

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held a Regular Meeting at 8 P.M., on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Commission President Flynn called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Manager McGill called the roll. Present were Craig Grella, Mindy Ranney, Steve Silverman, and Andrew Flynn. Also present were Assistant Manager/Planner McMeans, Public Works Director Sukal, Finance Director McCreery, Deputy Chief of Police Haberman, I.T. Officer Schalles, Inspections Officer Sarver, 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, including a review of the DEI resolution, the proposed stormwater fee revisions, boards and authorities realignment, and heard 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. The next adjourned meeting of the Commission is Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 8 p.m., to be held in Commission Chambers, with the discussion session meeting starting at approximately 6:30 p.m., to be held in Room C. These meetings are also available on Zoom. The executive session starts at approximately 6 p.m.

Mr. Silverman said Mt. Lebanon is updating our municipal 10-year comprehensive plan. We launched a new site to facilitate public engagement with a new survey and mapping feature to collect feedback and ideas on the future of the community. We are seeking input from all residents, property owners, business owners, and people who visit Mt. Lebanon. Please visit [ascendlebo.com](https://ascendlebo.com) to participate in this important process.

This year is the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library, and September is the 7th annual Love Your Library campaign. This year's celebration will include a variety of ways to support the library from a donation drive, tote bags and t-shirts to purchase, free Love Your Library buttons, a limited number of free yard signs to display in your yard, plus an array of wonderful programs put together by our exceptional staff of librarians. Thanks to the very generous support of the Jack Buncher Foundation, every gift, up to \$500, made to Mt. Lebanon Public Library during the month of September will be MATCHED. Donate on the library webpage at [mtlebanonlibrary.org](https://mtlebanonlibrary.org).

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the contributions and importance of Hispanics and Latinos to the United States and those American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America. This year's observance theme is: "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation." The theme encourages us to ensure that all voices are represented and welcomed to help build stronger communities and a stronger nation. We are grateful for all of your contributions. Thank you for making Mt. Lebanon a better place.

And finally, keep up to date with the progress and schedule for the Vibrant Uptown streetscape project at [mtlebanon.org/vibrantuptown](https://mtlebanon.org/vibrantuptown).

### **JUNIOR COMMISSIONER AMY TAN COMMENTS**

Junior Commissioner Amy Tan introduced herself stating that she is a senior, and she is excited and honored for the opportunity to be the Junior Commissioner. She spoke about various activities at the high school including the senior boat ride and homecoming court nominations. She also spoke about the power and influence of social media and technology, especially for the younger demographic, stating that at the high school, most activities are shared on some form of social media. She noted that as social media and technology become more prevalent in our lives, understanding social media as a tool can be crucial in reaching more demographics. She stated that while she follows the Mt. Lebanon Magazine on Instagram, she felt there could be more initiatives taken with improving the social media outreach. She stated that she sees these improvements as opportunities to engage more members of the community from different ages and backgrounds. She ended by stating she's excited to learn more about the municipality and our community and how we can become stronger together.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Hillary Lohr of 7 Hemlock Street spoke about the Ascend Lebo survey, stating that she believed there was a perception issue in the way the questions were worded. She encouraged residents to carefully think about the repercussions to any given answer before submitting the survey.

Bill Hoon of 456 Coolidge Avenue stated that since 2007, several millionaires have left Mt. Lebanon, resulting in there only being two remaining in the community. He believed they left because of the deer management program. He spoke against deer management, stating this program has been ongoing for 20 years.

Dave Lacker of 729 Brafferton Drive inquired about the Ascend Lebo survey and why the municipality was looking to change.

Mr. McMeans stated that Mt. Lebanon is required to do a comprehensive plan every 10 years. We just launched this survey last week, and it's only the first step of many that the municipality will be taking in order to determine the future direction of the community, in accordance with the comprehensive plan.

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 9, 2022**

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-21-22 A RESOLUTION OF MT. LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA FOSTERING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND BELONGING**

Ms. Ranney said the Municipality of Mt. Lebanon has at the heart of its vision and mission, a commitment to help create a community of belonging where all are welcomed, included and celebrated and the Municipality recognizes diversity, inclusion and equity as essential to a positive and healthy community.

This Resolution commits the municipality to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) and doing its part to create a culture of belonging throughout the community. We understand DEI as: valuing and learning from the broad range of human differences as well as our similarities, advancing equal opportunities for all people and groups to thrive and building a warmly receptive and supportive community for diverse perspectives and experiences.

Ms. Ranney moved and Mr. Grella seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-21-22. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF  
THE RESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONER FOSTER**

Mr. Grella said Commissioner Foster has tendered her resignation as a result of a relocation of her residence. The Commission will reluctantly accept her resignation and declare her office vacant as of today.

Mr. Grella moved and Ms. Ranney seconded to accept the resignation of Commissioner Foster and to declare the office vacant.

Ms. Ranney, Mr. Grella, Mr. Silverman and Mr. Flynn all said that it is with heavy heart that they will accept Ms. Foster's resignation, stating that she will truly be missed.

The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO RATIFY THE MANAGER'S APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY  
REPAIRS TO THE RECREATION CENTER ICE RINK REFRIGERATION SYSTEM**

Mr. Silverman said emergency repairs to the municipal ice rink refrigeration system in the amount of \$52,125 were necessary for continued provision of related services. The urgency and timing of these repairs did not allow for the typical approval process.

Mr. Silverman moved and Ms. Ranney seconded to ratify the Manager's approval of emergency repairs to the ice rink refrigeration system in the amount of \$52,125. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE  
NORTH GARAGE ELEVATOR CAR #1 MODERNIZATION**

Ms. Ranney said project documents and pricing were provided by Otis Elevator for the modernization of Elevator Car #1 and weather damaged components, which serves the main parking garage structure. Initial discussions regarding the project were completed during the review of ARPA and unassigned funds allocations in late June of this year.

The proposal from Otis is as follows:

| <b>Vendor</b> | <b>Project Cost</b> | <b>Description</b>        | <b>OMNIA Cooperative Purchasing Contract</b> |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Otis Elevator | \$143,698.60        | Full Modernization Car #1 | #2019001563                                  |
| Otis Elevator | \$110,803.46        | Weather Repairs Car #1    | #2019001563                                  |

The Facilities Coordinator recommends the project be awarded to Otis. The contractor has completed similar system upgrades in many other commercial settings in a satisfactory manner, and currently holds the maintenance contract on both parking garage structures, making them very familiar with the systems within the North Garage. This work falls under a national cooperative purchasing program which has been competitively bid (OMNIA Contract #2019001563).

The project is to be funded through ARPA and Unassigned Fund Balance.

Ms. Ranney moved and Mr. Grella seconded to award the North Garage Elevator Car #1 Modernization Contract to Otis, in the amount of \$143,698.60, and Weather Repairs in the amount of \$110,803.46. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE  
THORNWOOD DRIVE STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT**

Mr. Grella said bids were received on August 16, 2022, for the Thornwood Drive Stream Restoration Project contract. The project consists of improvements to an existing stream and installation of in-stream structures, including log deflectors, single wing log vanes, root wads, rock cross vanes with and without step pools, log toe, rock waterfall, branch layering, shrub planting and E & S Controls.

The Municipal Engineer has verified the bids as follows:

| Contractor                    | Base Bid     |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Ecological Restoration, Inc.  | \$106,880.00 |
| C. Crump, Inc.                | \$166,050.00 |
| Meadville Land Service, Inc.  | \$239,750.00 |
| Independent Enterprises, Inc. | \$320,850.00 |

The Municipal Engineer has reviewed the bids and determined the low bid to be accurate. The Engineer recommends the project be awarded to Ecological Restoration, Inc. The contractor has completed similar work including the Bird Park Stream Restoration Project in a satisfactory manner.

The budgeted amount for this contract is \$230,000 and the Municipal Engineer's estimate for the project was \$175,000. The project is within budget and is to be funded through the Storm Water Fund.

In addition to the stream restoration work, drainage improvements in the form of additional inlets will be added to the roadway under the Storm Sewer Point Repair Contract with Niando Construction at an estimated cost of \$40,000.

Mr. Grella moved and Ms. Ranney seconded to award the Thornwood Drive Stream Restoration Project Contract to Ecological Restoration, Inc in the amount of \$106,880. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.