

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING MAY 11, 2021 OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held a virtually run Regular Meeting at 8 P.M., on Tuesday, May 11, 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, Craig Grella, Steve Silverman, and Mindy Ranney. Commissioner Leeann Foster was not present. 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 Dan Deiseroth of the engineer's office.

COMMISSION/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manager McGill summarized the information that was reviewed during the discussion session, including review of the Bower Hill and Washington Road intersection improvement bids, an overview of the stormwater fund projects and uses, reviewed the responses received for the Parks Master Plan, and heard information from commission liaisons on activities with various boards and authorities.

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 Commission will go back into executive session following this meeting. The next adjourned meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 25, 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. 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.org/commission.

Mr. Flynn said help the Mt. Lebanon Public Library and perk up your yard by purchasing perennials and plants at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library plant sale this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Masks and social distancing are required. The sale also includes bird houses, terra cotta pots and many locally grown specimens.

Mt. Lebanon is proud to offer three pickleball courts open now on the existing tennis court in Williamsburg Park. A couple of details: The center pickleball court allows residents to use the existing tennis net, but the two side courts will require players to bring their own portable pickleball net system. When the center pickleball court or tennis court is in use, the side courts will not be playable, but the two side courts can be played simultaneously.

Save the date for Mt. Lebanon's Memorial Day ceremony at 8:30 a.m. on Memorial Day at the Veterans Memorial outside the rec center on Cedar Boulevard. The guest speaker this year is veterans' advocate Sue Watson. We'll also have participation from Mt. Lebanon High School musicians, the Mt. Lebanon Police Department Honor Guard, and the Mt. Lebanon Fire Department will place a wreath in memory of all of those who gave the supreme sacrifice for our freedom.

We are taking applications now for the 2021-22 Junior Commissioners. Rising high school juniors and seniors may apply for the position, and we will select one person for each semester of the

school year. The junior commissioners learn about municipal government and help keep us informed about youth concerns in our community. For details and an application, go to mtlebanon.org and see the item under “trending now.”

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. I know I mentioned this back in April for Stress Awareness Month, but it bears repeating. We are fortunate in Mt. Lebanon to have a nonprofit counseling organization that receives some municipal funding to help our residents during difficult times. Every resident is able to receive two free counseling sessions. Let’s lift the stigma so everyone can get help. Details are available at outreachteen.org.

Friday is the last day to buy pool passes online. After that, you will need to buy them in person at the recreation center. To purchase, go to mtlebanon.org, under “trending now” and click on the picture of the extremely excited child. Don’t forget to upload your ID and photos of everyone who will be using the passes.

JUNIOR COMMISSIONER RUBY SIEFKEN COMMENTS

Ms. Seifken stated that the musical this past weekend went very well and was well attended. The Mt. Lebanon dance showcase is being held tonight at the high school. She also said that school is closed on Tuesday, May 18, for election day. She stated that the Keystone Exam will be held the following week, and the prom will be held on Thursday, May 22, at the high school. She noted that the senior commencement ceremony will be held on June 3, at 7 p.m. at the high school stadium. The PASC Conference will be held in November at the high school. She stated that a pizza fundraiser for this event is currently going on until May 17.

Ms. Ranney thanked Ms. Seifken for her informative updates and contribution, noting this was her last meeting, and presented her with a gift.

COVID-19 UPDATE/INFORMATION

Ms. Lilley gave an update on COVID-19, stating that covid cases, hospitalizations and ventilator use in Allegheny County are all down. She stated that Governor Wolf rolled back all mitigation except the mask mandate starting Memorial Day. He also announced today that indoor events can increase to 50% and outdoor events to 75%, starting Monday, May 17. The mask mandate will expire when 70% of adults in Allegheny County have been vaccinated.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE THE ADJOURNED MEETING HELD APRIL 27, 2021

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 3-21) TO REGULATE POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS AND CERTAIN OTHER HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

Mr. Flynn said the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the US. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and other agencies have determined that exposure to certain Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons ("PAHs") pose risks to human health. Products sold to property owners for the purpose of sealing driveways, parking lots and other paved areas are often based on coal tar derivatives and used motor oil and often contain high levels of PAHs. This Ordinance proscribes the use in the Municipality of certain PAHs.

Ordinance (Bill No. 3-21) was introduced.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE EXECUTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT AND STORMWATER OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT
AGREEMENT FOR A GRADING, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT,
AND EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROLS AT 291 MAGNOLIA PLACE**

Mr. Silverman said the Municipal Engineer and Solicitor have recommended that the Municipality enter into a Developer's Agreement and Stormwater Operations Management Agreement with the property owners of 291 Magnolia Place, to ensure completion of the Grading, Stormwater Management, and Erosion and Sedimentation Control plans associated with the construction of a new single-family home.

Mr. Silverman moved and Mr. Flynn seconded to authorize the proper municipal officials to execute the Development Agreement and Stormwater Operations Management Agreement between Weavertown Place, LLC and Mt. Lebanon for Grading, Stormwater Management, and Erosion and Sedimentation Controls at 291 Magnolia Place. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE PAY STATIONS
FOR WASHINGTON ROAD AND ALFRED LOT**

Mr. Grella said as part of the Washington Road Vibrant Uptown project, the single-space meters currently along Washington Road will be replaced with pay stations. The 20 pay stations will allow for paying for parking by entering your license plate. This is the same procedure seen in other municipal surface lots. Additionally, staff recommends replacing the existing 16 single-space meters in the Alfred Lot with an additional pay station.

This purchase includes the installation and configuration of the hardware and software. The new equipment will tie into our existing parking platform.

The total purchase price for the equipment and installation for 2021 as quoted by Butts Ticket Systems under PA Costars #33 is \$183,750. The equipment will be purchased from the Parking Fund and was budgeted at \$183,750.

Mr. Grella moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to purchase 21 CWT Stealth S5 Touch Pay by Plate pay stations from Butts Ticket Systems at a total price of \$183,750. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE WASHINGTON ROAD
AND BOWER HILL ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Mr. Flynn said bids were received on April 20, 2021 for the Washington Road and Bower Hill Road intersection improvement contract. The project includes widening Bower Hill Road to include an auxiliary right turn lane; construction of new sidewalk, construction of new ADA ramps on all four (4) quadrants of the intersection, removal of the existing traffic signal and equipment; and the installation of a new traffic signal and associated equipment.

The Municipal Engineer has verified the bids as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid
Traffic Systems and Services, LLC	\$341,308.21
Bronder Technical Services	\$360,711.05
Power Contracting Company	\$376,894.40
A. Merante Contracting, Inc.	\$377,120.00

The Municipal Engineer has reviewed the bids and determined the low bid to be accurate and responsive. The Engineer recommends the base bid be awarded to Traffic Systems and Services, LLC. totaling \$341,308.21. It should be noted that the subcontractor that will perform the roadway widening and concrete work is Michael Facchiano Contracting, Inc. The traffic signal installation and associated work will be performed by Traffic Systems and Services, LLC. Both of these contractors have completed similar work in Mt. Lebanon and other communities in a satisfactory manner.

Construction will be partially funded by an ARLE Grant that was awarded to the municipality in the amount of \$184,559.60. The local match funding (\$156,748.61) will come from the 2019 Bond Issue and/or excess Capital Funds.

Mr. Flynn moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to award the Washington Road & Bower Hill Road Intersection Improvement Project to Traffic Systems and Services, LLC. in the amount of \$341,308.21. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE
VIBRANT UPTOWN STREETScape PROJECT CONTRACT**

Mr. Silverman said bids were received on April 2, 2021 for the Vibrant Uptown Streetscape Project contract. The project involves site development work, including demolition, drainage, E&S controls, paving, utilities and the installation of various decorative improvements along the commercial district of Washington Road.

The Municipal Engineer has verified the bids as follows:

	Plavchak Construction Co., Inc.	Independent Enterprises, Inc.	Frank J Zottola Construction	Michael Facchiano Contracting, Inc.	A. Merante Contracting, Inc.
Base Bid Total	\$3,058,725.00	\$3,260,040.50	\$3,637,000.00	\$4,193,930.00	\$4,221,157.50
Adjustment #1 Total	(\$29,400.00)	(\$68,600.00)	(\$49,000.00)	(\$68,502.00)	(\$64,190.00)

Adjustment #2 Total	(\$18,825.00)	\$22,125.00	(\$81,825.00)	(\$94,125.00)	(\$93,450.00)
Add Alternate No. 1 Total	\$98,500.00	\$133,085.00	\$72,519.00	\$78,412.50	\$75,000.00
Add Alternate No. 2 Total	\$85,000.00	\$174,755.00	\$171,776.00	\$177,305.00	\$175,000.00
Add Alternate No. 3 Total	\$15,475.00	\$15,435.00	\$16,415.00	\$28,275.00	\$23,622.50
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL ITEMS	\$3,209,475.00	\$3,536,840.50	\$3,766,885.00	\$4,315,295.50	\$4,337,140.00

The Municipal Engineer has reviewed the bids and determined the low bid to be accurate. The Engineer recommends the project be awarded to Plavchak Construction Co., Inc. The contractor has completed similar work in Mt. Lebanon and other municipalities in a satisfactory manner.

The engineer’s estimate for the base bid project was \$3,117,213.

The project is to be funded through various grants received, the 2019 bond issue and various grants.

Mr. Silverman moved and Mr. Flynn seconded to award the Mt. Lebanon Vibrant Uptown Streetscape Project to Plavchak Construction Co., Inc. for the base bid amount of \$3,058,725, Add Alternate #1 at \$98,500, Add Alternate #2 at \$85,000 and Add Alternate #3 at \$15,475, for a total contract amount of \$3,257,700. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF PENSION BENEFITS

Mr. Grella said Mt. Lebanon sponsors three defined pension benefit plans for its employees: General Employees, Police and Firefighters. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Department of the Auditor General requires that all benefit commencements for the Police Pension Plan be approved by the Commission. It also recommends that all benefit commencements regardless of plan type be approved by the Commission.

The employee detailed below has requested benefit commencement commensurate with the terms of his respective pension plan.

Employee Name Title	Pension Plan Department	Benefit Start Date
David Ames Golf Course Superintendent	General Employees Golf Course	05/01/2021

Mr. Grella moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to approve benefit commencement for David Ames. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.