350. The new truck is a 2018 Ram Tradesman 2500 four-wheel drive work truck and will include a stainless steel dump insert, 7.5-foot snowplow, strobe lights and a tailgate salt spreader, at a total cost of \$50,821.97. Funding for this vehicle has been appropriated in the 2019 parking fund at \$58,200.

Ms. Fraasch moved and Mr. Grella seconded to purchase one 2018 Ram Tradesman 2500 four-wheel drive work truck from Diehl of Grove City through the Central Westmoreland Council of Government Purchasing Program at a total cost of \$50,821.97. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPENDITURE LIST FOR APRIL TOTALING \$4,773,024.60

Mr. Grella moved and Ms. Fraasch seconded to approve the expenditure list for April totaling \$4,773,024.60. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.