

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING NOVEMBER 26, 2024 OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held an Adjourned Meeting at 8 P.M., on Tuesday, November 26, 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, Steve Silverman, Craig Grella, Jeff Siegler and Andrew Flynn. Also, present were Assistant Manager/Municipal Planner Ian McMeans, Finance Director McCreery, Public Information Officer Lilley, acting Fire Chief Daniels, and Police Chief Haberman. Also present were Phil Weis of the solicitor's office and Josh Scanlon 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 Gateway on upcoming projects and contracts that are out for bid. There was a presentation on the proposed 2025 fee schedule, specifically related to the overnight permit parking fee. There was a presentation on the newly constructed fire training facility and the public works storage building.

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on Tuesday, December 10th. 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 discussed the manager's annual review. There will not be any more budget workshops. Meetings are held at 8 pm 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.

Mr. Grella said if you know an amazing volunteer, nominate them for Mt. Lebanon's Community Service Award, presented by the Civic Engagement Board. Rules and applications are available online at mtlebanon.org/CommunityServiceAward.

Mr. Grella reminded everyone that Beverly Brite Nite will be on Beverly Road from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 5. And the Winter Market and Holiday Celebration will be on Washington Road, Saturday, December 7, from noon to 5. Remember, when you spend money in your local business district, your money goes to a local family and helps pay for things like piano lessons, dance uniforms, mortgage payments and other bills for your friends and neighbors. "Shop Small" is more than just a marketing slogan – When we support Mt. Lebanon-based businesses, we support each other.

Finally, Mr. Grella said that on behalf of the municipal staff and the five-member Mt. Lebanon Commission, I'd like to wish you and your families a very happy Thanksgiving. You are what makes Mt. Lebanon special and we are glad you chose to live here. We will continue to ensure that this town – your HOME – remains a safe, desirable and special place to be. Thank you.

JUNIOR COMMISSIONER CLARA SUN COMMENTS

Clara said that the blood drive took place last Friday. Two other impactful events were wrapped up, the junior class food drive and the National Honor Society blanket drive. Google Gemini launched today. Finally, there are several events coming up. The National Honor Society and student council are teaming up for their annual holiday gift drive December 2nd through

December 13th. Lebo’s Got Talent will be held December 4th at 7 pm. There will be a noon dismissal for students on November 27th to start Thanksgiving break.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kate Sprehn of 254 Academy Avenue asked about how to get painted lines at the crosswalk at Mapleton and Academy.

Ms. Swager Wilson said that at Commissioner Flynn’s suggestion last night a tactical amount of money was added to the budget to start to be able to answer these questions and do things more quickly.

Mr. Flynn said that the season is probably bad now for painting, but as we go into spring bring that to the mobility board as a request.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM
THE REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON (BILL NO. 4-24) AMENDING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES NOT ANTICIPATED IN THE 2024 BUDGET**

The following adjustments are proposed:

General Fund

Revenue:	Justification:	
Use of Fund Balance	Commission Authorization	\$177,210
Intergovernmental Finance Cooperative	Commission Authorization	64,000
Tennis Center Operational Changes	Commission Authorization	271,000
Insurance Proceeds – Ice Rink Chiller	Emergency Repairs	315,230
Investment Earnings	Actual Received	<u>50,000</u>
	Total	<u>\$877,440</u>

Expenditures:	Justification:	
Police Chief Vehicle	Purchase as opposed to lease	36,180
Intergovernmental Finance Cooperative	Commission Authorization	42,000
Tennis Center Operational Changes	Commission Authorization	315,480
Social Services Coordinator	Commission Authorization	25,620
Timbercreek Stairs	Commission Authorization	67,000
Rink-Ice Chiller	Emergency Repair	<u>391,160</u>
	Total	<u>\$877,440</u>

Ms. Swager Wilson conducted the public hearing.

Nobody spoke at the public hearing.

Ms. Swager Wilson closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON (BILL NO. 6-24) FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR
THE YEAR 2025**

The municipality will be fixing its tax rate in accordance with the adopted budget. The tax rate for general purposes is currently 4.50 mills. The tax shall be fixed at the rate of 4.50 mills for the year 2025 and continue in force for each successive calendar year without annual reenactment unless the tax is subsequently changed.

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**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 7-24) ESTABLISHING
COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES FOR 2025**

The ordinance establishes the pay rates and levels for employees, including those covered by collective bargaining for 2025. It also sets hours of work and overtime, longevity and fringe benefits.

Mr. Grella introduced Ordinance (Bill No. 7-24). Mr. McGill added that the bills can be found on the website by clicking on the bill number in the agenda and it will take you to the link of the bill.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-15-24 AUTHORIZING THE
PARTICIPATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY IN THE PA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT'S LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT-
STATEWIDE GRANT PROGRAM**

The municipality, for the benefit of its citizens, wishes to submit a grant application to the program, which provides the distribution of funds for demolition, construction, and rehabilitation of projects in the public interest through the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

The Municipality is requesting \$1,000,000 in funds for the Mt. Lebanon Recreation Center Accessibility Enhancements project, which will be situated at 900 Cedar Blvd. The project aims to upgrade the accessibility of the current Recreation Center and expanding the overall facility.

This grant application does not require a local match.

Mr. Siegler moved to adopt Resolution No. R-15-24. Mr. Grella seconded. Ms. Swager Wilson added she was glad to see this grant application to bring the recreation center up to ADA compliance. The vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

**ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTIONS (R-16-24, R-17-24, R-18-24, R-19-24)
FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY
AUTHORITY (ALCOSAN) GREEN REVITALIZATION OF OUR
WATERWAYS (GROW) PROGRAM**

Applications for an Allegheny County Sanitary Authority Green Revitalization of Our Waterways Program grant has been prepared for the following areas:

- Hope Hollow (C4800-MB-L-03) Source Flow Reduction Project-The project includes manhole to manhole liners of approximately 4,050 feet of 8" sewer lines, and rehabilitation of sanitary manholes.
- Scrubgrass Run (C4900-MB-L-04) Source Flow Reduction Project-The project includes manhole to manhole liners of approximately 900 LF of 15", 200 LF of 12", and 2,000 LF of 8" sewer lines, and rehabilitation of sanitary manholes.
- Painters Run (C5300-MB-L-05) Source Flow Reduction Project-The project includes manhole to manhole liners of approximately 2,500 LF of 24", 500 LF of 18", 1,700 LF of 12", 1,800 LF of 10", and 8,500 LF of 8" sewer lines, and rehabilitation of sanitary manholes.
- Castle Shannon Boulevard (SMRCS35-MB-L-03) Source Flow Reduction Project-The project includes manhole to manhole liners of approximately 200 LF of 18", 140 LF of 15", 360 LF of 12", 490 LF of 10", and 7,175 LF of 8" sewer lines, and rehabilitation of sanitary manholes.

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. Silverman moved and Mr. Flynn seconded to approve the submission of the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority Green Revitalization of Our Waterways Program Grant Application and adopt the associated resolutions of Municipal Commitment. The vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Grella added that we have received a lot of money in GROW grants for a lot of projects we've done over the last couple of years that were worth well over a million dollars. They are great programs that the municipality doesn't have to front the money for and are a huge help.

**CONSIDERATION FOR THE REJECTION OF THE MT. LEBANON NORTH
PARKING GARAGE LEVEL 5 VESTIBULE**

Bids were received on October 8, 2024, for the Mt. Lebanon North Parking Garage Level Vestibule. The project involves removal and replacement of the existing open-air vestibule which provides weather protection to patrons exiting the garage stairwell at the top level with an enclosed vestibule. Mr. McGill also added that we've received grants in eight of the ten cycles they've had so far.

Only one bid was received from Masco Construction, Inc. for the following items:

Masco Construction, Inc. Base Bid: \$ 229,450.00

Because only one bid was received, and it exceeded the budgeted amount and the engineer's opinion of cost which is \$65,000, it is recommended that the bid be rejected.

Mr. Flynn moved to reject the bid. Mr. Silverman seconded. The vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Grella asked for an explanation of what this is.

Mr. McGill stated that it is similar to a bus stop enclosure, but it's for the fifth-floor elevator waiting area of the North Parking Garage where it's exposed to the outdoor elements, and it will help prolong the life of the elevator. Kits can be purchased so a discussion will take place if this needs to go back out to bid or done internally utilizing Public Works employees.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPENDITURE LIST FOR
OCTOBER TOTALING \$5,124,491.84**

Mr. Siegler moved and Mr. Grella seconded to approve the expenditure list for October totaling \$5,124,491.84. The vote was called. The motion carried 5-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.