

**Rochester Township Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 16, 2023**

**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  
Commissioners: Michael Lucci, Michael Mamone Jr., Dennis Iannini  
Dave Kovac, Township Engineer; Melissa Carpenter, Township Secretary

**Also Present:** Kevin Foltz, Sergeant; Paul Abbott and Myron Rajter, Public Works

**Via Zoom:** Stephen Chesney, Township Solicitor

**Remarks of Citizens:**

Dan Radcliffe – stated the residents that live by Radcliff Lane think the Bitcoin company is going to put biowaste on the property and there were 40 empty containers. Mrs. Teams asked if they saw someone put them there already. Mr. Radcliffe said the containers are not there yet, they think that it is going to be a biowaste site. Secretary Carpenter stated the zoning application they completed was for Bitcoin Mining and there was not anything on the application regarding biowaste. Mrs. Teams said if they suspect anything they can contact the DEP.

**Minutes:**

**Motion** by Mr. Bauer to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2023 Work Session Meeting. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 5-0.

**Committee Reports:**

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

**Solicitor's Report:**

Solicitor Chesney reviewed the LST, Rental and Mercantile Ordinances and recommended some changes to the language.

**Motion** by Mr. Iannini to authorize Mr. Chesney to draft changes to the LST, Rental and Mercantile Ordinances. 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.

Mr. Chesney reminded everyone that Statements of Financial Interest Forms are due by May 1, 2023.

**Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Kovac did MS4 training for the Board and staff. Mr. Iannini requested a quote for an updated storm sewer maps. Mr. Kovac replied it would be around \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00. Discussion on the permit cycle and testing of outfalls.

Mr. Kovac stated we need to come up with a project scope to apply for a DCNR Small Community Program Grant which is due by April 5, 2023.

Mr. Kovac reported that we were not awarded for either of the LSA Grants that we applied for.

Mr. Iannini asked if we need to have a low income area to apply for a CDBG Grant. Mr. Kovac replied for a majority of the projects you need to a low/moderate range income area, you can also apply for anything ADA related.

**Motion** by Mr. Iannini to approve Resolution No. 01-2023 to apply for a DCNR Small Community Program Grant. 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.

**Old Business:**

Discussion on the 2023 road program and applying for PA Infrastructure Loan.

At the VFD Committee meeting Chief Mamone submitted a working budget and discussed a 50/50 split between the Township and Rochester Borough. The Board would like Chief Mamone to come the next meeting to discuss the 50/50 split or splitting the budget by calls for service.

**New Business:**

**Motion** by Mr. Iannini to post on the website that we are accepting letters of interest for the open seat on Township Sewer Authority on the website. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Lucci to approve Sergeant Foltz attending a firearms training class and Sergeant Lockhart attending a taser training class. 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. Mamone to accept Paul Abbott's resignation effective March 24, 2023. Second by Mr. Bauer. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Bauer to accept Laurie Sano's resignation effective March 22, 2023. Second by Mr. Iannini. Motion carried 3-2.

**Motion** by Mr. Bauer to adopt the Civil Services Rules and Regulations. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Lucci to proceed with Civil Service testing to develop an eligibility list for full-time and part-time officers to hire from. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Bauer to approve payment of bills as reviewed by the Township Board of Commissioners. 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 adjourn to executive session at 7:01pm. Second by Mr. Bauer. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Mamone to adjourn out of executive session at 8:25pm. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 5-0.

**Further Business:**

**Motion** by Mr. Mamone to advertise for a part-time clerk. Second by Mr. Lucci. Roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-no; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-no; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 3-2.

**Motion** by Mr. Lucci to authorize Sergeant Foltz to apply for the COPS Hiring Grant. Second by Mr. Bauer. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Bauer to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

*Minutes prepared by Melissa Carpenter*

*Minutes submitted to BOC for review on March 20, 2023.*

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Gina Teams, Chairwoman  
Board of Commissioners

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Date

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Melissa A. Carpenter, Secretary