

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 14, 2018  
OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon Pennsylvania held a Regular Meeting at 8:00 P.M., on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, at the Municipal Building. Commission Vice President Steve McLean called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Manager Keith McGill called the roll. Present were Commissioners Kelly Fraasch, Craig Grella, and Steve McLean. Commissioners John Bendel and Steve Silverman were not present. Also present were Assistant Manager McMeans, Police Chief Lauth, Fire Chief Soyhda, Public Works Director Sukal, Finance Director McCreery, and Information Officer Morgans. 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 an overview of the timeline related to changes in recycling, an update on the status of the items identified in the Comprehensive Plan, review of an ordinance to amend the current Stormwater Management Ordinance Chapter XVI of the Code to reflect the Stormwater Control Standards of Allegheny County Act 167, reviewed the ordinance to amend billing and collection procedures for stormwater fee collection, discussed restrictions on local roads, and held the IDA meeting.

Manager McGill stated that prior to the meeting, the Commission met in executive session to receive legal advice from the solicitor on various issues. The next adjourned Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 27, 2018, at 8 p.m. The discussion session will also begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. in Room C.

Ms. Fraasch congratulated the school district, which was named the top school district in the Pittsburgh area, and ranked 15<sup>th</sup> best school district nationally by Niche, adding that last year, Mt. Lebanon was ranked as the best place to live in the region. She also stated that all 18 SHACOG communities will need to make changes to recycling procedures. Information is listed on Mt. Lebanon's website, and will be placed in the Mt. Lebanon magazine. She stated that the Fire Academy will begin on September 12, and will be held every Wednesday through November 24. She also stated that an e-cycling event will take place on Saturday, August 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the public works site on Lindendale, and a paper shredding event will take place the following Saturday, August 25, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the public works site. She stated that the Mt. Lebanon Library Beer Bash will occur on August 25. Tickets are available online or at the library.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Scott VanHorn of 552 Sandrae Drive spoke on behalf of his father-in-law's property at 665 Moreland Drive, explaining that a landslide is occurring on the property, which is affecting the adjoining property and the one next to the adjoining property. He believed that the stormwater drain was part of the problem. He stated that he's been in touch with Public Works Director Rudy Sukal, who noted that the matter was turned over to the insurance company. Mr. VanHorn stated that the insurance company said the situation is indeterminate.

Mr. VanHorn stated that his father-in-law is in assisted living, and the proceeds from the sale of the house were to pay for everything, but because of the landslide situation, a viable sale fell through. He is asking for the municipality's assistance in resolving this issue.

Mr. McGill stated that the municipality would be in touch with Mr. VanHorn in the very near future on the issue.

Bill Hoon of 456 Coolidge Avenue said that there is not a deer problem in the community. He also stated that he objects to the use lethal weapons for deer management.

Mr. Grella stated that a recent newspaper article ranked Pennsylvania among the highest in the country with deer-related accidents, including four deaths in 2016. He added that since the onset of the deer management program, there have been 307 deer/vehicle accidents reported to the police department. He said that it is the intent of the Commission to reduce the number of accidents involving deer, stating the average cost of damage as a result of hitting a deer is more than \$4,000 per incident. He said that there is a significant amount of damage done to property/vehicles that doesn't get reported to insurance companies. He said this is an issue of safety as well as a matter of value to the residents.

Ms. Fraasch spoke about the article, stating it references vehicles traveling over 45 MPH, stating that there are only a few roads in Mt. Lebanon with speed limits that high. She stated that she has not seen a significant change in numbers.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM  
THE AJOURNED MEETING HELD JULY 23, 2018**

Ms. Fraasch moved and Mr. Grella seconded to approve the minutes. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 6-18) AMENDING  
THE STORMWATER FEE BILLING AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES**

Mr. Grella said Mt. Lebanon currently assesses a storm sewer fee, which is billed and collected every four months. An optional method of paying the annual fee at a discount is also available. The Ordinance changes the billing method to an annual billing, and retains the discount option. The Ordinance also retains the four month billing as an option, but only for properties with a large impervious surface, such that they are assessed at 5 or greater Equivalent Residential Units.

Ordinance (Bill No. 6-18) was introduced, and the public hearing was set for August 27, 2018.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 5-18)  
CONCERNING A LEASE FOR SPACE IN THE NORTH GARAGE**

Ms. Frassch said EBCB Ventures LLC proposes to enter into a lease for space in the North Garage. Under the Charter, lease of real estate by the Municipality must be approved by Ordinance.

This ordinance was introduced July 23, 2018.

Ms. Fraasch moved and Mr. Grella seconded to enact Ordinance (Bill No. 5-18). The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-16-18 APPROVING  
THE ISSUANCE OF TAX-EXEMPT BONDS BY ST. CLAIR HOSPITAL**

Ms. Fraasch said the Mt. Lebanon Hospital Authority recently approved the issuance of bonds on behalf of St. Clair Hospital for construction of its recently approved capital project and for other purposes. The aggregate principal amount shall not exceed \$100,000,000. The issuance of the bonds does not affect the bank qualifications of the Municipality's debt and will not affect the general credit of the Municipality. Commission approval is needed to satisfy portions of the Internal Revenue Code. Scott Township must also adopt a similar resolution.

Ms. Fraasch moved and Mr. Grella seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-16-18. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF A CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST FOR  
AN INSTITUTIONAL HOME USE AT 2905 CASTLEGATE AVENUE**

Mr. Grella said this is a request for approval of a conditional use. Mary's Place, a Pennsylvania Non-Profit, is seeking conditional use approval to locate an Institutional Home at the property located at 2905 Castlegate Avenue. Mary's Place would provide care, support, and housing for unwed expectant mothers and live-in staff. The property is zoned as R-4 Multi-Family Mixed-Residential with a Continuing Care Overlay. Chapter XX, Zoning, of the Mt. Lebanon Code, identifies "Institutional Homes" as a Conditional Use in the Continuing Care Overlay district.

The Planning Board recommended approval of the conditional use request on June 26, 2018.

This request was introduced at the Commission meeting on July 10, 2018, and a public hearing was held July 23, 2018.

Mr. Grella moved and Ms. Fraasch seconded to grant the conditional use. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**RECEIPT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)**

Mr. Grella said as required by the Charter, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for 2019-2023 was submitted to the Commission on August 1, 2018. A public hearing is required to be held on this program prior to the issuance of the Manager's Recommended Budget.

Mr. Grella acknowledged Commission receipt of the 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and the public hearing was set for October 9, 2018.

**CONSIDERATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF PENSION BENEFITS**

Ms. Fraasch said Mt. Lebanon sponsors three defined pension benefit plans for their employees: General Employees, Police and Firemen. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Department of the Auditor General requires that all benefit commencements for the Police Pension Plan be approved by the Commission. It also recommends that all benefit commencements regardless of plan type be approved by the Commission.

The employees detailed below have requested benefit commencement commensurate with the terms of their respective pension plans.

| <b>Employee Name<br/>Title</b>        | <b>Pension Plan<br/>Department</b>  | <b>Benefit<br/>Start Date</b> |
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| Lisa Novak<br>Deferred Pension        | General Employees<br>n/a            | 8/1/18                        |
| Roy Hayward<br>Animal Control Officer | General Employees<br>Animal Control | 8/1/18                        |

Ms. Fraasch moved and Mr. Grella seconded to approve benefit commencement for Lisa Novak and Roy Hayward. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.