

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 11, 2025  
OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held a Regular Meeting at 8 P.M., on Tuesday, November 11, 2025. Commission President Craig Grella called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Manager McGill called the roll. Present were Craig Grella, Jeff Siegler and Andrew Flynn. Anne Swager Wilson was present online. Also, present were Public Information Officer Lilley, Police Chief Haberman, Fire Chief Christofel, Library Director Vittek, Finance Director McCreery, Recreation Director Donnellan and Assistant Manager/Municipal Planner McMeans. Phil Weis of the solicitor's office was present online, and Dan Deiseroth of the engineer's office was present.

**COMMISSION/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Manager McGill summarized the information that was reviewed during the discussion session, including information about AI and how the municipality is currently using and not using AI, our AI policy and associated safeguards. There was a presentation from Gateway Engineers regarding our contracts and projects that will be put out to bid. There was information received responsive to questions and items discussed during the budget workshops so far. There wasn't time for 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 meeting of the Commission will be held on Tuesday November 25, 2025, at 8 pm. Meetings are held at 8 pm in Commission Chambers, with the discussion session meeting starting at approximately 6:30 p.m., in Room C. These meetings are available on Zoom. The executive session starts at approximately 6 p.m.

Mr. Siegler announced that today is Veterans Day. We had a meaningful ceremony a few hours ago at our Veterans Memorial. Thank you to all who have served for your brave sacrifices and for protecting our freedoms.

Mr. Siegler stated that we are deep into the budget process for 2026. We have already had two budget review sessions. In addition to a public hearing on the budget later in this meeting, we will have another budget review session tomorrow, in this building, at 6 p.m., and again on Thursday evening if needed. We will conduct the final budget hearing on Tuesday, December 9 at 8 p.m. in this room, after which we will adopt the 2026 budget. Thank you for your engagement.

Mr. Siegler reminded everyone now that the clocks have changed and it's darker earlier, to make sure all drivers watch for pedestrians and cyclists ... and a reminder for pedestrians and cyclists to make themselves visible with bright clothing and lighting while out and about. Let's work together to keep each other safe.

Mr. Siegler said Beverly Brite Nite will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 4. Meet Santa, see the tree lighting, shop, dine, participate in a food drive and sing! On Saturday, December 6, it's Washington Road's turn with the Winter Market and Holiday Celebration, from noon to 5. Check out the 9-1-1 Chili Showdown cookoff competition among police, fire and Medical Rescue Team. Shop food and crafts vendors, visit Uptown Shops, see Santa, hear music and watch model train displays. Clearview Common will be home to our Christmas Tree, menorah and kinara for all to enjoy.

Finally, Mr. Siegler stated that there are two ways you can help your neighbors right now: Sign up to be a snow angel for an elderly neighbor who will need help shoveling their sidewalks this season. Forms are online at [mtlebanon.org](http://mtlebanon.org). Lastly, we have a Little Food Pantry in the lobby collecting nonperishables and toiletries. Drop-offs and pickups are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to anyone regardless of residency. On nights with a public meeting in this building, the pantry will be open later. Hours are also on our website.

### **JUNIOR COMMISSIONER PAIGE JOX**

Junior Commissioner Paige Jox gave a brief overview of the student events that happened over the last few weeks. She stated that today is Veterans Day and the schools honored veterans. Model UN went to PITT where a lot of individual medals were won and two champions for Mt. Lebanon High School. This year's musical will be Shrek. Fall sports start on Friday. There are signups for bocce and Lebo's Got Talent. Finally, she said that after speaking with the school about the parking lot situation, the school repainted lines and put up Yield to Pedestrian signs.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Jeff Friedrich of 281 Vee Lynn Drive spoke about Clint Seymour Field. He is in opposition of consideration of new lights on the last field, as it is near resident homes. Mr. Grella and Mr. McGill explained the reason there is a need to extend time of usage, they explained how there was a compromise at the pickleball courts on North Meadowcroft regarding when the lights go off and they explained the public process before a decision to install lights at Seymour Field would move forward.

Bill Hoon of 456 Coolidge Avenue spoke about Veterans Day and the food pantry.

Kyle Stott of 307 Oak Forest Drive spoke about the golf course and needed items that he hopes make it into the budget such as repairing the fence on the fourth hole and forward-facing tees.

Lucy Stott of 307 Oak Forest Drive advocated for forward-facing tees for women.

Graci Harris of 820 Osage Road advocated for forward-facing tees for women.

Alex Larocca of 217 Lynn Haven Drive advocated for forward-facing tees for women.

Ross Dawson of 921 Lovington Drive spoke about the Williamsburg tennis and basketball courts and that painting for pickleball would be better on the basketball hard court.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM  
THE ADJOURNED MEETING HELD OCTOBER 28, 2025**

Mr. Flynn moved, and Ms. Swager Wilson seconded to approve the minutes. The vote was called. The motion carried 4-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2026 MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND  
THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2026**

The Manager's 2026 Recommended Budget, prepared pursuant to the Home Rule Charter, was submitted to the Commission on November 1, 2025. Residents may inspect the budget during normal business hours at 710 Washington Road (Municipal Building) and at the library. The Recommended Budget is also available on Mt. Lebanon's website at [www.mtlebanon.org](http://www.mtlebanon.org).

Tonight, citizens have the opportunity to provide written and oral comments and suggestions regarding the budget and tax rate for 2026. The tax rate is proposed at 4.5 mills. The public will also have an opportunity on December 9, 2025, to comment on the Commission's proposed adjustments to the Manager's Recommended Budget.

Mr. Siegler moved to conduct the public hearing.

Mr. Grella conducted the public hearing.

Sarada Sangameswaran of 274 Parkway Drive spoke on behalf of the Mt. Lebanon Nature Conservancy in hopes that Mt. Lebanon keeps the amount for trees and native plants in the 2026 budget.

Marcia Taylor of 175 Crestvue Manor Drive spoke in favor of the forward-facing tees for senior players.

Sally Wade of 3365 Cochise Drive in Upper St. Clair spoke in favor of budgeting for the forward-facing tees.

Amanda Rost of 933 Osage Road spoke in favor of the Cedar turf as it is a heavily used field for multiple sports. She also spoke in favor of new field lighting that would allow for extended hours of play on Middle and Seymour Fields. Lastly, she spoke in favor of an improved parking lot.

Beth McCabe of 104 Shady Drive West advocated for pedestrian safety initiatives. Mr. McGill explained that last year and this year the sidewalk improvements are below the line because he doesn't have the authority to use unassigned money from the fund balance to balance the budget, but the Commissioners do.

Sean Battis of 448 Jayson Avenue spoke in favor of choosing electric for proposed recreation and fire administration vehicles as a start to electrifying the municipal fleet. He also spoke in favor of more sidewalk connection projects per year.

Tom Schevtchuk discussed budgeting for taking care of invasive species and trail upgrades.

There were no further comments from the public so the public hearing was closed

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 04-25) AMENDING THE 2025  
BUDGET FOR REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES NOT ANTICIPATED IN  
THE 2025 BUDGET**

The following adjustments are proposed:

**General Fund**

**Revenue:**

Recycling Grant  
Animal Control Escrow Release  
Insurance Proceeds  
Use of Fund Balance

**Justification:**

2024 purchase of grinder      \$200,000  
SHCAC Approved                73,460  
Ice Rink Chiller & Rebuild    197,190  
Commission Authorization    154,430

**Total      \$625,080**

**Expenditures:**

Timbercreek Stairs  
Temporary Chiller  
Rebuild of Compressor  
Gym Equipment  
Animal Control Box  
Insurance Renewal  
Street Tree Management Program Consultant

**Justification:**

2025 project completion      \$100,800  
2025 project completion      105,100  
2025 project completion      153,110  
Commission Approval        65,610  
Commission Approval        73,460  
Commission Approval        102,000  
Commission Approval        25,000

**Total      \$625,080**

Ms. Swager Wilson moved to conduct the public hearing.

Mr. Grella conducted the public hearing. There were no comments from the public so Mr. Grella closed the public hearing.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 5-25) CONCERNING THE  
MUNICIPALITY'S 2026 BUDGET**

The Commission held a scheduled budget work session to review the budget on Thursday, November 6. Additional budget work sessions will be held on Monday, November 10, Wednesday, November 12, and if needed, on Thursday, November 13. A public hearing was just held to comment on the Manager's 2026 recommended budget. A second public hearing is scheduled for December 9, regarding any Commission revisions to the manager's recommended budget. The 2026 budget ordinance is scheduled for consideration at the December 9, 2025, meeting.

Mr. Flynn moved to introduce Ordinance (Bill No. 5-25).

Mr. Grella set the public hearing for December 9, 2025.

Mr. Grella added that it is unlikely that a Budget Workshop Meeting will take place on Thursday, November 13 leaving the last one tomorrow, due to the progress already made.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 6-25) FIXING THE  
TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2026**

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 2026 and continue in force for each successive calendar year without annual reenactment unless the tax is subsequently changed.

Mr. Siegler introduced Ordinance (Bill No. 6-25).

Mr. Grella set the public hearing for November 25, 2025.

Mr. Grella emphasized that 4.50 mills is no change from the previous year.

**CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION OF THE CONCURRING RESOLUTION  
NO. R-11-25 CDBG GRANT APPLICATION FOR ADA SIDEWALK  
RAMP UPGRADES**

An application is being prepared for submission to Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) for the 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project through the South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG). A full application with Concurring Resolution must be submitted by December 1, 2025. The project will include the installation of handicapped curb ramps at various intersections within the Municipality.

The Municipal Engineer has reviewed the document and recommends adoption of the resolution and transmitting it to SHACOG for submission to ACED.

Ms. Swager Wilson moved and Mr. Flynn seconded to adopt the Concurring Resolution No. R-11-25 for the 2026 CDBG Grant application for the ADA sidewalk ramp upgrade project. Ms. Swager Wilson stated that providing access helps people with disabilities get around. Mr. Grella expressed his appreciation to Ms. Swager Wilson for being an advocate and to the staff for obtaining grants for so many ADA projects. The vote was called. The motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF MT. LEBANON AND THE UNITED POLICE SOCIETY OF MT. LEBANON**

The United Police Society of Mt. Lebanon is the union representing Mt. Lebanon police officers. The current labor contract with this group expires on December 31, 2025. The new agreement is for a four (4) year period, January 1, 2026- December 31, 2029 and provides for wage increases, changes in compensation, healthcare contributions and clarification of certain benefits.

Mr. Flynn moved and Ms. Swager Wilson seconded to approve the collective bargaining agreement by and between the Municipality of Mt. Lebanon and the United Police Society of Mt. Lebanon and authorize the proper municipal officials to execute the agreement, subject to the approval of the municipal manager and labor counsel. Mr. Flynn thanked everyone for working hard on the negotiations. The vote was called. The motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF SIDEWALK EXPANSION POLICY REVISIONS**

In August 2023 the Commission adopted a Sidewalk Expansion Policy. Following the transition of advisory boards in 2024 and Commission direction related to the sidewalk expansion project in 2025, minor updates to the Policy are needed to ensure alignment with the Commission's direction. Revisions to the policy include removal of obsolete language related to the Traffic Board and clarification of the resident cost-sharing formula.

Mr. Siegler moved and Mr. Flynn seconded to adopt the revised Sidewalk Expansion Policy. The vote was called. The motion carried 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.