

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING JUNE 25, 2024 OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held an Adjourned Meeting at 8 P.M., on Tuesday, June 25, 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, Craig Grella and Andrew Flynn. Steve Silverman attended online. Also, present were Assistant Manager/Planner McMeans, Police Chief Haberman, Fire Chief Sohyda, Library Director Vittek, and Public Information Officer Lilley. Also present was Josh Scanlon of the engineer's office.

COMMISSION/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manager McGill summarized the information that was reviewed during the discussion session, including an update on the tennis center operations with a comprehensive report from the new tennis center manager. Information was received on the filtration system at the swim center and some short-term and long-term swim center operational plans. There was a presentation on the municipality's efforts related to the process for consideration for electrification for municipal fleet vehicles with information primarily provided by Chief Haberman on the three different vehicles considered for the Police Chief's vehicle. There was a brief update on the Active Transportation Plan provided by Assistant Municipal Manager McMeans. The Commission was polled and agreed to a time change from 6 pm to 7 pm for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Lastly, Commissioner Flynn gave an update on the Townie Award that Mt. Lebanon received for the Vibrant Uptown Project.

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. The next adjourned meeting of the Commission will be held on Tuesday, July 23rd 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. The July 9th meeting has been cancelled.

Commissioner Grella reminded residents of next week's fun activities: July 4 is our Community Day from noon to 5 in Mt. Lebanon Park, with a concert with the Delaneys at 7:30 and fireworks at 9:30. First Friday is Friday, July 5 from 7 to 10 p.m. on Washington Road in Uptown with the music of Penna Players. And finally, the Mt. Lebanon Police Department's classic car show is Sunday, July 7 from 9 to 4 on Washington Road. All these events are free and rain cancellations will be available by LeboALERT, our text and email messaging system. Sign up at [***mylebo.mtlebanon.org***](http://mylebo.mtlebanon.org).

Mr. Grella announced Pittsburgh Regional Transit will be working on the LRT tracks on Alfred Street through July 9. Alfred Street is open, and you will have access to the businesses, parking and Parse Way but there is no thru traffic, and you will not be able to cross the tracks. Allow some extra time to go around the closure. PRT has many concurrent projects on the LRT this summer. Get details at [***mtlebanon.org/PublicTransit***](http://mtlebanon.org/PublicTransit).

Mr. Grella stated that this is your last call to apply to be a Mt. Lebanon Junior Commission or Junior Board Member for the 2024-25 school year. Both positions create valuable links between students and local government. Applications for both are due to our Public Information Office on July 8. Find an application and list of qualifications at [***mtlebanon.org/JuniorCommissioner***](http://mtlebanon.org/JuniorCommissioner).

Finally, Mr. Grella said Mt. Lebanon will have its last household hazardous waste collection event of the season on Saturday, August 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the public works facility. You must have reservations at www.NobleEnviro.com. The fees are listed on that site when you reserve your slot.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bill Hoon of 456 Coolidge discussed deer culling. Commissioner Grella stated that a report was published before the program started. At the 5-year mark a report was published with reasons related to why the program took place and the results of the program related to deer vehicle collisions. Kimberly Schevtchuk recommended at that time that a scientific analysis be done. Mt. Lebanon then hired a consultant to work with the staff to create a report that looked at deer vehicle collisions, costs associated with crashes, and injuries. Mr. Grella also said that it is reviewed yearly. Mr. Siegler added that a recent Oikos report on the parks noted that the parks are unhealthy due to the large number of deer. Commissioner Flynn also added that to sustain the environment, regrow the native trees, and proactively manage the health of the environment, we need to manage the deer herd.

Daniel Mayer of 231 Atlanta Drive started by emphasizing the deer vehicle accident problem he saw, as a former police officer. He then discussed a hoarding, rat, and abandonment issue at 240 Atlanta Drive. The property in question has court cases pending with the magistrate. Mr. McGill stated that once a case goes before the magistrate, the municipality loses control in terms of a fine that's levied, a dollar amount, and/or the payment schedule agreed to by the magistrate. Mr. McGill added that we don't ever want a property owner to be fined because it doesn't correct or address the issue. Manager McGill, Solicitor Weis, Commissioner Flynn, and Inspector Sarver also met on a Teams call discuss legal options available to the municipality to address this property.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 10, 2024

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

CONSIDERATION FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-9-24 FOR BEGGS SNYDER PARK: S1500-MB-L-04 SEWER REHAB AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY (ALCOSAN) GREEN REVITALIZATION OF OUR WATERWAYS (GROW) PROGRAM APPLICATION SUBMISSION

An application for an Allegheny County Sanitary Authority Green Revitalization of Our Waterways Program grant has been prepared for the following area:

Beggs Snyder Park: S1500-MB-L-04 Sewer Rehab and Replacement - The project includes rehabilitation of 3,000 LF of MH-MH liners and sewer replacement of LF of 8" sewer and rehabilitation of 4 manholes through Beggs Snyder Park.

The GROW grant program will reimburse the Municipality for eligible design and construction costs, as determined by ALCOSAN. If awarded, the Municipality can expect a minimum reimbursement amount of 15% of the total eligible design & construction costs.

The proposed repairs will contribute to the required corrective actions of the current Consent Order as they are located in areas above the established thresholds.

The grant requires a commitment from the Municipality and adoption of a standard resolution.

Mr. Siegler moved to adopt Resolution No. R-9-24. Mr. Grella seconded. The vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF THE MT. LEBANON
SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW ELIMINATION PLAN
(SSOEP) PREPARED FOR ROCKWOOD SSO (CS-42A)**

A technical memorandum has been provided and includes a summary of the Rockwood SSO (CS-42A) Sanitary Sewer Overflow Elimination Plan (SSOEP) for the following area:

Rockwood SSO (CS-42A):- The Rockwood SSO is located at structure CS-42A at the connection into the former ALCOSAN interceptor in Castle Shannon at the SMRCS42-OSS-L-02 Point of Connection.

Paragraph 7 of the Phase II COA requires the Township to complete the following with regard to the SSOEP Alternative Analysis:

By December 31, 2023, Municipality shall develop a continuous simulation calibrated hydrologic and hydraulic model using the latest version of US EPA's Storm Water Management Model ("SWMM"), or equivalent model approved by ACHD to identify causation of SSOs and complete an analysis with a chosen alternative with dates each SSO will be eliminated ("Alternative Analysis").

By December 31, 2023, Municipality shall submit to ACHD, with a copy to PADEP and ALCOSAN, the Alternative Analysis completed under Paragraph 7.b, above.

In December 2023, ACHD granted the Municipality of Mt. Lebanon an extension of the Paragraph 7.b. and 7.c. deadlines stated above to June 30, 2024. The Alternatives Analysis has culminated in development of the recommended SSO elimination project, Alternative 1, which included closing the existing overflow structure.

Mr. Flynn moved to authorize the Manager, in consultation with and as recommended by the Engineer, and as required by the Mt. Lebanon Phase II Consent Order and Agreement with the Allegheny County Health Department to administratively approve the Mt. Lebanon Sanitary Sewer Overflow Elimination Plan (SSOEP) prepared for the Rockwood SSO (CS-42A). Mr. Silverman seconded. Mr. Grella summarized the agenda item as Mt. Lebanon has a plan for sanitary and storm overflow. The vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

**Letter of support to Scott Township related to the Scott Township
Sanitary Sewer Overflow Elimination Plan (SSOEP) prepared for C-48 POC**

A technical memorandum has been provided and includes a summary of the Hope Hollow (C-48) Sanitary Sewer Overflow Elimination Plan (SSOEP) for the following area:

Hope Hollow (C-48 POC) - Three constructed sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) remain in the Hope Hollow C-48 point-of-connection (POC) sewershed. These three SSOs are all located within the Township of Scott near the intersection of Cochran Road and Greentree Road.

Paragraph 7 of the Phase II COA requires the Township to complete the following with regard to the SSOEP Alternative Analysis:

By December 31, 2023, Municipality shall develop a continuous simulation calibrated hydrologic and hydraulic model using the latest version of US EPA's Storm Water Management Model ("SWMM"), or equivalent model approved by ACHD to identify causation of SSOs and complete an analysis with a chosen alternative with dates each SSO will be eliminated ("Alternative Analysis").

By December 31, 2023, Municipality shall submit to ACHD, with a copy to PADEP and ALCOSAN, the Alternative Analysis completed under Paragraph 7.b, above.

In December 2023, ACHD granted the Township of Scott and The Municipality of Mt. Lebanon an extension of the Paragraph 7.b. and 7.c. deadlines stated above to June 30, 2024. The Alternatives Analysis has culminated in development of the recommended SSO elimination project, Alternative 3C, which includes construction of a 78,400-gallon equalization facility at the Manor Oak location in Scott Township along with increased conveyance capacity upstream of the proposed equalization facility.

Mr. Siegler to authorize the Manager, in consultation with and as recommended by the Engineer, and as required by the Mt. Lebanon Phase II Consent Order and Agreement with the Allegheny County Health Department to issue a letter of support to Scott Township related to the Scott Township Sanitary Sewer Overflow Elimination Plan (SSOEP) prepared for C-48 POC. Mr. Grella seconded. Mr. Grella commented that Mt. Lebanon shares sewers with other municipalities that we are next to such as Scott Township, and the agenda item is about Mt. Lebanon working with Scott Township to address these common issues. The vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL FOR DEER MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The Municipality received a proposal for provision of services related to the Deer Management Program. Suburban Wildlife Management Solutions, LLC has provided management services over the last three years. The proposal includes both the management services for the archery program as well as professional sharpshooting services. Municipal staff has reviewed the proposal and deemed the proposal to meet the goals and objectives of the municipality's deer management

program. The proposal is a three-year contract with the municipal option to renew for two additional years.

The cost of management of the archery program is \$9,000 per year and the cost of professional sharpshooting is \$41,175 per year. The award of the sharpshooting portion of the contract is contingent upon the municipality receiving the necessary permits for the program from the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Mr. Grella moved to authorize the proper officials to execute the contract with Suburban Wildlife Management Solutions, LLC for deer management services including archery and sharpshooting at a rate of \$50,175 per year. Mr. Siegler seconded. Ms. Swager Wilson emphasized that the deer are a road hazard. Mr. Grella asked Mr. McMeans if DVCs were in the report. Mr. McMeans said the report states that in the first five months of 2024 there have been 19 DVCs reported to the police department which is consistent with 2020 and 2021 trends. Mr. Flynn asked if any of the Oikos study recommendations will change the approach to any of the efforts underway. Mr. McMeans said the study was sent to Suburban Wildlife, but one of the challenges with it was that two of the parks that they primarily focused on were Twin Hills Park and Bird Park. There is no deer management in Bird Park, but it could be looked at in the future if the Commission chooses to. There is a legal agreement with Scott Township for Twin Hills Park, that is owned by Mt. Lebanon but located in Scott Township, to only use archery. There would be more success if sharp shooting were allowed in an agreement, but safety is a main focus and Twin Hills Park has a lot of activity. Archery is also limited to daylight hours and the season only runs from September through the end of January. Mr. Grella mentioned that when Mr. McMeans looked into this in detail with the contractor and through conversations with insurance companies, you find that Pennsylvania is one of the worst states for deer vehicle collisions. The economic reasons for residents to continue deer culling are huge, and that is not taking into account if injuries are involved as well. Mr. Grella also stated the meat is donated to local shelters and there are residents signing up to volunteer for the program. Mr. McGill said that at one point the municipality posted a list of lethal and non-lethal steps taken to address the deer issue. There was list of recommended plants to deter deer. Mt. Lebanon also posted deer crossing signs and other educational efforts were pushed out to residents. Mr. McMeans said the purpose is to reduce deer vehicle collisions by 50% as voted on by the Commission in 2014. The vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE ONE POLICE ADMINISTRATION VEHICLE

The police department is requesting to purchase one police administration vehicle for use by the chief of police. This new vehicle will replace the chief's current vehicle, which will be funneled down through the current police rotation.

The budgeted amount for this vehicle, including upfitting, is \$52,000. Upfitting costs are estimated to be \$4,000.

The vehicle will be purchased under the CoStars contract 025-E22-485, and the total purchase price includes the Government Price Concession discount.

Mr. Siegler moved to Move to purchase one Dodge Durango GT through the CoStars purchasing program at a total price of \$55,093.40. Mr. Grella seconded. Mr. Grella said that if residents want to understand the conversation about electrification of the fleet, there is information submitted by

previous consultants and the commission is working on a fleet plan for that. The vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

APPOINTMENT TO RESILIENCY BOARD

Mr. Flynn moved to appoint:

Name	Address	Board	Term Expiring
Linda Topoleski.	Marshall Drive	Resiliency	3/31/26

Mr. Silverman seconded. The vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPENDITURE LIST FOR MAY
TOTALING \$5,918,483.64**

Mr. Grella moved to approve the expenditure list for May totaling \$5,918,483.64. Mr. Silverman seconded. The vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mr. Grella asked that the departmental reports be received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.