

**ROCHESTER TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION/WORK SESSION MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2023**

Call to Order: Secretary Carpenter at 6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Gina Teams, George Bauer, Michael Mamone, Jr., Michael Lucci,

Also Present: Melissa Carpenter, Township Secretary; Kevin Foltz, Rich Lockhart, Sergeants

Absent: Dennis Iannini

Secretary Carpenter opened the floor to nominations for Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Bauer nominated Mrs. Teams as Chairwoman of the Board. Second by Mr. Mamone. There were no other nominations, roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-no; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 3-1. Mrs. Teams took the Chairwoman seat.

Mrs. Teams nominated Mr. Bauer as Vice Chairman of the Board. Second by Mr. Mamone. There were no other nominations, roll call vote- Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mr. Lucci-no; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 3-1.

Professional Service Appointments:

Motion by Mr. Lucci to reappoint Amato, Start & Associates, P.C. as Township Solicitor. Second by Mr. Bauer. Roll call vote: Mr. Bauer-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Bauer to reappoint Lennon, Smith Souleret Engineering, Inc. as Township Engineer. Second by Mrs. Teams. Roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to reappoint Jeffrey Winkle as Township SEO. Second by Mr. Lucci. Roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

There was no motion to reappoint Harshman CE Group, LLC for building inspector/code enforcement.

Motion by Mr. Bauer to reappoint Mark Turnley, CPA as Township Auditor. Second by Mr. Mamone. Roll call vote: Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Appointments:

Secretary Carpenter stated that a letter was received from Laura Hoffmeier stating she is willing to be appointed to any board except for Civil Service Commission.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to reappoint Timothy Tuccinard to Rochester Township Sewer Authority for a five-year term to expire December 31, 2027. Second by Mr. Bauer. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Bauer to reappoint Michael Mamone III to Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2025. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Bauer to reappoint Laura Hoffmeier to Planning Commission for five-year terms to expire December 31, 2027. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to reappoint Lori Ketterer to Planning Commission for five-year terms to expire December 31, 2027. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Bauer to reappoint Gina Teams to Planning Commission for five-year terms to expire December 31, 2027. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to reappoint Mrs. Teams as COG Delegate. Second by Mr. Bauer. Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Teams tabled the reappointment of COG Alternate until she checks with Mr. Iannini.

Motion by Mr. Bauer to retain First National Bank, Beaver, Pennsylvania as the Township's depository. Second by Mr. Mamone. Roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to reappoint Beaver County Humane Society for animal control services. Second by Mr. Mamone. Roll call vote: Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

WORK SESSION:

Scheduled Guests:

District Attorney Lozier and Detective Andy Gall - attended to discuss the current regionalization that is in progress in Beaver County. They discussed the benefits of moving forward with a regionalization and offered their assistance. The Board is in favor of regionalization, but we have been waiting on a pension study to be completed by PMRS.

Sam Piccinini-Rochester Borough Councilman – feels combining resources in the best way to continue. Mr. Piccinini stated Rochester Borough wants to move forward with regionalization of the police departments and supporting the VFD.

Remarks of Citizens:

Laura Hoffmeier – wanted to know if we have fixed the microphones in the meeting room. Mr. Lucci stated that we are looking into it. Ms. Hoffmeier stated we did not reappoint for the vacancy board which should be a one-year term. Ms. Hoffmeier said she is disappointed on the reorganization of the board.

Committee Reports:

All reports submitted for December.

Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Bauer to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2022 Regular Meeting. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 4-0.

Work Session Issues:

Secretary Carpenter gave out Statement of Financial Interest Forms which are due by May 1st.

Secretary Carpenter sent a letter to Rochester Borough regarding the 2021 Incentive Invoice, but has not received a response.

Motion by Mr. Bauer to approve the three-year contract for 2023-2025 between the Township and Operating Engineers Local 66. Second by Mr. Lucci. Roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to approve payment of bills presented to the Township Board of Commissioners. Second by Mr. Mamone. Roll call vote: Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Remarks of Officials:

LSSE sent out letters requesting cost proposals for the guiderail installation on Highland Road.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to amend the agenda to add advertising garbage bids. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Bauer to advertise for garbage bids with a February 2, 2023 bid opening date. Second by Mr. Lucci. Roll call vote: Mr. Bauer-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to adjourn to executive session at 8:25pm. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to adjourn out of executive session at 8:43pm. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Bauer to adjourn meeting at 8:48pm. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Carpenter, Township Secretary
Minutes submitted to BOC for review on January 9, 2023.

_____ Date: _____
Gina Teams, Chairwoman
Board of Commissioners

Attest: _____
Melissa A. Carpenter