

## **MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING APRIL 29, 2020 OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held a virtually-run Adjourned Meeting at 8:00 P.M., on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, due to the coronavirus pandemic. Commission President Craig Grella called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Manager McGill called the roll. Present were Commissioners Andrew Flynn, Leeann Foster, Mindy Ranney, Steve Silverman, and Craig Grella. Also present were Assistant Manager/Planner McMeans, Fire Chief Sohyda, Police Chief Lauth, Finance Director McCreery, Public Works Director Sukal, Recreation Director Donnellan, I.T. Manager Schalles, Business District Manager Milliron, Library Director Vittek, 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 updates on the Neighborhood Aid effort, reviewed the new project tracking tool for municipal projects, reviewed the proposed municipal projects for the tennis courts, Dixon Field restrooms, the fuel canopy and Meadowcroft Park, reviewed the 2019 year-end financials, and heard from commissioners on liaison activities with various boards and authorities.

Manager McGill stated that prior to this meeting, the Commission met remotely in executive session to receive legal advice from the solicitor on various legal issues. He stated that the next regular meeting is scheduled to be held remotely on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at 8 p.m. with the discussion session meeting starting remotely at approximately 6:30 p.m. in Room C.

Ms. Ranney said Mt. Lebanon and Dormont residents who need errands during the COVID-19 emergency, such as urgently needed food and prescriptions, can get help from a new group created by the Municipality of Mt. Lebanon and Borough of Dormont, called Neighborhood Aid. A call to 412-253-4104 or a visit to ***Neighborhoodaid.org*** will connect you with a large volunteer network to get you the help you need. The service is free, although you are expected to pay for purchases you request. We are here to help.

Overnight on-street parking permission is being extended through May 8 to coincide with the governor's stay-at-home order. Police will re-evaluate at that time. You do NOT need to call in or fill out an online request for the parking.

Congratulations to Mt. Lebanon Magazine, which was named a finalist in four categories for the Golden Quill Awards from the Press Club of Western Pennsylvania. The categories include written journalism for the topics of education and columns, with nominations going to writing by freelancers Annette Bassett and Nichola Moretti and managing editor Merle Jantz. The December magazine cover also is a finalist for magazine cover design, with work by freelance artist Dave Klug and staff graphic designer Judy Macoskey. Award winners will be announced in September.

Some more good news ... The Uptown Farmers Market on Washington Road will be back this spring, although it will be starting a little bit later this year and will be focusing on food. The market will kick off on Saturday, May 30, from 9 a.m. to noon.

### **JUNIOR COMMISSIONER EMMA CHOTHANI COMMENTS**

Ms. Chothani stated that everything is running smoother as far as online classes. She has concerns with mental health issues of both students and teachers with the current isolation. She added that with the nice weather, people are now going outdoors. She stated that students raised money to help hospitals. She also noted that the election for next year's student council was held, and that prom and graduation are still scheduled for June, and if there is an issue, a July date has been set as well. She said that the school has done a good job in postponing events instead of cancelling them.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE  
THE REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 14, 2020**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION NO. R-7-20  
WAIVING PENALTIES FOR 2020 REAL ESTATE TAXES**

Ms. Foster said as a result of the current emergency situation and recent legislation, the proposed resolution would waive penalties for late payment of 2020 real estate taxes if the taxes are paid by December 31, 2020. This effectively extends the face period for the payment of the 2020 real estate taxes by three months. The resolution does not affect the discount period.

Ms. Foster moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-7-20. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION FOR THE REJECTION OF THE  
ROBB HOLLOW PARK - STOCKPILE REMOVAL PROJECT**

Mr. Silverman said three bids were received on March 11, 2020 for the Robb Hollow Park – Stockpile Removal project. The project includes but is not limited to the removal of an existing stockpile with associated site grading.

The Municipal Engineer has verified the bids as follows:

Dom Folino Construction, LLC	\$224,000.00
Niando Construction, Inc.	\$255,305.00
T.A. Robinson Asphalt Paving, Inc.	\$268,725.00

The engineer's estimate and budgeted base bid amount for this work is approximately \$121,905.

Because the bids received exceeded the budgeted base bid amount, it is recommended that the bids on the project be rejected.

Mr. Silverman moved and Ms. Foster seconded to reject the bids for the Robb Hollow Park – Stockpile Removal Project.

Mr. Silverman stated that he hopes this project is re-bid soon.

Ms. Ranney concurred with Mr. Silverman, noting that if the bids come in too high again, the commission will need have a discussion on the matter.

The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION FOR THE REJECTION OF THE  
ROBB HOLLOW PARK – POCKET PARK PROJECT**

Mr. Silverman said one bid was received on March 11, 2020 for the Robb Hollow Park – Pocket Park project. The project includes but is not limited to the installation of an aggregate pedestrian path and planting of trees and shrubs.

The Municipal Engineer has verified the bid as follows:

Penn Landscape and Cement Work	\$114,800
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The engineer's estimate and budgeted base bid amount for this work is approximately \$80,847.90.

Because only one bid was received and exceeded the budgeted base bid amount, it is recommended that the bid on the project be rejected.

Mr. Silverman moved and Ms. Foster seconded to reject the bid for the Robb Hollow Park – Pocket Park Project.

Ms. Ranney stated that she will support rejecting this bid, but not because of the price, but because it would be impossible to do the project without the stockpile first being removed.

Mr. Silverman stated that he's hopeful that both of these bids will come in at a better price the next time they are bid, and the projects can get done in 2021.

The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPENDITURE  
LIST FOR MARCH TOTALING \$3,088,048.99**

Mr. Flynn moved and Ms. Ranney seconded to approve the expenditure list for March totaling \$3,088,048.99. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Ms. Ranney asked that the reports be received and filed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Grella closed the meeting thanking everyone for their support and effort during this difficult time. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.