

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING APRIL 9, 2024 OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held a Regular Meeting at 8 P.M., on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Commission President Swager Wilson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Manager McGill called the roll. Present were Anne Swager Wilson, Jeff Siegler, Steve Silverman, Craig Grella and Andrew Flynn. Also, present were Assistant Manager/Planner McMeans, Chief of Police Haberman, Fire Chief Sohyda, Library Director Vittek, Information Technology Officer Schalles, Urban Planning and Sustainability Coordinator Wharton 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 presentation from Greg Wharton and Eric Raabe, from CONNECT on GET Solar, a program through CONNECT and the PA Solar Center that offers free consulting services to provide an assessment regarding opportunities for solar installations at Municipal facilities and a possible joint power purchasing opportunity. Information was also received on various sustainable efforts and information related to energy benchmarking. There was also an update on the status of the Timber Creek stair project, a Capital project approved by the Commission in the 2024 budget. Updates were given by the Commissioners on the various boards they are liaisons for.

Manager McGill stated that prior to this meeting, the Commission met in executive session to receive legal advice from the solicitor on a variety of topics and discuss appointments to municipal boards. The next adjourned meeting of the Commission will be held on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm 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 available on Zoom. The executive session starts at approximately 6 p.m.

Commissioner Grella announced that the Mt. Lebanon Public Library is one of Mt. Lebanon's most important assets. Over the years, it has solidified its ability to serve people of all ages, interests, and backgrounds, as it created and nurtured lifelong learners. The free services it offers and resources it provides are priceless. But the library is most special because of the people who work there. They are true information professionals who provide expertise, services, and guidance, while upholding professional values of diversity, equity, and inclusion. So, please join the Mt. Lebanon Commission and Mt. Lebanon Municipal Manager in celebrating National Library Week through this Saturday, April 13. We hope you will make a special effort to visit the Mt. Lebanon Public Library and explore all it has to offer.

Mr. Grella congratulated Outreach Teen & Family Services on its Golden Anniversary. For 50 years, Outreach has been serving Mt. Lebanon families with important counseling and mental health care. Mt. Lebanon Municipality allocates funds to the organization each year to ensure our residents can get the help they need. Residents are eligible for two free sessions, and up to 8 more for just \$25 each. Call (412) 561-5405 or go to [outreachteen.org](http://outreachteen.org). Thank you to the staff and board members of Outreach for everything you do. Happy anniversary!

Mr. Grella asked, "Did you know Mt. Lebanon is a Tree City USA?" Then he announced that we'll celebrate that designation on Arbor Day with our annual ceremony, at Foster Elementary School on April 26 at 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Anne Swager Wilson will read the proclamation

and the students at Foster will sing, recite poetry and play beautiful music, culminating in a tree planting ceremony. Thanks to Dr. Ramsey and everyone at Foster for hosting this year's event.

Lastly, Mr. Grella announced that the annual pool passes are now on sale at **mtlebanon.org!** Get yours online today and you'll be able to bypass the long line at the cashier every time you visit. The pool opens on May 25.

Commissioner Swager Wilson then congratulated Laura and the PIO staff for their eight Golden Quill Award nominations.

**JUNIOR COMMISSIONER KATE YANG COMMENTS**

Kate Yang gave an update on the Tape a Teacher Fundraiser, spirit week, the spirit assembly games, US History and AP US History Blue Book exams, the Freshman Student Council movie night, Senior student election and campaign week, and the annual Art Show at the high school.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Bill Hoon of 456 Coolidge Avenue gave a summary of recent world events.

David Egler of 121 Poplar Avenue discussed electric rates, buying in bulk, and his disapproval of switching to electric vehicles.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM  
THE ADJORNED MEETING HELD MARCH 26, 2024**

Mr. Grella moved, and Mr. Siegler seconded to approve the minutes. The vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE 2024  
STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

Bids were received on March 19, 2024 for the 2024 Street Maintenance contract. The project includes roto-milling of existing pavement and resurfacing with bituminous materials to various depths on streets throughout the Municipality.

Streets included in the base bid package were as follows:

Cedar Boulevard	Morgan Drive to Mayfair Drive
Cedar Boulevard	Baywood Avenue to Washington Road
Florida Avenue	Cedar Boulevard to 666 Florida
North Meadowcroft Avenue	Morrison Drive to Dixon Avenue
Illinois Avenue	Mississippi Avenue to End
Mississippi Avenue	Municipal Line to End

The following streets were considered as alternates for street maintenance:

Catalpa Place (Alt. No. 1)	Parkside Avenue to Richland Road
Shady Drive East (Alt. No. 2)	Washington Road to 615 Shady Drive East
Oxford Boulevard (Alt. No. 3)	Worcester Drive to Pembroke Drive
St. Clair Drive (Alt. No. 4)	Entire Road
Bower Alley (Alt. No. 5)	Cochran to Altoona
Magnolia Place (Alt. No. 6)	295 Magnolia to Savannah
Valley Park Drive (Alt. No. 7)	Sleepy Hollow to Cul-de-Sac
Utility Patch Repairs (Alt. No.8)	

The Municipal Engineer has verified the bids as follows:

<b>Bid Item</b>	<b>Youngblood Paving, Inc.</b>	<b>Mele &amp; Mele &amp; Sons, Inc.</b>	<b>A. Folino Construction</b>	<b>M.A. Facchiano Contracting</b>
<b>Base Bid</b>	\$367,576.15	\$389,992.50	\$447,364.12	\$573,000.00
<b>Alternate No. 1</b>	\$64,519.45	\$68,840.00	\$79,308.68	\$99,500.00
<b>Alternate No. 2</b>	\$45,742.75	\$43,410.00	\$48,133.28	\$69,000.00
<b>Alternate No. 3</b>	\$54,862.00	\$51,625.00	\$59,880.81	\$70,000.00
<b>Alternate No. 4</b>	\$40,726.20	\$41,194.50	\$44,208.86	\$60,000.00
<b>Alternate No. 5</b>	\$50,181.3	\$57,828.00	\$57,200.13	\$80,000.00
<b>Alternate No. 6</b>	\$33,781.10	\$31,606.25	\$36,928.29	\$50,500.00
<b>Alternate No. 7</b>	\$62,448.50	\$63,970.00	\$72,064.44	\$86,500.00
<b>Alternate No. 8</b>	\$32,250.00	\$50,375.00	\$41,056.60	\$64,450.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$752,087.50</b>	<b>\$798,841.25</b>	<b>\$886,145.21</b>	<b>\$1,152,950.00</b>

The Municipal Engineer has reviewed the bids and determined the low bid to be accurate. The Engineer recommends the award of the base bid, Shady Drive East - alternate No. 2, Magnolia Place - alternate No. 6., and the Utility Patches - alternate No. 8 to Youngblood Paving, Inc. totaling \$479,350.00. The contractor has completed similar work in Mt. Lebanon and other communities in a satisfactory manner.

The budgeted amount for this contract is \$476,020 and the Engineer’s estimate for the proposed award was \$508,900. The project will be funded through the transportation portion of the Operating Budget and the utility patch work will be funded through the sanitary sewer fund.

Mr. Silverman moved to award the 2024 Base Bid, Alternate No. 2, Alternate No. 6, and Alternate No. 8 to Youngblood Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$479,350.00. Mr. Flynn seconded. Mr. Grella asked the timing of the start and finish of the projects. Mr. Deiseroth said that the projects would start at the beginning of summer and be completed by the end of summer. Mr. Grella then asked about how residents are notified of the schedules of the projects. Mr. McGill answered that if the commission approves this evening the contractors will be notified tomorrow of the award. The impact to the roads will be posted to the website and a LeboAlert sent. That will be followed up with letters that go to the individual residents to inform them and direct them to periodically check the website for updated information. A second notice will be mailed to the residents. Then the contractor has a requirement in the contract to notify them with a three-day minimum before they start their work. Mr. Grella then asked about parking during these projects. Mr. McGill said that the municipality notifies MLPD what streets are under construction. The vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE 2024  
ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

Bids were received on March 19, 2024, for the 2024 Road Reconstruction Project contract.

Streets included in the bid package were as follows:

Birch Avenue	Sunset Drive to Scott Road
Fernwood Drive	Parkside Avenue to Dead End
Firwood Drive	Larchdale Drive to 1145 Firwood Drive
Mapleton Avenue	Bower Hill Road to Rae Avenue
Meridian Drive	Haverhill Road to Country Club Drive
Oregon Trail	Connor Road to Municipal Line
Rawley Drive	Firwood Drive to Lakemont Drive
Cedar Blvd/Salem Intersection Improvements	

The following streets were considered as alternates for reconstruction:

Baton Way	Sunset Drive to Scott Road
Craig Court	Anawanda Avenue to Cul De Sac
Helen Drive	Banksville Rd to halfway through Dollar General Driveway
Parse Way	659 Washington Road to Alfred Street
Pinoak Road	Sweet Gum Road to Moffett Street

The bids were received and verified as follows:

	Niando Construction, Inc.	M.A. Facchiano Contracting
Total Base Bid	\$ 2,168,012.55	\$ 3,502,602.50
Total of Alternate Bids	\$ 977,806.90	\$ 1,778,360.00
Total	\$ 3,145,819.45	\$ 5,280,962.50

The bid documents allow for the award of any combination of base and alternate bids. The engineer recommends the award as listed in the Recommended Action with the totals as follows:

	Niando Construction, Inc.
Total Base Bid	\$2,155,037.55
Total of Alternate Bids Awarded	\$283,656.00
Contract Total	<b>\$2,438,693.55</b>

The recommended streets will be funded through various sources as follows:

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>	<b>Eng. Estimate</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Capital Improvements (Streets)	\$ 1,497,519.55	\$ 1,575,300.00	\$ 1,830,000.00 *

Sanitary Fund	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,900.00
Stormwater Fund (curbs)	\$ 568,285.00	\$ 563,500.00	\$ 600,000.00
Stormwater Fund (Stormwater)	\$ 220,460.00	\$ 180,550.00	\$ 220,460.00
Cedar Blvd/Salem Dr. Intersection Improvements	\$ 142,529.00	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 175,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,438,693.55</b>	<b>\$ 2,554,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,835,360.00</b>

(\*) – Budget includes \$230,000 commitment from utility companies to supplement the Municipal budget.

Niando Construction, Inc. has successfully completed the reconstruction project in the past and the Municipal Engineer recommends this award.

Mr. Flynn moved to award the following: Birch Avenue and Drainage Alternate, Fernwood Avenue, Firwood Drive and Drainage Alternate, Mapleton Avenue and Drainage Alternate, Meridian Drive and Drainage Alternate, Oregon Trail and Drainage Alternate, Rawley Drive, Cedar/Salem Intersection Improvements and Alternate, and Helen Drive Alternate to Niando Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,438,693.55. Mr. Silverman seconded. Mr. Grella asked for confirmation that the same notification procedures take place. Mr. McGill confirmed. Mr. Flynn commented that he looks forward to the day we have a policy on building the underground conduit necessary for undergrounding our utilities. Mr. McGill said the next step in the process is for us to reach out to Duquesne Light to see what specifications need included. We would also pull in the cable companies. vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE 2024  
STREET REJUVENATOR PROGRAM**

Bids were received on March 19, 2024 for the 2024 Street Rejuvenator Program. This project includes the application of approximately 34,600 SY of Reclamite pavement rejuvenator throughout the Municipality. Reclamite is a cost-effective way to extend the life of the asphalt pavement and has been used successfully by the Municipality for over 20 years.

The contract includes a base year, 2024, with three optional renewal periods. This would allow the contract to be extended, at Mt. Lebanon’s sole discretion, until 2027 to maintain continuity.

The Municipal Engineer has verified the bid as follows:

	<b>Pavement Technology, Inc.</b>
2024 Project	\$ 41,520.00
1st Renewal – 2025	2.5% increase
2nd Renewal – 2026	5% increase on the 2024 price
3rd Renewal – 2027	7.5% increase on the 2024 price

The Municipal Engineer and the Public Works Department, based upon past performance of the contractor, recommends award of the contract to Pavement Technology, Inc. The budgeted amount for this contract is \$36,400; the Engineer will monitor quantities to stay within the assigned budget. The project is to be funded through the transportation portion of the Operating Budget.

Mr. Siegler moved to award the 2024 Street Rejuvenator Program to Pavement Technology, Inc. in the amount of \$41,520.00. Mr. Grella seconded. The vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.