

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2019
OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held a Regular Meeting at 8:00 P.M., on Tuesday, October 7, 2019, at the Municipal Building, 710 Washington Road. Commission President Steve McLean called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Manager McGill called the roll. Present were Commissioners John Bendel, Craig Grella, Steve Silverman and Steve McLean. Commissioner Kelly Fraasch was not present. Also present were Assistant Manager/Planner McMeans, Chief of Police Lauth, Fire Chief Sohyda, Recreation Director Donnellan, Finance Director McCreery, Business District Manager Milliron, and Public Information Officer Pace-Lilley. Also present were Phil Weis of the solicitor's office and Matt Bagaley of the engineer's office.

Mr. McLean noted that item five regarding the public hearing on Ordinance (Bill No. 5-19) was being removed from the agenda, stating that neither the Partnership nor EDC were in favor of it as presented.

COMMISSION/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manager McGill summarized the information that was reviewed during the discussion session, including improvements to the intersection of Rockwood Avenue and Hoodridge Drive, reviewed current and future stormwater projects, heard a discussion on license plate recognition technology, reviewed the 2020 fee schedule, heard an update on the communications survey, and heard comments from Commission liaisons on activities with various boards and authorities, of which there were none.

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 and board appointments. He noted that the next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at 8 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Municipal Building. The discussion session will also begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. in Room C.

Mr. Grella stated that leaf collection is underway; information is available in the Mt. Lebanon Magazine or on our website. He also stated that the Historical Society's annual fundraising dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 16, at the St. Clair County Club. Author Marie Benedict, who wrote "Carnegie's Maid: The Only Woman in the Room," is the featured speaker. For tickets, call 412-251-8567 or go to lebohistory.org by October 10.

Mt. Lebanon and the Pennsylvania Resources Council will host a free popup glass recycling event on Saturday, October 12, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., in the commissioners' lot. All colors of glass jars will be collected; however, no window glass, drinking glasses, stemware or ceramics will be collected. He also stated that October is mating season for deer and their behavior can be erratic during the rut. Take care to drive slowly and be alert on the roads. He also stated that Pittsburgh Magazine ranked Mt. Lebanon as the best neighborhood in Pittsburgh.

JUNIOR COMMISSIONER DANIEL MCNULTY COMMENTS

Mr. McNulty was not attendance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bill Hoon of 456 Coolidge Avenue spoke against deer management.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM
THE ADJOURNED MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 24, 2019**

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)

Mr. Silverman said as required by the Charter, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for 2020-2024 was submitted to the Commission on August 1, 2019. A public hearing is required to be held on this program prior to the issuance of the Manager's Recommended Budget.

Mr. McLean declared the public hearing opened.

Finance Director Andrew McCreery gave a brief synopsis of what was contained in the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program. He stated that the total cost for projects is \$54,038,180.

Assistant Manager/Planner Ian McMeans stated that the Planning Board reviewed and recommended approval of the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program at its meeting on August 20.

Dave Egler of 121 Poplar Drive spoke about the Pennsylvania Boulevard item, stating it's been in the CIP for decades, and unfortunately, it's being pushed back to 2024. He spoke about the verbiage in the CIP regarding the right-of-way, stating he and his neighbors have used it for the past 35 years. He said on page 95, it shows the acquisition of properties mostly by sheriff sale, and noted that there are still 17 tax delinquent properties.

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

CONSIDERATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF PENSION BENEFITS

Mr. Grella said Mt. Lebanon sponsors three defined pension benefit plans for their 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
Joseph Berkley, Jr. Chief Inspector	General Employees Inspections	10/1/19

Mr. Grella moved and Mr. Bendel seconded to approve benefit commencement for Joseph Berkley, Jr. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.