

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2021 OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held a virtually run Regular Meeting at 8:15 P.M., on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. Commission President Mindy Ranney 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, Craig Grella, Steve Silverman, and Mindy Ranney. Also present were Assistant Manager/Planner McMeans, Police Chief Lauth, Fire Chief Sohyda, Finance Director McCreery, Public Works Director Sukal, I.T. Manager Schalles, Library Director Vittek, Chief Building Inspector Sarver, and Public Information Officer Lilley. Also present were Phil Weis of the solicitor's office and Mike Albright of the engineer's office.

COMMISSION/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manager McGill summarized the information that was reviewed during the discussion session, including a discussion on the Vibrant Uptown project and a general update on COVID-19. Due to time constraints, we were not able to hear information on the Robb Hollow Pocket Park Phase I project.

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. Following tonight's meeting, the Commission will go back into executive session. The next adjourned meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 8 p.m., to be held remotely, with the discussion session meeting starting at approximately 6:30 p.m., to be held remotely, and the executive session starting at approximately 6 p.m. He also stated that the Commission has scheduled a virtual goal setting retreat this Saturday, February 13, beginning at 9 a.m. on Zoom. Until further notice, all public Commission meetings will be held on the Zoom webinar format. To watch or participate, you may register at www.mtlebanon.com/commission.

Mr. Flynn said Friday, February 26, is the deadline to apply to be on one of Mt. Lebanon's 17 boards and authorities. If you have a keen interest in Mt. Lebanon and would like to help the Commission make more informed decisions, please consider applying, by going to mtlebanon.org and look for the item under "Trending Now."

The Commission offers its most sincere condolences to the family and friends of former Mt. Lebanon and Dormont Public Works Director Jim Harrod, who died on Sunday, January 31, at age 88. Mr. Harrod was an Army veteran who served during the Korean War, a leader at the Dormont VFW Post 694, a longtime member of the Collier Sportsman Club and a volunteer firefighter for the Dormont Fire Department for 23 years. He also was a founding member of the Dormont Historical Society.

Since the weather has turned frosty, it's appropriate that I remind you to always clear your sidewalks. We do have an ordinance that says you must clear them 24 hours from the end of a snowfall, but it sometimes makes practical sense to do it sooner, such as first thing in the morning, before kids walk to school and adults make their way to public transit or appointments. If you're a senior citizen without the ability or financial means to clear your sidewalk, the Mt. Lebanon High School activities office may be able to send a student volunteer. Sign up by calling Judith Kolko at 412-344-2105.

And finally, the Mt. Lebanon finance department is transparent to all taxpayers. You can see all sorts of financial data on demand 24 hours a day, at mtlebanon.org. Click on the “OpenLebo” box in the middle of the page. From budgets to balance sheets to garbage and recycling data, OpenLebo allows you to monitor progress and stay up to date on how your tax dollars are being spent.

JUNIOR COMMISSIONER RUBY SIEFKEN COMMENTS

Ms. Siefken introduced herself stating that she is a junior at the high school, plays soccer for the high school and also a club team, has participated in Mock Trial, student council, writes for The Devil’s Advocate, likes ice cream and Marvel movies. She stated that she wrote the Commission in 2018 advocating for no smoking signs in Clearview Common.

Ms. Siefken stated that there’s an even mix of students who prefer hybrid teaching vs. virtual school. She noted that the PA Student Council Conference is continuing, with participants coming to Mt. Lebanon High School in the fall; it will have a Pittsburgh theme.

Mr. Grella stated that Ms. Siefken was being modest when he noted she worked with the Commission in 2018. He stated that she wrote a very professional letter and provided a solution, which was impressive.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE
THE ADJOURNED MEETING HELD JANUARY 26, 2021**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2-21
AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL RECORDS**

Mr. Silverman said in 1989, Mt. Lebanon adopted a Retention and Disposition schedule for municipal records issued by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

Each year the Municipality reviews its records and removes those no longer required under the schedule. This resolution authorizes destruction of various listed records according to the schedule.

Mr. Silverman moved and Mr. Flynn seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-2-21. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-3-21 AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE/PURCHASE
AGREEMENT WITH WESBANCO FOR TWO POLICE VEHICLES**

Ms. Foster said two vehicles are being obtained through the Commonwealth's Cooperative Purchasing Program (COSTARS). One vehicle will replace a police administration vehicle. One vehicle will replace a truck in the police traffic unit. At the end of the three-year lease term, the Municipality shall have free and clear title to the vehicles. The financed price of the new 2021 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4 is \$37,040, and the financed price of the new 2020 Ford F-150 Police Responder 4x4 is \$38,535. The monthly lease payment will be \$2,201. The budgeted monthly amount is \$2,480.

Ms. Foster moved and Mr. Grella seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-3-21, authorizing the proper municipal officials to execute the lease/purchase agreement and related documents, subject to review and approval by the Manager and Solicitor. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.