

**MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OCTOBER 22, 2019
OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held an Adjourned Meeting at 8:00 P.M., on Tuesday, October 22, 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/Planner McMeans, Chief of Police Lauth, Assistant Fire Chief Daniels, Recreation Director Donnellan, 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 an overview by representatives of ALCOSAN on their modified consent order and clean water plan, reviewed the 2019 budget amendments, heard an update on the communications survey, and heard comments from Commission liaisons on activities with various boards and authorities, of which there were none.

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 as well as discussed board appointments and the manager's annual review. He noted that the next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 8 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Municipal Building. There will not be a discussion session. Instead, the first budget workshop will commence at 5 p.m., in Room C.

Mr. Grella said the Mt. Lebanon Communication Survey is now available. We are asking everyone age 18 and older to fill out a survey to let us know your communication preferences so we can develop a comprehensive communication plan that fits your needs. You can fill out a survey online at www.mtlebanon.org/survey or you can fill out the paper version, which will be mailed to all Mt. Lebanon residences shortly. You have the option to mail the paper survey back to us here at the municipal building in the pre-addressed envelope provided, or you can bring it to the Municipal Building, Public Safety Center, the Mt. Lebanon Public Library or the Rec Center. Please, only answer one survey per person and make sure whichever method you choose, you respond by Wednesday, November 27, at 4 p.m. so we can get to work analyzing the data.

Mt. Lebanon will honor all who served this Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, at 5 p.m., at the Veterans Memorial outside the recreation center off Cedar Boulevard. Please join us to thank those who have given us our freedom.

The manager's recommended budget for 2020 will be available for your review on Friday, November 1, online at www.mtlebanon.org or in person at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library and the Customer Service Center in the municipal building. The first public budget workshop is Tuesday, November 12, at 5 p.m., with a public hearing scheduled during the regular commission meeting, later that night at 8. The final workshops will be Monday, November 25, and Thursday, December 5, both at 6 p.m. in the municipal building. The final public hearing is scheduled for December 10, after which the commission is scheduled to vote on the budget.

JUNIOR COMMISSIONER DANIEL MCNULTY COMMENTS

Mr. McNulty spoke about vaping, noting that it started years ago among adults but has since trickled down to our schools, to kids as young as middle school students. He noted that vaping is preferred over cigarettes among his demographic. He spoke about the health repercussions from same, stating that PA law does not necessarily prohibit the use of nicotine by minors, just the purchase of same, which limits the ability of the school district in what penalties it can impose on students and can cloud the situation regarding the condemnation of vaping.

Commissioner Fraasch asked him if he could research what other communities are doing to address the issue and report back.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ann Roper of 373 Broadmoor Avenue stated her family has been in Mt. Lebanon since 1940. She stated that she has left and come back, and when she did, she bought a duplex. She said not long after she moved in, she received notification that her chimney was not up to standard, so she immediately had it repaired. She stated that she lives across the street from Howe School, and this area has deteriorated, noting that there are several rental properties with overgrown grass, overhanging trees, a rusted van, etc. She submitted pictures illustrating the violations. She also stated that she delivers Meals on Wheels, and she's been in many apartments and duplexes, and she has observed that some residents are living in squalor conditions. She inquired as to the possibility of inspectors being required to inspect the inside of apartment complexes and rental property.

Chuck Vietmeier of 226 Jefferson Drive spoke about pickleball and how popular the sport has become both locally and nationally. He noted that he works for a company that makes pickleball equipment, and the popularity has exploded. He stated the only issue stunting the growth of the sport is a place to play. He asked that the commission consider placing pickleball courts at North Meadowcroft Park, which would be an asset to the community. He also noted that blending tennis courts with pickleball courts does not work.

Mr. Bendel indicated that the municipality has earmarked money for North Meadowcroft Park, and the Sports Advisory Board has been discussing possible locations to place pickleball courts.

Recreation Director David Donnellan indicated that pickleball is popular in Mt. Lebanon, and it's ranked very high with the Sports Advisory Board. He stated that North Meadowcroft Park would be a possible location for pickleball courts.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 7, 2019

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 6-19) AMENDING THE 2019 BUDGET FOR REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES NOT ANTICIPATED IN THE 2019 BUDGET

Mr. Silverman said the following adjustments are proposed:

General Fund

Revenue:

Use of Fund Balance	\$	425,480
Earned Income Tax Increases		154,100
Building Permit Fees Collected		80,000
	\$	659,580

Expenditures:

Police and Fire Radio Replacement	\$	425,480
Communications Consultant		50,000
Purchase instead of lease fire vehicle		27,200
Building Inspection Fees		80,000
Emergency Repairs to Ice Rink Chiller		30,000
Transfer to Capital Projects Fund		46,900
	\$	659,580

Capital Projects Fund

Revenue:

Bond Proceeds	\$	5,007,770
Transfer from General Fund		46,900
	\$	5,054,670

Expenditures:

Surplus to Fund Balance for 2020 projects	\$	4,907,770
Washington Road Streetscape		100,000
Municipal Building front façade repair		46,900
	\$	5,054,670

Ordinance (Bill No. 6-19) was introduced, and the public hearing was set for November 12, 2019.

**CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION OF CONCURRING
RESOLUTION NO. R-20-19 FOR A 2020 CDBG GRANT
APPLICATION FOR ADA SIDEWALK RAMP UPGRADES**

Ms. Fraasch said a pre-application has been submitted to Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project through the South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG). A full application with Concurring Resolution must be submitted by November 6, 2019. The project will include the installation of 15 handicapped curb ramps at various intersections within the Municipality.

The Municipal Engineer has reviewed the document and recommends adoption of the resolution and transmitting it to SHACOG for submission to ACED.

Ms. Fraasch moved and Mr. Grella seconded to adopt Concurring Resolution No. R-20-19 for the 2020 CDBG Grant application for the ADA sidewalk ramp upgrade project. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO INSTALL STOPS SIGNS AND
SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AT LOCATIONS ALONG ARDEN ROAD**

Mr. Bendel said residents of this neighborhood have expressed concerns over speeds and volumes along Arden Road. In addition to evaluating the neighborhood for traffic calming, the Traffic Board also recommended that Gateway perform a general Roadway Safety Audit to determine if any existing enhancements are warranted. Gateway performed this evaluation in September 2019 and included a series of recommendations in the October 2019 Traffic Board Report. The recommendations included the following:

- Install a Stop sign (R1-1) on the Marlin Drive West approach to its intersection with Arden Road.
- Install a stop sign (R1-1) on the Marlin Drive East approach to Arden Road along with a “Traffic From Left Does Not Stop” (W4-4APL) plaque, and install a stop sign (R1-1) on the westbound Arden Road approach to the intersection along with a “Oncoming Traffic Does Not Stop” (W4-4BP) plaque. Additionally, a Stop Ahead (W3-1) sign should be installed approximately 155 feet in advance of the proposed stop sign on Arden Road.
- Install a Speed Limit (25 mph) sign (R2-1) on the southern side of Arden Road approximately 75 feet from Cochran Road.
- Install a Speed Limit (25 mph) sign (R2-1) on the northern side of Arden Road approximately 100 feet from Beverly Road.

The Traffic Board recommended the installation of the signs listed above.

Mr. Bendel moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to install stop signs, speed limit signs, and supplemental signs as recommended by Gateway and the Traffic Board at its October 2019 meeting. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF AN APPOINTMENT TO THE TRAFFIC BOARD

Mr. Grella moved and Ms. Fraasch seconded to appoint Teresa Cole of Moreland Drive to fill an unexpired term ending March 31, 2020. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PENSION ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Silverman moved and Mr. Bendel seconded to appoint Jacqueline Lombardi of Parkway Drive to fill an unexpired term ending March 31, 2022. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPENDITURE
LIST FOR SEPTEMBER TOTALING \$5,466,610.20**

Ms. Fraasch moved and Mr. Grella seconded to approve the expenditure list for September totaling \$5,466,610.20. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.