

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 13, 2024
OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held a Regular Meeting at 8 P.M., on Tuesday, August 13, 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, Steve Silverman and Andrew Flynn. Also, present were Assistant Manager/Municipal Planner McMeans, Fire Chief Sohyda, Police Chief Haberman, Library Director Vittek, Recreation Director Donnellan, and Public Information Officer Lilley.

EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION

Commissioner Swager Wilson presented a certificate of recognition to Eagle Scout Nicholas Jesso from Mt. Lebanon.

FIRE CHIEF NICK SOHYDA RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

Fire Chief Sohyda was presented with a proclamation from Caroline Lowe, representing Congressman Chris Deluzio.

Senator Wayne Fontana presented Fire Chief Sohyda a citation in recognition of his service to the community.

Representative Dan Miller presented Fire Chief Sohyda a commendation in recognition of his service to the community.

Allegheny County council member Dan Grzybek presented Fire Chief Sohyda with a proclamation in recognition of his service to the community.

Commission President Swager Wilson presented Fire Chief Sohyda with a commendation from Mt. Lebanon in recognition of his service to the community.

Manager McGill presented Chief Sohyda with a gift from the municipality and thanked him for his leadership and for his role in making the department and the delivery of fire services the gold standard in the area and the State.

Fire Chief Sohyda thanked The community, the Commission, his fellow staff members and the men and women of the fire department.

COMMISSION/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manager McGill summarized the information that was reviewed during the discussion session, including information on the public works and Iroquois culvert of which will need some investment over the next several years. Information was also received on the filtration system at the swim center and long-term recommendations. Two potential consultants are being interviewed for help with this. There was a status update on the ice rink compressor repair and possible future replacement. The parts delivery date has been pushed back to October, but the temporary compressor functions well for us. Information was received on potential municipal fleet electrification in terms of process, next steps, and some associated timelines. Finally, there were updates on various activities from the commissioners for those boards to which they are liaison to.

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, August 27th 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 stated that the first day of school is Tuesday, August 20. Make sure you drive carefully, as Mt. Lebanon is a walking district. If you're driving your child to school, please follow all rules for the Go-Zones. Our police will be on hand to make sure everyone stays safe. Please ensure kids ... and everyone else! ... has safe passage on your sidewalks. Trim all shrubs and bushes so that they are clear of the sidewalk, especially at eyesight level for children and driver level for people in vehicles. Our inspections team will cite property owners who don't follow the ordinances. Protecting pedestrians is our responsibility!

Mr. Grella said that at this time of year, standing water can provide a breeding ground for mosquitos, and that poses a health risk to pets and people. You can help by eliminating all standing water in your yard. Places it tends to accumulate include pool covers, empty pots, toys, buckets, vases, tree trunks, gutters and fountains.

Mr. Grella reminded everyone that the USDA and the Allegheny Health Department are dropping rabies vaccines throughout the month of August. The goal is to reach raccoons, but it's possible you or your pet may come across a vaccine bait on a walk. Although vaccines are not harmful to pets, it could give them digestive symptoms. You are asked to keep dogs and cats inside or on leash, so pets don't eat the baits before raccoons can. Details are on the homepage at *mtlebanon.org*.

Mr. Grella stated that the municipality needs crossing guards for the school year. Be the first and last face our kids see as part of their school day! Working at the municipality is fun, rewarding and we offer competitive pay and benefits. Jobs are posted on our website at *mtlebanon.org/HumanResources*.

Finally, Mr. Grella explained that Mt. Lebanon offers a bi-weekly email newsletter called Seven Ten – clever – that's the street address of the municipal building! The newsletter includes important reminders, links to timely information and breaking news you need to know. To sign up, go to *mtlebanon.org/SevenTen*.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dave Franklin of 739 Pinetree Road congratulated Chief Sohyda on his retirement.

Bill Hoon of 456 Coolidge discussed deer culling and the deer counts in Mt. Lebanon.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE ADJOURNED MEETING HELD JULY 23, 2024

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

**CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENTS TO SERVE AS
JUNIOR COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. Siegler said the Commission received applications from several highly qualified applicants for Junior Commissioner. The applicants were interviewed by a committee.

Mr. Siegler moved, and Mr. Grella seconded to make the following appointments:

- a) Clara Sun for fall 2024 semester
- b) Abigail Sohyda for spring 2025 semester

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.