

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING JULY 27, 2021 OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held a virtually run Adjourned Meeting at 8 P.M., on Tuesday, July 27, 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, Leann Foster, Craig Grella, Steve Silverman, and Mindy Ranney. Also present were Assistant Manager/Planner McMeans, Police Chief Lauth, Finance Director McCreery, Public Works Director Sukal, Assistant Fire Chief Daniels, I.T. Manager Schalles, 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 information regarding returning to in-person meetings, review of the American Rescue Plan and municipal financials, discussion regarding a draft ordinance to regulate mobile food vendors, heard an update on Vibrant Uptown, and also 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. Following tonight's meeting, the Commission will go back into executive session. An additional executive session is scheduled for July 28. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 10 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 have a blast and learn more about the Mt. Lebanon Fire Department at the Citizens Fire Academy, September 15 through November 12. Most classes are on Wednesdays at the Public Safety Center, 555 Washington Road, but a special Saturday session will take participants to the Washington County Fire Academy. Registration is open to Mt. Lebanon residents and business owners. Classes include such topics as: fire science, fire hose and water streams, forcible entry, search, thermal imaging, ladders, auto extrication and fire prevention. For information and an application, go to mtlfd.org.

Speaking of the Mt. Lebanon Fire Department, congratulations to Deputy Chief Chris Buttlar, who retired this month after a 30-year career with Mt. Lebanon. Deputy Chief Buttlar was most recently in charge of the Operations and Emergency Management platoon. We are grateful for everything he's done for Mt. Lebanon, especially for his steady leadership during the pandemic. We wish him a very long, happy and healthy retirement.

The Allegheny County Elections Division is looking for poll workers to serve in Mt. Lebanon. These are paid positions and training is provided. For details, go to alleghenycounty.us and type "poll workers" in the search box. While you're on the site, make sure you are registered to vote, look up your polling place or register for an absentee or mail-in ballot.

Mt. Lebanon's First Friday event is a finalist in the Pittsburgh City Paper's "Best of Pittsburgh" readers' poll in the category of **Best Street Festival**. Help make this Mt. Lebanon tradition number one by voting at pghcitypaper.com starting this Sunday. And mark your calendars

because First Friday returns on Washington Road, Friday, September 3, from 7 to 9 p.m., with musician Christopher Mark Jones in Clearview Common.

The Mt. Lebanon Police Department is noting an increase in the number of fraudulent unemployment applications, where thieves attempt to apply for benefits using your name. If you receive notification of an unemployment claim and you didn't initiate it, please call 9-1-1. An officer will contact you, file a report and explain some steps you can take to protect yourself.

If you have paint, batteries, pesticides and other toxic items, get rid of them at Mt. Lebanon's Household Hazardous Waste and electronics collection this Saturday, July 31, at the Public Works yard on Lindendale Drive. Registration is required, and there is a cost to dispose of items. For a price list, reservations and collection specifics, go to mtlebanon.org under "trending now."

Also on Saturday, Relay for Life of Mt. Lebanon is presenting "Drive to Hope," on the campus of Mt. Lebanon High School. Food trucks will be on site from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. and a drive-through luminaria display will be set up from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. Details are available at: Relayforlife.org/DrivetoHope

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bill Hoon of 456 Coolidge Avenue spoke about COVID, believing that Mt. Lebanon was silent on the matter. He also spoke against the deer management program, believing the municipality was being scammed by the contractor. He said that people ask him if the commissioners are being paid to continue this program.

Ms. Ranney stated that none of the commissioners nor staff receive payment from any contractor. She also said that the municipality takes the COVID situation seriously.

Mr. Grella stated that municipal staff, emergency personnel and commissioners have spent thousands of hours in trying to make certain Mt. Lebanon was safe regarding COVID.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 13, 2021

Ms. Foster moved and Mr. Grella seconded to approve the minutes. 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
Christopher Buttlar Platoon Chief	Firefighters Fire	08/01/2021

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

**CONSIDERATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE PENTHOUSE
ADDITION FOR THE MUNICIPAL FIRING RANGE BUILDING CONTRACT**

Mr. Silverman said bids were received on June 29, 2021 for the Penthouse Addition for the Municipal Firing Range Building. The project consists of a 3,090 SF mechanical penthouse addition to the existing 4,904 SF single story indoor firing range. The penthouse structure will include metal structural framing; EPDM roofing; cement board siding; sound rated doors; mineral wool sound attenuation panels; perforated metal ceiling panels; and painted interior finishes; mechanical work will include duct sound attenuators and relocation of an existing make-up air unit; plumbing work to relocate the existing make up air unit; and the electrical work will include lighting and power for the mechanical penthouse. The contracts are broken down as follows:

- Contract 1 – General Construction Work
- Contract 2 – Plumbing/ Mechanical Work
- Contract 3 – Electrical Work

The Municipal Engineer has verified the bids as follows (low bidder in bold):

Name of Bidder	General Base Bid	Plumbing/ Mechanical Base Bid	Electrical Base Bid
T.B.I. Contracting	\$488,000.00		
Dimarco Construction	\$505,900.00		
McBracey Construction	\$522,970.00		
Arcon	\$539,000.00		
Nello Construction	\$552,700.00		
Caliber Contracting	\$558,700.00		
Tedco Construction	\$574,000.00		
Allegheny Construction	\$599,000.00		

Controlled Climate Sys.		\$52,300.00	
East West Mfg		\$56,900.00	
McGervey Electric			\$20,900.00
Westmoreland Electric			\$22,100.00

Total project cost with the three (3) low bidders: \$561,200.

The Municipal Engineer has reviewed the bids and determined the low bids to be accurate.

The architect's estimate for the work was \$334,800 in August of 2020. The architect has opined that the bids received are reflective of the current market conditions.

The project is to be funded with insurance proceeds and a general fund set aside for the firing range contingency, and sufficient funds are available to complete the project.

Mr. Silverman moved and Mr. Flynn seconded to award the Penthouse Addition for the Municipal Firing Range Building Contracts, subject to the approval of the Manager and Solicitor of all relevant documents, to the following:

Contract 1 – General Construction Work to T.B.I. Contracting for the Base Bid in the amount of \$488,000.

Contract 2 – Plumbing/ Mechanical Work to Controlled Climate System for the Base Bid in the amount of \$52,300.

Contract 3 – Electrical Work to McGervey Electric for the Base Bid in the amount of \$20,900.

The award and execution of these contracts is conditioned upon receipt by the Municipality of the necessary funding and any documents related to the same acceptable to the Manager and Solicitor.

The vote was called. Mr. Flynn, Ms. Foster, Mr. Silverman and Ms. Ranney voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Grella voted against the motion. The motion passed four to one.

**CONSIDERATION FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF
BALLISTIC WALL PROTECTION FOR THE INDOOR FIRING RANGE**

Mr. Flynn said in 2020, the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) updated its firearms qualification requirements to include dynamic shooting drills. As a result of these changes, very few drills require that the officers remain in a static position while shooting.

Ballistic walls are manufactured panels made from composite rubber and are designed to safely stop and capture bullets that may impact the sidewalls of the range. These ballistic wall panels

virtually eliminate the hazards of ricochet and splatter, minimize airborne lead contaminants, and assist in noise reduction within the facility.

This request covers the purchase and installation of the ballistic wall panels.

The total purchase price of this equipment and software as quoted by InVeris Training Solutions under the BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative is \$117,833.73.

Mr. Flynn moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to approve the purchase and installation of ballistic wall panels from InVeris Training Solutions at a total price of \$117,833.73. The award and execution of this contract is conditioned upon the Manager and Solicitor's satisfaction with the documents for this contract and the documents and conditions referenced in the immediately preceding agenda item. The vote was called. Mr. Flynn, Ms. Foster, Mr. Silverman and Ms. Ranney voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Grella voted against the motion. The motion passed four to one.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPENDITURE
LIST FOR JUNE TOTALING \$2,876,038.50**

Ms. Foster moved and Mr. Grella seconded to approve the expenditure list for June totaling \$2,876,038.50. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.