

**MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING JULY 23, 2019
OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held an Adjourned Meeting at 8:00 P.M., on Tuesday, July 23 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 John Bendel, Kelly Fraasch, Craig Grella, Steve Silverman and Steve McLean. Also present were Assistant Manager McMeans, Recreation Director Donnellan, Deputy Chief of Police Haberman, Deputy Fire Chief Daniels, Finance Director McCreery, and Public Information Officer Pace-Lilley. 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 discussion of a mural at Clearview Common, the first floor commercial ordinance, reviewed the actuarial valuation reports, discussed the 2019-2020 archery program, and discussed the CodeRED emergency alert and notification system.

Manager McGill stated that prior to this meeting, the Commission met in executive session to receive legal advice from the solicitor on various legal issues. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 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 stated that there is a household hazardous waste collection event scheduled for Saturday, July 27, at Mt. Lebanon High School, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Registration is required for this event, and there is a cost to dispose of these items. Details about this event can be found at www.mtlebanon.org. He also stated that the last First Friday of the year is Friday, August 2, with the music from Dan Petrich in Clearview Common from 7 – 10 p.m. He also stated that Mt. Lebanon will host a round of WYEP Singer/Songwriter competition. The free concert is Saturday, August 10, from 6 – 9 p.m., in Clearview Common, and winners will move on to the next round. He also said that registration is now open for the Citizens Fire Academy.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bill Hoon of 456 Coolidge Avenue spoke against deer management.

Sam Harris of 501 Duquesne Drive believed there was a lack of transparency and communication regarding the reconstruction on Duquesne Drive until about two to three weeks before the construction was to begin. He stated that Duquesne Drive is a Category 3. He stated that he's not against the construction of the roadway, but he and his neighbors do not want the bricks removed.

Nancy Leman of 427 Duquesne Drive agreed with Mr. Harris' statements. She stated that the bricks make Duquesne Drive charming. She had concerns with the top of the street not being reconstructed, adding that 42 houses at the bottom will receive safe curbs, but the 18 houses at the top of the street will not.

Mr. McGill explained the reconstruction procedures. He stated that an annual assessment is made by the engineer and public works director to determine which streets will be reconstructed.

He stated that neither Duquesne or Hilf were on the reconstruction list, but because of the deterioration of the streets after the storm last year, these streets were placed on the list for reconstruction.

Mr. Bagaley stated that Duquesne was not part of the five-year reconstruction program prior to the storm last year. He stated that the bottom part of Duquesne sustained damage, but not the top part, that is why only the bottom part is being reconstructed, repeating again that damage from the storm warranted immediate consideration for reconstruction, even though it was not on the five-year list. He explained the costs involved. He also explained the curb construction. Mr. Bagaley added that the Historic Preservation Board was brought into this conversation on two separate occasions.

Mr. Bendel inquired about the life cycle comparison of the roadway. Mr. Bagaley stated that when Duquesne was constructed in 1926, cinders were used for snow and ice removal the first 75 years of its existence, with salt being used over the past approximately 30 years. He noted that salt damages concrete, which is the base of the street. He added that the longevity of bricks is not comparable to what it used to be due to the use of salt vs. cinders.

Mr. Grella explained the process used to determine which roadways will be reconstructed, inclusive of several meetings, discussion, bids, etc.

Michael Steinberg of 427 Duquesne Drive stated that he agrees with what the Duquesne Drive residents have said. He asked the bricks be preserved, noting that bricks bring charm to a community.

Tracey Shannon of 430 Duquesne Drive concurred with her neighbors in maintaining the bricks for the roadway. She also spoke about street trees in front of her house, noting that she does not like the tree that the municipality planted. She wanted to replace the tree at her own expense.

Mr. McGill noted that the public works director was on vacation, but upon his return, one of them would contact Ms. Shannon to resolve the issue.

Michael Babich of 447 Duquesne Drive spoke in support of maintaining the bricks on the street. He had questions about who was doing the inspections, as well as why only half of the street's drainage was being repaired. He also spoke about repairs made to Mapleton and Cedar Boulevard.

Mr. Bagaley explained that Cedar Boulevard at Hollycrest had an issue where the road became damaged due to a storm sewer issue where there was an underwater surcharge that came up through the street. He stated that the Mapleton situation occurred prior to his employment, adding he's been working in Mt. Lebanon for 20 years. He also noted that the streets adjacent to Duquesne, which are Longridge and Carnegie, have nearly the same slope, and they are asphalt. He added that Greenhurst was redone with asphalt, and that's a steeper street. He also spoke about the storm drains on Duquesne, stating the water is going into one main running down the street.

Mr. Grella stated that communication needs to be improved.

Mr. Bagaley stated that there is a link on the municipal website with information regarding the streets that are on the list for reconstruction, with a start and end date.

Rodger Duffy of 120 Markham Drive thanked the Commission and municipality for the deer management program.

Dino Copetas of 500 Duquesne Drive stated that Mt. Lebanon's unique character and heritage is being lost. He said he bought his house 26 years ago because of the red brick street. He said that bricks slow down traffic.

Amanda Harris of 501 Duquesne Drive stated that brick streets are noisy, so people can hear vehicles coming. She said that red brick is more unique and historic than yellow brick. She believed the homes would lose value without the brick street.

Anna Siefken of 19 Woodland Drive, vice chair of the Historic Preservation Board, stated that the board's view is that every street should be saved. She said the board is disappointed that the red bricks on Duquesne Drive cannot be preserved. She said the board understands that the street requires significant repair, as has been determined by the engineer and public works. The board also recognizes that there are safety challenges with brick streets that have a significant incline. She said the board also recognizes that the red bricks add character to this section of Mt. Lebanon. She said it's the view of the board that there are alternatives to asphalt paving that would allow the street to maintain its character. She also said the board is recommending adoption of the brick policy.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM
THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 9, 2019**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 3-19) TO CLARIFY AND
UPDATE A NUMBER OF PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER XVI
(SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT) OF THE MT. LEBANON CODE**

Mr. Bendel said the proposed ordinance would amend Chapter XVI of the Mt Lebanon Code, entitled "Subdivision and Land Development," (SALDO) to clarify and update a number of provisions. The proposed Ordinance includes amendments to submission deadlines, replacing outdated mediums, conformance with current standards of regulating bodies as well as with the municipal Zoning Ordinance, and clarification of a number of terms. New standards being added to the SALDO include requirements for private stormwater management systems, landscaping and screening requirements, and pervious pavement standards. On February 19, 2019, the Planning Board recommended approval of the Ordinance.

This ordinance was introduced June 25, 2019.

Mr. McLean declared the public hearing opened.

Mr. McMeans gave a brief overview of the changes in the SALDO ordinance.

Mr. Grella inquired about digital plan submissions.

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

CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO EQUIPMENT

Ms. Fraasch said Commission approval is requested to purchase portable and mobile public safety radios and associated equipment from Motorola Solutions at a total purchase price of \$425,477.84. These new radios will replace equipment that is over ten years old and has reached its useful end of life. Radios are one of the most important pieces of equipment used by police officers and firefighters. Representatives from the police and fire departments met with three different radio vendors. After testing and evaluating current models, the departments selected Motorola equipment, which is the same manufacturer that supplies all communications equipment for the Allegheny County 9-1-1 Dispatch Center. Unassigned funds will be used for the purchase of these new radios. Motorola Solutions has quoted the radios and associated equipment under PA State Contract #4400016317 and the total purchase price includes a 25% Region 13 discount.

Ms. Fraasch moved and Mr. Grella seconded to purchase portable and mobile public safety radios and associated equipment from Motorola Solutions at a total purchase price of \$425,477.84. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION FOR THE ADJUSTMENT TO FINANCIAL
SECURITY POSTED FOR SENIOR APARTMENTS OF MT. LEBANON**

Mr. Grella said Pati Lindauer has requested to reduce the financial security posted for the Senior Apartments of Mt. Lebanon project by communication dated July 1, 2019. The request includes a reduction in the amount of the security posted for work that has been completed to date. The request has been reviewed and verified by the Municipal Engineer, and he is recommending approval of the reduction of financial security posted from \$729,397.33 to \$121,566.

Mr. Grella moved and Ms. Fraasch seconded to decrease the financial security posted for improvements for the Senior Apartments of Mt. Lebanon project from \$729,397.33 to \$121,566. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY
SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT FOR 2019, 2020 AND 2021**

Mr. Silverman said the Allegheny County Department of Public Works has submitted an agreement to reimburse Mt. Lebanon for providing snow and ice clearance and the application of deicing materials along a 1.7 mile segment of Bower Hill Road within the Municipality (from Cochran Road to the Scott Township line). The rate of reimbursement will be as follows: 2019/2020 \$9,924.84; 2020/2021 \$10,222.60 and 2021/2022 \$10,529.27, for a three-year total of \$30,676.71.

Mr. Silverman moved and Mr. Bendel seconded to approve a three-year Snow and Ice Reimbursement Agreement with the Allegheny County Department of Public Works in the amount of \$30,676.71. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL FOR
PROFESSIONAL DEER MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Mr. Bendel said the Municipality received proposals from one organization for the provision of services to manage the hunters participating in the deer management program for the 2019-2020 archery season. The proposal was received from Suburban Wildlife Management Solutions, LLC who provided management services for the 2018-2019 archery program.

Municipal staff has reviewed the proposals and deemed the proposal to meet the goals and objectives of the municipality's deer management program.

Mr. Bendel moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to authorize the proper officials to execute the contract with Suburban Wildlife Management Solutions, LLC for deer management services utilizing archery for the 2019-2020 season at a cost of \$8,000. The vote was called. Mr. Bendel, Mr. Grella, Mr. Silverman and Mr. McLean voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Fraasch voted against the motion. The motion passed four to one.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPENDITURE
LIST FOR JUNE TOTALING \$3,510,325.73**

Ms. Fraasch moved and Mr. Grella seconded to approve the expenditure list for June totaling \$3,510,325.73. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.