

Rochester Township Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 15, 2022

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Gina Teams, Chairwoman; George Bauer, Vice Chairman
Commissioner: Dennis Iannini, Mike Mamone, Michael Lucci
Stephen Chesney, Township Solicitor; John Valinsky, Township Engineer
Melissa Carpenter, Township Secretary

Also Present: Kevin Foltz and Rich Lockhart, Sergeants; Paul Abbott, Public Works

Remarks of Citizens:

Tim Tuccinard – would like the Board to reappoint him to the Rochester Township Sewer Authority next year.

Walter Dorn – wanted an update on the house at 1122 Pentland Ave., that needs to be demolished he wanted to know when that will happen. Secretary Carpenter stated the code will be filing a citation on the property owner.

Laura Hoffmeier – recommends that we get the microphones fixed since the residents could not hear the Solicitor and Commissioner Mamone who were on Zoom at the last meeting. Ms. Hoffmeier stated we need to announce the reason we are going into executive session, and that she still can't account for the extra \$300,000.00 in the 2020 audit. Secretary Carpenter updated her and why we had so much money left in 2020. Ms. Hoffmeier gave the Board samples of other municipalities agenda and minutes showing what they disclose so that we could do the same to be more transparent. Mrs. Teams stated that the Board will see what they can make available.

Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Mamone to accept minutes of the December 1, 2022 Work Session Meeting as submitted. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 5-0.

Committee Reports:

Motion by Mr. Lucci to accept the committee reports as submitted for November to include Public Works Fuel Log and VFD Report. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Valinsky stated the close documents for the road program and the roof project have been completed. Mr. Lucci requested an update on the Highland Road guardrail. Mrs. Teams asked if we ever got the ice guards for the municipal building roof. Secretary Carpenter said that we have the quote from Shield Roofing that installed the roof but it is expensive to have them put the ice guards on.

Motion by Mr. Iannini to get bids on installing the ice guards. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Secretary Carpenter submitted the Refuse Contract Bid Packets for the Board to review, the current contract expires on March 31, 2023. Discussion on garbage pickup in the alleys.

Mr. Iannini would like a letter sent to Rochester Borough requesting payment on the 2021 VFD Incentive Invoice.

East Rochester Borough requested use of our meeting room for their Borough meetings. Solicitor Chesney discussed the liability issues after some discussion the Board does not want to permit them to use of the meeting room.

Motion by Mr. Bauer for final adoption of the 2023 Budget. Second by Mr. Iannini. Roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-no; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-no; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 3-2.

Motion by Mr. Iannini to approve Ordinance No. 486 fixing the tax rate for the year 2023 at 29 mills. Second by Mr. Bauer. 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 approve Resolution No. 09-2022 to Implement Act 57 of 2022 Property Tax Penalty Waiver Provisions. Second by Mr. Lucci. Roll call vote: Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Iannini requested we include the total due for the 2022 VFD Incentive Program to Rochester Borough.

The cost for the Beaver County Humane Society Agreement is going up next year by \$25.00 a month. Sergeant Foltz suggested we call them; he spoke with Rochester Borough and they only pay to drop animals off there.

Mr. Valinsky reviewed the three proposed applications to submit for a PA Small Water Grant; a Township wide PRP and stormwater improvements on Meadow and Speyerer and stream restoration on Charlotte Ave. and Adams St.; Cleveland St. storm water improvements and a retention area on Connecticut Ave.; and Virginia Ave. stormwater improvements.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to approve Resolution No. 10-2022 requesting a PA Small Water and Sewer grant in the amount of \$425,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Cleveland Street Stormwater Improvements. Second by Mr. Mamone. 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. Bauer to approve Resolution No. 11-2022 requesting a PA Small Water and Sewer grant in the amount of \$425,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Township Wide PRP and Stormwater Improvements. 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. Bauer to approve Resolution No. 12-2022 requesting a PA Small Water and Sewer grant in the amount of \$393,700.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Virginia Avenue Stormwater Improvements. Second by Mr. Mamone. Roll call vote: Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Teams announced that Sergeant Foltz was awarded a Grant for Police Technology for \$88,000.00.

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

Remarks of Officials:

Mr. Abbott reported they are ready for snow and getting a second quote for tires on the new truck. Mrs. Teams asked if he can get an estimate on selling the freightliner for the next meeting.

Mr. Lucci asked when we are going to reorganize. Mrs. Teams said we can at the January meeting.

Mr. Iannini is going to have major surgery on December 27th, he will not be here for the January 5th meeting and will attempt to call in on the January 19th meeting.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:56pm. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to adjourn out of Executive Session at 9:19pm. Second by Mr. Bauer. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Mamone to adjourn to the meeting at 9:19pm. Second by Mr. Iannini. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Carpenter

Minutes submitted to BOC for review on December 20, 2022.

Gina Teams, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Date

Attest: _____

Melissa Carpenter, Secretary