

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING JULY 14, 2020 OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held a virtually-run Regular Meeting at approximately 9:15 p.m., on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, due to the coronavirus pandemic. Commission President Craig Grella 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, Mindy Ranney, Steve Silverman, and Craig Grella. Also present were Assistant Manager/Planner McMeans, Fire Chief Sohyda, Police Chief Lauth, Finance Director McCreery, Public Works Director Sukal, Recreation Program Manager Cannon, I.T. Manager Schalles, Business District Manager Milliron, Library Director Vittek, and Public Information Officer Pace. 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 the 2020 Deer Management Archery program, reviewed bids for the tennis court replacement project and the Bird Park stream bank restoration, discussed remote meetings, and heard Commission liaison activities with various boards and authorities.

Manager McGill stated that prior to this meeting, the Commission met remotely 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 to continue our conversation. He stated that the next adjourned meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at 8 p.m., in Commission Chambers with the discussion session meeting starting at approximately 6:30 p.m., also to be held in Commission Chambers, and the executive session starting at approximately 6 p.m. He noted that Mt. Lebanon is taking precautionary measures to stay safe, and any resident attending must wear a mask, as well as social distance, where chairs are already appropriately spaced. Room C will also be available in the event of an overflow.

Ms. Ranney said we continue to be grateful for residents who have been observing all safety precautions during the pandemic. We are asking all residents to **Mask Up** and keep proper physical distance from others when you are in public, especially when you are at any municipal facility or building. Remember, many requests of municipal staff can be handled by email, phone or through our service portal at ***myLebo.mtlebanon.org*** 24 hours a day. The municipal switchboard is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to help. Using these services keeps you and our staff safe and avoids unnecessary contact. When parking in one of our garages, please use the self-pay kiosks *if you can*. You can use the PASSPORT app at metered and pay-station spaces in the municipality, too.

The Mt. Lebanon Police Department has added a section on its website addressing frequently asked questions of the community, including questions about its Use of Force policy, officer recruitment, training and department standards. You are able to access it at ***Mtlebanonpd.org***. The page also includes information about a new Police/Community working group being organized to bring together police leaders and a diverse group of residents. The group will meet several times a year to talk about how the MLPD can best serve all members of our community. If you are interested in being part of this important initiative and you are a person of color or are a part of another diverse population, contact Police Chief Aaron Lauth at 412-343-4016 or email ***alauth@mtlebanon.org*** to discuss.

Here are some updates from the Mt. Lebanon Partnership: The Uptown Farmers Market, every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon, has moved back to the South Parking Lot, just across the street and a few doors down from the Municipal Building. The Mt. Lebanon Artists Market, scheduled for October 3 and 4, has been cancelled.

Please continue to patronize Mt. Lebanon businesses. They need your support. You can have fun and get a T-shirt by playing the Partnership's LOVE LEBO TAKEOUT BINGO GAME using the card that came to you in the July/August issue of Mt. Lebanon Magazine. You can download additional cards at [www.mtlebopartnership.org](http://www.mtlebopartnership.org).

She also spoke about the school district presenting its plan regarding children returning to school in the fall, on Wednesday, July 15, at 7 p.m. A Zoom link is posted on the Mt. Lebanon School District website. The presentation will be presented on the website on Thursday, and there is an open-ended, anonymous Google response form for people to share their comments with the administration.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Ed Blank of 117 Highridge Circle submitted an email with comments stating that he supports our police, firefighters and military veterans and thanks them for their valiant service.

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE THE ADJOURNED MEETING HELD JUNE 23, 2020**

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 4-20) CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE WITH LA POMPONNEE FOR SPACE IN THE NORTH GARAGE**

Mr. Silverman said La Pomponnee, Inc., and the Municipality have agreed to make an adjustment to the rent payments for their current lease in the North Garage in recognition of the COVID-19 pandemic. Certain rent payments will be added to the rent for the remainder of the lease term instead of being paid currently. Under the Charter, this amendment must be approved by Ordinance.

This ordinance was introduced June 23, 2020.

Mr. Silverman moved and Ms. Foster seconded to enact Ordinance (Bill No. 4-20). The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

### **CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 5-20) CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE WITH**

**EBCB VENTURES LLC FOR SPACE IN THE NORTH GARAGE**

Mr. Flynn said EBCB Ventures LLC (d/b/a Play Town) and the Municipality have agreed to make an adjustment to the rent payments for their current lease in the North Garage in recognition of the COVID-19 pandemic. Certain rent payments will be added to the rent for the remainder of the lease term instead of being paid currently. Under the Charter, this amendment must be approved by Ordinance.

This ordinance was introduced June 23, 2020.

Mr. Flynn moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to enact Ordinance (Bill No. 5-20). The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Grella closed the meeting thanking everyone for their support and effort during this difficult time. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.