

Rochester Township Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 18, 2024

Call to Order: Chairman Lucci called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Michael Lucci, Chairman; Michael Mamone Jr., Vice Chairman
Commissioners: Dennis Iannini, Steven Anthony, Dale Daman
Stephen Chesney, Township Solicitor; Dave Kovac, Township Engineer; Melissa
Carpenter, Township Secretary

Also Present: Myron Rajter, Public Works

Remarks of Citizens:

Chief Mamone III – discussed his budget for staffing the station with 2 associate members on a daylight and night turn shifts and they will pay them a per diem for the shift. Chief Mamone will have duty assignments for them to do. Chief Mamone wanted to make sure we were on board with that for now and there may be some indirect costs associated with that like increased utilities. Chief Mamone would like to use the upstairs once the police department is done in there. They will provide some furniture to make the area comfortable for them.

Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Iannini to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024 Reorganization/Work Session Meeting. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

Committee Reports:

Motion by Mr. Mamone to accept December committee reports as submitted. Second by Mr. Iannini. Motion carried 5-0.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Chesney submitted a ballfield usage agreement and the proposed changes of the rental ordinance for the Board to review.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Kovac reviewed his report.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to authorize applying for a PA Infrastructure Loan in the amount of \$700,000.00 with an interest rate of 3.75%. Second by Mr. Anthony. Mr. Daman questioned what we will do in 10 years when this is paid off. Mr. Lucci replied that this would get us ahead on paving and we can still do minor maintenance on the roads. Roll call vote: Mr. Daman-abstain; Mr. Iannini-no; Mamone-yes; Mr. Anthony-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes. Motion carried 3-2.

Mr. Lucci asked if everyone had a chance to look at the roads for the paving project. Mr. Daman stated he hasn't had a chance. Mr. Kovac explained the road rating process. Discussion on the roads to be paved. Mr. Lucci suggested we move Sturm Lane from group 1 since we do not have all the signed easement documents back yet and move 52nd St. to group 1, since Pulaski is willing to split the cost.

Discussion on the CDBG Grant for paving and sidewalks on Third Ave., Mr. Kovac still has not heard back from CDBG about any funds that are available for the bid coming in over the projected costs.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to approve the paving plan and selected road to include all of groups 1 and 3 except for Sturm Lane and we can add on Duss Ave., and Irvin St., to come up with \$700,000.00. Second by Mr. Anthony. Roll call vote: Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Anthony-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Daman-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business:

Mr. Lucci gave out the committee chairs:

<u>General Government</u> - Mr. Anthony	Co-Chair- Mr. Mamone
<u>Public Works</u> - Mr. Iannini	Co-Chair- Mr. Daman
<u>Public Safety</u> - Mr. Lucci	Co-Chair- Mr. Anthony
<u>Fire Safety</u> - Mr. Mamone	Co-Chair- Mr. Lucci
<u>Parks & Recreation</u> - Mr. Daman	Co-Chair- Mr. Iannini

Discussion on the Street Opening Ordinance, Mr. Kovac needs to know how far you want the repair to be done from the edge of the road to center.

Motion by Mr. Iannini to authorize Solicitor Chesney to draft to the Street Opening Ordinance for the next meeting. Second by Mr. Daman. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to withdrawal from the Fire Department Merger Study being completed by Fast Attack, LLC was tabled until after executive session.

New Business:

Discussion on the VFD applying for a grant for a new command vehicle, if awarded they are asking the Township to maintain and insure the new vehicle.

Mr. Mamone presented a letter from Rochester Area Baseball Association requesting use of the ballfield.

Mr. Iannini left the meeting at 6:36pm.

Motion by Mr. Daman to accept Daniel Summers resignation as Deputy Fire Marshal. Second by Mr. Mamone. Roll call vote: Mr. Anthony-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Daman-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to approve the changes to the 2024 Fee Schedule. Mr. Daman had a question on the fee for a variance hearing. The fee for a variance hearing will be \$350.00 plus the cost of the ad and half of the cost of the stenographer. Second by Mr. Anthony. Roll call vote: Mr. Daman-yes; Mr. Anthony-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to approve the request made by Kacie Peterson to exonerate all taxes on Parcel No. 76-004-0130.000, undeveloped and unused residential land located at 753 Wolf Avenue. Total delinquent taxes are \$908.42. Second by Mr. Daman. Roll call vote: Mr. Athony-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Daman-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to approve VFD purchase orders as reviewed by the Township Board of Commissioners. Second by Mr. Anthony. Roll call vote: Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Daman-yes; Mr. Anthony-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to approve payment of bills as reviewed by the Township Board of Commissioners. Second by Mr. Daman. Roll call vote: Mr. Daman-yes; Mr. Anthony-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Remarks of Officials:

Mr. Lucci reported that Beaver Valley Regional Police Department hired a new full-time officer, they ended the year with over \$215,000.00 left and will be getting a \$100,000.00 grant this year and \$50,000.00 next year.

Motion by Mr. Anthony to adjourn to executive session at 6:49pm. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Anthony to adjourn out of executive session at 7:20pm. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 4-0.

Further Business:

Motion by Mr. Anthony to withdrawal from the Fire Department Merger Study being completed by Fast Attack, LLC. Second by Mr. Daman. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm. Second by Mr. Anthony . Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Carpenter

Minutes submitted to BOC for review on January 23, 2024.

Michael Lucci, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Date

Attest: _____

Melissa A. Carpenter, Secretary