

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2021 OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held an Adjourned Meeting at 8 P.M., on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, in person and on Zoom. 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, Fire Chief Sohyda, Police Chief Lauth, Finance Director McCreery, Human Resource Officer Cross, Library Director Vittek, 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, a presentation from DEI Group 2 on diversity in boards and hiring recommendations and DEI Group 3 on police engagement group recommendations. He also noted that we 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 issues. The Commission will go back into executive session after this meeting. He stated that the Commission also met in executive session on Monday, October 25, 2021, to discuss legal issues with the solicitor. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 8 p.m., to be held in person as well as on Zoom, with the discussion session meeting starting at approximately 6:30 p.m., and the executive session starting at approximately 6 p.m.

Mr. Flynn said we'd like to wish a long, happy and healthy retirement to several employees. Mt. Lebanon Police Officers Matt Mankamyer and Bill Harbison wrapped up their service to the department on October 23. Officer Mankamyer served for more than 20 years, and Officer Harbison served for nearly 18 years. In addition to their time spent in the Patrol Unit, both officers were Detectives in the Investigative Services Unit during their careers. Don Boden, one of our forestry climbers, retired on October 22, after 9 years.

Here's a reminder that you cannot place any signs in the public right of way, including intersections, parks and traffic islands. This includes election and affinity signs. Please place signs on private property ... with permission, of course. Additionally, tampering with someone else's signs is a crime. Please respect the property of others.

And here's some good news...the Mt. Lebanon Public Library has gone fine free! If you have something that's been due for a while ... no worries. You can just bring it back without a penalty. Also, if you have any outstanding fines due, they have been eliminated.

The manager's recommended budget for 2022 will be available for your review on Monday, November 1, online at www.mtlebanon.org or in person at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library or and the Customer Service Center in the municipal building. The first public budget workshop is Monday, November 8 at 5:30 p.m., with a public hearing scheduled during the regular commission meeting on Tuesday, November 9 at 8 p.m. Subsequent workshops are scheduled for Wednesday, November 17 at 5:30 p.m. and Friday, December 3 at 5:30 p.m. If necessary, a final workshop will be Monday, December 6 at 5:30 p.m. The final public hearing and adoption

of the budget is set for Tuesday, December 14, during the regular Commission meeting at 8 p.m. All of these meetings are in person at 710 Washington Road or on Zoom. For links, go to mtlebanon.org/commission. Public comment is encouraged, and it is accepted in person or on Zoom during the regular commission meetings and hearings. The public is not permitted to comment during the workshops.

Enjoy the Halloween parade at 11 a.m. on Saturday on Washington Road followed by Trick or Treat on Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. Please ensure kids are visible and watch for children as you drive through town.

The General Election is Tuesday, November 2, and polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. To find your polling place, go to mtlebanon.org and look under “trending now.”

Finally, our hearts go out to the family and friends of those we lost in the Tree of Life shooting three years ago this week. We also extend our thanks to the first responders, especially those from Mt. Lebanon, who stepped in that day. We will never forget.

JUNIOR COMMISSIONER RAAFAY KHAN COMMENTS.

Raafay Khan stated that the high school is regaining a sense of normalcy again. He stated that the football team won its last game of the season and will proceed to the playoffs. He also spoke about the curriculum, stating it's a concern that students have fallen behind over the past year when school was held online. He stated that the students are lacking foundational skills that are needed to be successful now and for the rest of their academic career. If these deficiencies are not addressed now, it will only get worse.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Tessa Watkins of 644 Royce Avenue spoke about the DEI committees, stating that intersectionality is important to her, and she didn't feel it was addressed.

Egon Klatt of 280 Parkview Drive inquired about glass recycling, stating that Peters Township received a grant from the state, thereby, allowing the residents to recycle glass. He asked that Mt. Lebanon consider glass recycling. He also spoke about limiting the use of plastic bags. He also spoke about the snow removal ordinance, asking that it be printed and distributed to residents every November, thereby, informing people on the rules pertaining to snow removal. He also spoke about unsightly sidewalks in uptown and leaf collection.

Mr. McMeans stated that the municipality is working on a grant for glass recycling.

Mr. McGill stated that the grant would provide for a drop-off container only, adding that the county is offering various places to drop off glass.

Ms. Foster stated that the reason why glass is not accepted by recycling companies anymore is because China used to accept glass as part of single stream recycling, but now they won't. She stated that it's a large global issue.

Ms. Ranney stated that the Environmental Sustainability Board is reviewing the use of plastic bags.

Mr. McGill stated that LeboAlerts are issued regarding snow removal. Mr. Grella added that there is a program at the high school where students volunteer to shovel sidewalks for residents.

Christine Griffin of 872 Osage Road spoke about Tennis Center improvements, including communication and the lack of programming for adults and children.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM
THE REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 12, 2021**

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

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 10-21) AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET
FOR REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES NOT ANTICIPATED IN THE 2021 BUDGET**

Mr. Flynn said the following adjustments are proposed:

General Fund

Revenue:	Justification:		
Use of Fund Balance		\$	221,090
Assigned Fund Balance Release	YE 2020 Assignments		702,760
ARPA Revenue Loss Recognition for Parking Fund	2020 Revenue Losses		400,000
ARPA Revenue Loss Recognition for Stormwater Fund	2021 Change orders (Lakemont/Firwood)		100,000
Insurance Proceeds	Firing Range Insurance Payments		190,810
	Total	\$	1,614,660

Expenditures:	Justification:		
Public Works Small Dump Truck	Delays in 2020 delivery, Assigned FB	\$	93,500
Public Works Large Dump Truck	Delays in 2020 delivery, Assigned FB		166,000
Police Transit Van	Delays in 2020 delivery, Assigned FB		68,260
Municipal Building Camera Project	Delays from 2020, Unassigned FB		16,090
Municipal Building Meeting Room Upgrades	Commission Authorization		25,000
Firing Range Improvements	Commission Authorization		580,810
Assign Library Savings for 2022 Budget	Savings intended for 2022 budget		65,000
Assign Fund Balance for Vibrant Uptown Phase II	Commission Authorization		100,000
Decrease in the use of Fund Balance			500,000
	Total	\$	1,614,660

Capital Projects Fund

Revenue:	Justification:		
Fund Balance	YE 2020 Assignments	\$	160,000
Fund Balance	2020 Bond Refinance Proceeds		117,840
	Total	\$	277,840

Expenditures:	Justification:		
Bower Hill Rd/Segar Rd Intersection Improvement	Increased funding needed	\$	70,000
Bower Hill Rd/Washington Rd Intersection Improvement	Increased funding needed		90,000
Ballistic Walls at Firing Range	Commission Authorization		117,840
	Total	\$	277,840

Ordinance (Bill No. 10-21) was introduced, and the public hearing was set for November 9, 2021.

**CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION OF THE
CONCURRING RESOLUTION NO. R-13-21 FOR A 2022 CDBG
GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2022 ADA RAMP PROJECT**

Ms. Foster said a pre-application has been submitted to Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) for the 2022 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 5, 2021. The project will include the installation of nine (9) 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. Foster moved and Mr. Grella seconded to adopt the Concurring Resolution No. R-13-21 for the 2022 CDBG Grant application for the 2022 ADA Ramp project. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-14-21 APPROVING THE
ISSUANCE OF A TAX-EXEMPT NOTE ON BEHALF OF ST. CLAIR HOSPITAL**

Mr. Silverman said the Mt. Lebanon Hospital Authority recently approved the issuance of a note on behalf of the hospital to refinance existing debt and for other purposes. The aggregate principal amount shall not exceed \$16,000,000. The issuance of this note does not affect the bank qualifications of the Municipality's debt and will not affect the general credit of the Municipality. Commission approval is needed to satisfy portions of the Internal Revenue Code.

Mr. Silverman moved and Mr. Flynn seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-14-21. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPENDITURE
LIST FOR SEPTEMBER TOTALING \$8,193,806.32**

Mr. Grella moved and Ms. Foster seconded to approve the expenditure list for September totaling \$8,193,806.32. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARMENTAL REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.