

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2019
OF THE MT. LEBANON COMMISSION**

The Commission of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, held a Regular Meeting at 8:00 P.M., on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at the Municipal Building, 710 Washington Road. Commission President Steve McLean called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Manager McGill called the roll. Present were Commissioners John Bendel, Kelly Fraasch, Craig Grella, Steve Silverman and Steve McLean. Also present were Assistant Manager/Planner McMeans, Chief of Police Lauth, Fire Chief Sohyda, Recreation Director Donnellan, Public Works Director Sukal, Finance Director McCreery, and Public Information Officer Pace-Lilley. Also present were Phil Weis of the solicitor's office and Mike Albright of the engineer's office.

COMMISSION/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manager McGill stated there was no discussion session meeting. Instead, a budget workshop was held, with a public hearing on the budget scheduled for tonight's commission meeting. The final workshops will be Monday, November 25, and Thursday, December 5, both at 6 p.m. in the municipal building. The final public hearing is scheduled for December 10, after which time the commission is scheduled to vote on the budget.

Manager McGill stated that the next adjourned meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 2019, at 8 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Municipal Building, with the discussion session meeting starting approximately 6:30 p.m. in Room C. Following tonight's meeting, the Commission will meet in executive session to receive legal advice from the solicitor on various legal issues.

Mr. Grella said the Mt. Lebanon Communication Survey is now available. We are asking everyone age 18 and older to fill out a survey to let us know your communication preferences so we can develop a comprehensive communication plan that fits your needs. You can fill out a survey online at www.mtlebanon.org/survey or you can fill out the paper version, which will be mailed to all Mt. Lebanon residences shortly. You have the option to mail the paper survey back to us here at the municipal building in the pre-addressed envelope provided, or you can bring it to the Municipal Building, Public Safety Center, the Mt. Lebanon Public Library or the Rec Center. Please, only answer one survey per person and make sure whichever method you choose, you respond by Wednesday, November 27, at 4 p.m. so we can get to work analyzing the data.

Lebo Light Night on Washington Road in Uptown will occur on Thursday, November 21, from 6-8 p.m. Beverly Bright Night on Beverly Road is Thursday, December 5, from 7-9 p.m.

He stated that Mt. Lebanon extends its deepest condolences to the family of retired Police Chief Frank Brown, who passed away. Chief Brown was a former member of the Marine Corp and a former member of the PA Ethics Commission. He served with Mt. Lebanon Police for 33 years before retiring in 1998.

JUNIOR COMMISSIONER DANIEL MCNULTY COMMENTS

Mr. McNulty spoke about being able to vote, stating that while 18 is the permitted age to vote, other countries allow its citizens to vote at a younger age.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bill Hoon of 456 Coolidge Avenue spoke about a crosswalk on Washington Road. He also spoke about deer/vehicle collisions.

Dave Egler of 121 Poplar Drive spoke about the salary study, stating that you're dealing with people's lives. He also said that you get what you pay for.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM
THE ADJOURNED MEETING HELD OCTOBER 22, 2019**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 6-19)
AMENDING THE 2019 BUDGET FOR REVENUE AND
EXPENDITURES NOT ANTICIPATED IN THE 2019 BUDGET**

Mr. Silverman said the following adjustments are proposed:

General Fund

Revenue:

Use of Fund Balance	\$	425,480
Earned Income Tax Increases		154,100
Building Permit Fees Collected		80,000
	\$	659,580

Expenditures:

Police and Fire Radio Replacement	\$	425,480
Communications Consultant		50,000
Purchase instead of lease fire vehicle		27,200
Building Inspection Fees		80,000
Emergency Repairs to Ice Rink Chiller		30,000
Transfer to Capital Projects Fund		46,900
	\$	659,580

Capital Projects Fund

Revenue:

Bond Proceeds	\$	5,007,770
Transfer from General Fund		46,900
	\$	5,054,670

Expenditures:

Surplus to Fund Balance for 2020 projects	\$	4,907,770
Washington Road Streetscape		100,000
Municipal Building front façade repair		46,900
	\$	5,054,670

Ordinance (Bill No. 6-19) was introduced on October 22, 2019.

Mr. McLean declared the public hearing opened.

Because there were no comments, Mr. McLean declared the public hearing closed.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2020 MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED
BUDGET AND THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2020**

Mr. Bendel said the Manager's 2020 Recommended Budget, prepared pursuant to the Home Rule Charter, was submitted to the Commission November 1, 2019. 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.

Tonight citizens have the opportunity to provide written and oral comments and suggestions regarding the budget and tax rate for 2020. The tax rate is proposed at 4.71 mills. The public will also have an opportunity on December 10, 2019 to comment on the Commission's proposed adjustments to the Manager's Recommended Budget.

Mr. McLean declared the public hearing opened.

Dave Egler of 121 Poplar Drive spoke in support of an additional firefighter requested by the fire department. He also spoke in support of funding for video cameras for surveillance.

Elaine Kramer of 783 Ella Street, spoke on behalf of the Parks Advisory Board, advocating for prudent stewardship of the greenspaces and parks. She thanked the Commission for funding past projects that benefitted the community, including the streambed restoration in Bird Park, the ADA phase 2 improvements at North Meadowcroft, the correction needed in Robb Hollow, and the first steps toward future development at McNeilly. She requested that the Commission fund a new Parks Master Plan or a Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan. She stated that public input is necessary, stormwater, ADA requirements, health and being as well as air issues need to be incorporated into a plan. She stated that the Parks Advisory Board is not asking lightly for this expenditure, noting that \$80,000 is a lot of money, but this item could qualify for a DCNR 50% matching grant with an application due in April 2020.

Because there were no further comments, Mr. McLean declared the public hearing closed.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 7-19)
CONCERNING THE MUNICIPALITY'S 2020 BUDGET**

Mr. Grella said the Commission held a scheduled budget work session to review the budget early this evening. Additional budget work sessions will be held on Monday, November 25, and Thursday, December 5. A public hearing was just held to comment on the Manager's 2020 recommended budget. A second public hearing is scheduled on December 10, regarding any Commission revisions to the manager's recommended budget. The 2020 budget ordinance is scheduled for consideration at the December 10, 2019 meeting.

Ordinance (Bill No. 7-19) was introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 8-19)

FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2020

Ms. Fraasch said the municipality will be reaffirming its tax rate in accordance with the adopted budget. The tax rate for general purposes is currently 4.71 mills. The tax shall continue in force for each successive calendar year unless the tax is subsequently changed.

Ordinance (Bill No. 8-19) was introduced.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE (BILL NO. 9-19) ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION
OF THE SANITARY SEWER FROM STILLWELL COURT TO 957 CONNOR ROAD**

Mr. Silverman said owners of the property at 957 Connor Road have constructed an extension of the Municipal sanitary sewer that runs from a manhole in the right-of-way of Stillwell Court to their property through an existing easement between the 141 Stillwell Court and 145 Stillwell Court.

The installation of the sanitary sewer line was inspected by the Municipal Engineer's office with final testing completed on September 24, 2019.

The Municipal Engineer is now recommending adoption of an ordinance for accepting the dedication of the sanitary sewer from Stillwell Court to 957 Connor Road.

Ordinance (Bill No. 9-19) was introduced, and the public hearing was set for Tuesday, November 26, 2019.

**CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT BY AND
BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MT. LEBANON AND
THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL 32BJ**

Mr. Bendel said the union represents Mt. Lebanon's crossing guards. The current labor agreement with this group expired on July 31, 2019. The agreement is for a four-year period and provides for wage increases, changes in compensation, and clarification of certain benefits.

Mr. Bendel moved and Mr. Silverman seconded to approve the agreement by and between the Municipality of Mt. Lebanon and the Service Employees International Union Local 32BJ, and authorize the proper Municipal Officials to execute the labor agreement. The vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.