

Rochester Township Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 19, 2023

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Bauer called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: George Bauer, Vice Chairman
Commissioners: Michael Lucci, Michael Mamone Jr., Dennis Iannini
Stephen Chesney, Township Solicitor; John Valinsky, Township Engineer; Melissa Carpenter, Township Secretary

Also Present: Kevin Foltz, Sergeant; Paul Abbott, Public Works

Via Phone: Gina Teams, Chairwoman

Remarks of Citizens:

Lou Lombardo – wanted to make sure the plans to hire a manager have been scratched. Mr. Bauer replied there are no plans to hire a manager. Mr. Lombardo stated he is in favor of the police regionalization to save money. Mr. Lombardo said the road department did a good job at Christmas time during the ice storm. Mr. Lombardo is concerned over the speeding on McLean St. he said someone almost got hit getting their mail. He also asked that the Board work together to budget so that we can lower the taxes. Mr. Bauer stated that we are looking into regionalization. Sergeant Foltz said they need a certain amount of distance to see both lines and due to the hill they can't see both lines to time a car. Sergeant Foltz said they can paint the line and try to have a police car sit there, maybe that would help with the speeding.

Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Mamone to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2023 Reorganization/Work Session Meeting. Second by Mr. Iannini. Roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-no; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-1.

Committee Reports:

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

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Chesney will send out the new bid pricing and reminded everyone that the statement of financial interest forms are due on May 1st.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Valinsky reported that all three PA Small Water and Sewer Grants were submitted, and they received two proposals for the guiderail on Highland Road.

Motion by Mr. Iannini to accept the proposal from Allegheny Fence Const. Co., Inc. to install the guiderail at a cost of \$14,460.00. Second by Mr. Lucci. Roll call vote: Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business:

Mr. Abbott researched prices for the Freightliner and thinks we could get between \$35,000.00 and \$50,000.00 for it. Mr. Lucci asked if we are going to sell the belt spreader also.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to sell the 2007 Freightliner with the belt spreader, salt spreader and plow on Municibid with a minimum bid of \$50,000.00. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to reappoint Steve Anthony to the Vacancy Board for a one-year term expiring 12/31/24. Second by Mr. Mamone. Roll call vote: Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to reappoint Lynn Long to the Civil Service Board for a six-year term expiring 12/31/28. Second by Mr. Iannini. Roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to reappoint Harshman CE Group, LLC as Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. Second by Mr. Iannini. Roll call vote: Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to reappoint Dennis Iannini as COG Alternate. Second by Mr. Lucci. Roll call vote: Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-abstain; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-1.

New Business:

Motion by Mr. Mamone to approve VFD purchase order for AED Batteries & Pads in the amount of \$1,572.00. Second by Mr. Lucci. Roll call vote: Mr. Bauer-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to approve payment of bills as reviewed by the Township Board of Commissioners. Second by Mr. Lucci. Roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Remarks of Officials:

Mr. Abbott reported the springs on the garage door broke, and they have been out patching pot holes.

Sergeant Foltz reported there was a minor accident with the 2020 Ford Explorer and it has been turned in to the insurance company.

Mr. Lucci attend Rochester Borough's meeting and brought up the VFD incentive program invoice from 2021 that has not been paid and said they approved the 2022 invoice payment but they are not going to pay the 2021 invoice. Mr. Lucci discussed meeting with a new VFD committee to work out these issues. Mr. Lucci feels if we can't agree on the VFD we are not going to be able to do a police regionalization.

The VFD is still awaiting an estimate on the repairs needed on the ladder truck they want to purchase.

Mr. Lucci stated he was disappointed on the appointment of Chairwoman Teams this year, he feels the Board needs to hold themselves to higher standard and have to follow the rules.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to adjourn to executive session at 6:45pm. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Mr. Lucci to adjourn out of executive session at 7:16pm. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

Further Business:

Motion by Mr. Lucci to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Township and International Union of Operating Engineers Local 66 effective January 1, 2023 until December 31, 2025. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm. Second by Mr. Lucci . Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Carpenter

Minutes submitted to BOC for review on January 20, 2023.

Gina Teams, Chairwoman
Board of Commissioners

Date

Attest: _____

Melissa A. Carpenter, Secretary