

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING MAY 8, 2018
OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon Pennsylvania held a Regular Meeting at 8:00 P.M., on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at the Municipal Building. Commission President Steve Silverman called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Manager Keith McGill called the roll. Present were Commissioners John Bendel, Kelly Fraasch, Craig Grella, Steve McLean, and Steve Silverman. Also present were Assistant Manager McMeans, Recreation Director Donnellan, Police Chief Lauth, Public Works Director Sukal, Fire Chief Sohyda, IT Officer Schalles, Business District Manager Milliron, and Public Information Officer Morgans. Also present were Phil Weis of the solicitor's office and Dan Deiseroth of the engineer's office.

RECOGNITION OF NEWLY-PROMOTED DEPUTY CHIEF KEVIN ABBOTT

Chief Sohyda recognized newly-promoted Deputy Chief Kevin Abbott.

COMMISSION/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manager McGill summarized the information that was reviewed during the discussion session, including review of the Harwood Institute program, John Evans presented the voluntary design guide for historic homes, the Mt. Lebanon Partnership's Strategic Planning Report, reviewed bids for repairs to Scrubgrass and the public works culvert, discussed the 2018 street repair schedule and resident notification, and heard an update from David Donnellan on ice rink lighting issues.

Manager McGill stated that prior to the meeting, the Commission met in executive session to receive legal advice from the solicitor on several issues. The next adjourned Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at 8 p.m., instead of Monday due to Memorial Day. The discussion session will also begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. in Room C.

Mr. McLean stated that the Woody Waste curbside pickup is scheduled for Saturday, May 12. He also noted that the Partnership's Farmers' Market kicks off on Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and it will run every Saturday through October. He stated that the Plein Air Paint Out for children is also scheduled for Saturday, May 12, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. He also spoke about the road reconstruction program for 2018. He also congratulated 2014 Lebo grad Troy Apke on being recruited by the Washington Redskins. He also stated that Mt. Lebanon Magazine has five finalists in the print and online design categories for the prestigious Golden Quill awards.

Chief Sohyda presented information regarding Memorial Day activities.

**JUNIOR COMMISSIONER THOMAS COSENTINO
COMMENTS (PRESENTATION OF GIFT/LAST MEETING)**

Mr. Cosentino congratulated the student council officers who were elected. He also thanked the high school resource officers for giving up so much of their time to protect our school. He also stated that 16 students attended State Sen. Guy Reschenthaler's meeting last week where they garnered questions from the State Senator. He also congratulated Junior Libby McDyer, whose essay on the use of 3-D printing in animal replacement parts for saving human lives, won the 2018 PA Society for Value Medical Research contest. He also stated that it's testing time at the high school. He also thanked the Commission for giving him the opportunity to be the Junior Commissioner.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT INTERN

Mr. Silverman said in August of 2017, the Municipality launched a pilot program to provide an opportunity for high school students who expressed an interest in learning more about how local government functions in Mt. Lebanon. The program included a real world look at the decision process behind the provision of local services, the budget process, the role of various boards and authorities, the role of the elected officials, how policies are developed and implemented, the importance of public outreach and effective communication and other related topics. Interns attend public meetings each month, attend advisory board meetings, and meet with department heads.

The Municipality would like to recognize our student intern, Cassidy Higgins, who took part in the program during the spring semester of 2018, and thanked her for her time and dedication to the program.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bill Hoon of 456 Coolidge Avenue spoke against the deer management program and the cost involved to maintain it.

Dan Hackett of 470 Carnegie Drive, treasurer of Indoor Tennis of Mt. Lebanon for 20 years, stated that last year, Indoor Tennis celebrated its 50th anniversary. He noted that over the years, Indoor Tennis has spent over \$1 million in improvements. He stated that it's time for a significant capital project at the Tennis Center, which is a valuable asset in the community.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD
APRIL 10, 2018 AND THE SPECIAL ADJOURNED MEETING HELD APRIL 30, 2018**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 3-18) OF MT. LEBANON,
PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

Mr. Grella said Mt. Lebanon currently prohibits overnight parking on public streets, subject to certain exceptions, including the option for residents to request three and fifteen day exemptions. This ordinance clarifies the exceptions to allow each vehicle license plate three (3) overnight parking requests per year. In addition, the ordinance provides that the Manager or a designee may grant the applicant up to fifteen (15) additional requests per vehicle license plate per year for good cause shown. Thereafter, a resident will need to follow either an existing process for an overnight parking zone or a new process for a special permit parking space, which requires a demonstration of good reason. The ordinance also clarifies the duties of the Manager in establishing traffic and parking controls under the Motor Vehicle Code.

This ordinance was introduced on April 10, 2018.

Mr. Silverman declared the public hearing opened.

Rick Vrebanach of 274 Arden Road stated that his driveway is not long enough or wide enough to accommodate his vehicles. He indicated that he submits a parking request every night so that parking is available to his family. He spoke against the parking ordinance.

Matthew Anderson of 340 Kenmont Avenue spoke against the overnight parking ordinance, stating his driveway can only fit one vehicle. He stated that it takes he and his wife's income to make ends meet, and that's not living extravagantly, and because they both have vehicles, it makes it difficult. He stated that there are exceptions, noting that parking at a facility a half-mile away is not an option, especially for his wife, who works late hours.

Amelia Baisley of 300 Broadmoor Avenue spoke against the overnight parking ordinance, stating that it discriminates against residents living in smaller homes with smaller driveways and garages, as well as those living in congested areas. She also spoke against the need to give a reason for parking overnight, stating it is an invasion of privacy.

Joe Feely of 755 Shady Drive East stated that there are several duplexes with shared driveways in this area, and often times his neighbor is parked in the driveway, and he can't get his vehicle in it. He said there is also the issue with vehicles not fitting in the driveway. He believed there was a better solution to overnight parking than what was being proposed in the ordinance.

Erica Bowlin of 345 Ashland Avenue stated that she does not have a driveway, but they do have a paper street. She stated that she called the municipality for a solution, and she was told that she would be required to call every night if she parked on the street.

Maureen White of 89 Roycroft Avenue spoke against the proposed overnight parking ordinance. She believes that it is discriminatory to people with small driveways and houses. She also felt that it was an invasion of privacy to be required to disclose a reason for parking on the street overnight.

Ed Chute of 904 Valleyview Road spoke in support of the proposed overnight parking ordinance, stating it was a safety issue.

Jim Wolf of 366 Questend Boulevard stated that he has six children and 17 grandkids, and he doesn't want them to be limited as to when they visit due to parking issues.

Mary Binker of 440 Old Farm Road sent an email opposing the overnight parking ordinance.

Mr. Bendel moved and Mr. McLean seconded to amend the ordinance to change the number of nights per license plate from three to seven.

Mr. Grella stated that he agrees with Mr. Bendel, but he feels the number should be higher. He added that a lot of research went into this ordinance.

Ms. Fraasch stated that each ward has its own specific issues, and she would consider parking on one side of the street overnight, but she wanted the issue studied further.

Mr. McLean said there's an enforcement issue with the current ordinance. He suggested concentrating on the problem that needs to be solved.

Mr. Silverman believed the issue needed studied further. He suggested discussing this matter at a future meeting.

Mr. Bendel withdrew his amendment in order to study the issue further.

Mr. Silverman stated the issue will be discussed further at a future date.

Because there were no further comments, Mr. Silverman declared the public hearing closed.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 4-18) OF
MT. LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE
MT. LEBANON CODE, CHAPTER 1 (ADMINISTRATION AND
GOVERNMENT), PART 1, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, SECTION 105,
COMPENSATION, BY INCREASING THE COMPENSATION OF COMMISSIONERS**

Ms. Fraasch said this Ordinance will amend the Mt. Lebanon Code, Chapter 1 (Administration and Government), Part 1 Administrative Code, Section 105, Compensation by Increasing the Compensation of the Commissioners

The current Commission compensation per Commissioner is three thousand five hundred (\$3,500) per year, payable in (monthly) equal installments. The current rate of compensation was established by ordinance in 1993.

Under the ordinance as proposed each Commissioner would receive five thousand (\$5,000) per year, payable in (monthly) equal installments. If enacted the change in compensation would become effective no sooner than four (4) years after the effective date of the ordinance.

This ordinance was introduced April 10, 2018.

Mr. Silverman declared the public hearing opened.

Because there were no further comments, Mr. Silverman declared the public hearing closed.

Ms. Fraasch moved and Mr. Bendel seconded to enact Ordinance (Bill No. 4-18). The vote was called.

Ms. Fraasch provided background information relating to her life and as to why she was supporting this ordinance.

Mr. Bendel felt that primarily, the determining factor in running for office is the time commitment involved. He said that he views this position as public service, and he would not be supporting a pay increase.

Mr. McLean stated that he appreciates Ms. Fraasch's courage in bringing up this issue. He concurred with Mr. Bendel's comments, stating that the desire of the individual is a key factor when running for an elected position; therefore, he would not be supporting the ordinance.

Mr. Silverman stated that he views this position as a part-time job, basically working for the community, and he would be voting against the motion.

Ms. Fraasch voted in support of the motion. Mr. Bendel, Mr. Grella, Mr. McLean and Mr. Silverman voted against the motion. The motion failed one vote to four votes.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-9-18, THE STANDARD RESOLUTION
FOR A PLANNING MODULE
FOR THE PROPOSED ST. CLAIR HOSPITAL AMBULATORY CARE FACILITY**

Mr. McLean said as a part of the land development permit process the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) requires a Planning Module to be submitted to account for the sanitary sewer service for the proposed St. Clair Hospital Ambulatory Care Facility. The standard resolution associated with the Planning Module is an update to the Municipalities “Official Sewage Facilities Plan” to include the development.

The Municipal Engineer has reviewed the document and recommends adoption of the resolution and transmitting it to the PADEP.

Mr. McLean moved and Mr. Bendel seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-9-18, the Plan Revision for New Land Development for the St. Clair Hospital Ambulatory Care Facility project and transmit the Planning Module to the PADEP. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION OF A CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST APPROVAL
FOR THE EXPANSION OF A HOSPITAL USE AT 1000 BOWER HILL ROAD**

Mr. Grella said St. Clair Hospital operates as an existing conditional use at 1000 Bower Hill Road. The Hospital is seeking to expand their existing facility by constructing an Ambulatory Care Center on the southwestern end of the existing hospital structure. The new structure will be located in both the Municipality of Mt. Lebanon and Scott Township. The property within the Municipality of Mt. Lebanon is zoned R-2 Single-Family Residential. Chapter XX, Zoning, of the Mt. Lebanon Code, identifies “Hospitals” as a Conditional Use in the R-2 Single-Family Residential zoning district.

The Planning Board recommended approval of the conditional use request on April 24, 2018.

The Conditional Use request was introduced, and the public hearing was for Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

**CONSIDERATION OF AN AWARD FOR
MT. LEBANON'S 2018 - 2019 INSURANCE PROGRAM**

Ms. Fraasch said the non-employment-related insurances for the municipality expire on June 5, 2018. This includes property, equipment, crime, automobile, general liability, professional, umbrella and cyber liability coverages. For the upcoming year, the quote from MRM PLT, the insurance pool that currently insures the municipality, is \$362,545. There are minimal changes to the coverage, deductibles or limits for the next year. The general fund will be responsible for \$338,011, and the parking fund will pay \$24,534.

Ms. Fraasch moved and Mr. Grella seconded to authorize the placement of insurance for 2018-2019 with the MRM PLT insurance pool at a premium of \$362,545. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO INSTALL A STOP SIGN AND SUPPLEMENTAL
EXCEPT RIGHT TURN PLAQUE ON THE NORTHBOUND COUNTRY CLUB
DRIVE APPROACH TO SUMMIT DRIVE. ADDITIONALLY, TO ADD A
TRAFFIC FROM RIGHT DOES NOT STOP PLAQUE UNDERNEATH THE EXISTING
STOP SIGN ON THE SUMMIT DRIVE APPROACH TO COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE**

Mr. Grella said residents of this neighborhood have expressed a concern over sight distance at this intersection. Residents of the neighborhood were invited to a Traffic Board meeting in April 2016 for input on this request. Upon review, it was determined that the sight distance looking left from Summit Drive does not meet the minimum criteria for the posted speed limit. It was recommended that a stop sign be installed on the northbound approach with an "Except Right Turns" plaque underneath. It was also recommended that a "Traffic From Right Does Not Stop" plaque be installed under the existing Summit Drive stop sign. A motion to this affect was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Grella moved and Ms. Fraasch seconded to install a Stop Sign and supplemental Except Right Turn plaque for the northbound Country Club Drive approach to Summit Drive as well as to add a Traffic From Right Does Not Stop plaque under the existing Stop Sign on the Summit Drive approach. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE SCRUBGRASS
ROAD - ELM SPRING ROAD CULVERT LINING CONTRACT**

Mr. Bendel said bids were received on April 17, 2018 for the Scrubgrass Road - Elm Spring Road Culvert Lining contract. The project consists of the base bid for gunite (sprayed lightweight concrete) application to the 42" metal culvert at Scrubgrass Road and Elm Spring Road. An add alternate bid item included the repair of 20 feet of the 96" culvert on the Department of Public Works Facility. Both repairs were recognized as a part of the Stormwater Capital Plan.

The Municipal Engineer has verified the bids as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate Bid 1
Proshot Concrete, Inc.	\$39,798.30	\$28,000.00
National Shotcrete, LLC dba National Gunite	\$39,965.00	\$26,400.00
A. Merante Contracting, Inc.	\$76,000.00	\$55,000.00

The Municipal Engineer has reviewed the bids and determined the low bid to be accurate. The Engineer recommends the project be awarded to National Gunite. The engineer is familiar with their work in several locations.

The project is within budget and is to be funded through the Storm Sewer Fund.

Mr. Bendel moved and Mr. McLean seconded to award the Base Bid for the Scrubgrass Road - Elm Spring Road Culvert Lining contract to National Shotcrete, LLC dba National Gunite in the amount of \$39,965 and Add Alternate #1 at \$26,400, for a total of \$66,365. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR THE SALE OF A
2002 SPARTAN/PRECISION FIRE PUMPER TRUCK**

Mr. McLean said bids were received on Monday, April 16, 2018, for the sale of a fire pumper truck. Mt. Lebanon's Administrative Code requires Commission approval for the sale of municipal equipment and supplies with an estimated value of more than \$7,500.

The minimum bid for the pumper truck was \$20,000. There was one bid as follows:

Clymer Volunteer Fire Company #1 \$55,402

Mr. McLean moved and Mr. Bendel seconded to approve the sale to the Clymer Volunteer Fire Company #1 for the amount of \$55,402. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF PENSION BENEFITS

Ms. Fraasch said Mt. Lebanon sponsors three defined pension benefit plans for its employees: General Employees, Police and Firemen. 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
Kevin Maehling Platoon Chief	Firemen Fire	5/1/18

Ms. Fraasch moved and Mr. Grella seconded to approve benefit commencement for Kevin Maehling. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPENDITURE LIST FOR MARCH FOR \$2,533,911.98

Mr. Bendel moved and Mr. McLean seconded to approve the expenditure list for March totaling \$2,533,911.98. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.