

Rochester Township Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 16, 2023

Call to Order: Chairwoman Teams called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Gina Team, Chairwoman; George Bauer, Vice-Chairman
Commissioners: Michael Mamone Jr., Dennis Iannini,
Dave Kovac, Township Engineer; Melissa Carpenter, Township Secretary

Via Phone: Stephen Chesney, Solicitor

Also Present: Myron Rajter, Public Works

Absent: Michael Lucci

Remarks of Citizens:

Richard Lucas – wanted to know if we can put up the no parking signs in the Denton Plan, the signs were removed when telephone poles were changed and there are some new residents in the neighborhood that are not aware of the no parking areas.

Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Bauer to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2023 Work Session Meeting. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 4-0.

Committee Reports:

Motion by Mr. Mamone to accept October committee reports. Second by Mr. Bauer. Motion carried 4-0.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Chesney explained the new changes to the Sunshine Act. Solicitor Chesney also recommended we adopt resolution for Title 42 which allows police officers to make arrests for summary offenses.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Kovac reported that Youngblood is done with the paving and they have some minor items to finish. Mr. Kovas said the traffic counts are done and they need to take core samples of the roads for the weight limit study. Mr. Kovac grouped the roads into areas based on the rating for the PA Infrastructure Bank Loan and recommends we only spread it over two years.

Old Business:

Mr. Iannini and Mr. Bauer updated the Board on the Beaver Valley Regional Meeting. They would like the Township to complete the Bullet Proof Vest Grant.

Solicitor Chesney has some questions for Mr. Mamone on the VFD Agreement. Mr. Iannini suggested the VFD come up with a plan before we finalize the agreement. Discussion on raising taxes for 2025 or billing every household a flat fee for fire protection.

New Business:

Motion by Mr. Bauer to advertise the 2024 Budget for public review. Second by Mr. Mamone. Roll call vote: Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to approve Resolution No. 03-2023 waiving 2024 contributions by non-uniformed members to PMRS pension. Second by Mr. Bauer. Roll call vote: Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion Mr. Iannini to approve Resolution No. 04-2023 to request a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant in the amount of \$ 284,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Rochester Township Salt Storage Building. Mrs. Teams asked what the match would be. Mr. Kovac replied 20% which is \$71,000.00. Second by Mr. Mamone. Roll call vote: Mr. Bauer-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion Mr. Bauer to approve Resolution No. 05-2023 to request a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant in the amount of \$ 171,00.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Rochester Township Public Work Equipment. Mr. Kovac said the match would be 19% which is \$19,000.00. Second by Mr. Mamone. Roll call vote: Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to approve Resolution No. 06-2023 to request a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant in the amount of \$ 900,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Rochester Township Stormwater Improvement Project. Mr. Kovac said the match would be 10% which is \$100,000.00. Roll call vote: Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Bauer to approve Resolution No. 07-2023 to request a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant in the amount of \$ 947,200.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Rochester Township VFD. Mr. Kovac stated the match would be \$100,000.00. Roll call vote: Mr. Bauer-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Remarks of Officials:

Mr. Rajter stated that Youngblood Paving might tar and chip Nellie & Helen Streets since they didn't hold up well. Public Works has been doing leaf pickup every day, and they have spent a lot of time at the lift station and sewer breaks.

Mr. Iannini left the meeting at 7:08pm.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to adjourn the meeting at 7:09pm. Second by Mr. Bauer. Motion carried 4-0.

*Minutes prepared by Melissa Carpenter
Minutes submitted to BOC for review on November 30, 2023.*

Gina Teams, Chairwoman
Board of Commissioners

Date

Attest: _____
Melissa A. Carpenter, Secretary