

**Rochester Township Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 18, 2023**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Gina Teams, Chairwoman

Commissioners: Michael Mamone Jr., Michael Lucci, Dennis Iannini

Stephen Chesney, Township Solicitor; Dave Kovac, Township Engineer; Melissa Carpenter, Township Secretary

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

**Absent:** George Bauer

**Minutes:**

**Motion** by Mr. Mamone to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2023 Work Session Meeting. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 4-0.

**Committee Reports:**

**Motion** by Mr. Lucci to accept April committee reports as submitted. Second by Mr. Iannini. Motion carried 4-0.

**Solicitor's Report:**

Solicitor Chesney has the draft of the easement agreements completed for Mr. Kovac to review and then they will be ready for the residents to sign, once they are signed the Board can adopt them. Solicitor Chesney will work on a ballfield application.

**Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Kovac said they have a notary available to notarize the easement agreements. Mr. Kovac has a virtual bid opening next week and will have a bid report for the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Old Business:**

Discussion on the VFD purchase order for the estimate of repairs for ladder truck they were considering purchasing. The VFD thought there is too much wrong with the truck to purchase it.

**Motion** by Mr. Mamone to approve the purchase order for the ladder truck in the amount of \$ 3,021.49. Second by Mr. Lucci. Roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-no; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mrs. Teams-no. Motion failed. Mr. Lucci asks how this works since Rochester Borough would be paying for half of the invoice. Solicitor Chesney stated this is tabled until we have a full Board to vote again.

**Motion** by Mr. Lucci to approve VFD purchase order for a storage system for cylinders in the amount of \$ 2,121.00. Second by Mr. Mamone. Roll call vote: Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lucci stated at the last VFD Committee Meeting they were told that the money we receive from East Rochester Borough was to be used for the incentive program, and wanted to know why we billed Rochester Borough for half of the incentive program. Mr. Iannini thought we were billing them 50/50 for everything. Discussion on the VFD Agreement and how to split the costs.

**Motion** by Mr. Mamone to proceed with a 50/50 split for the VFD Agreement with Rochester Borough. Second by Mr. Lucci. Roll call vote: Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-no; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 3-1.

**New Business:**

**Motion** by Mr. Lucci to approve the Police purchase order for firearms in the amount of \$ 7,763.00. Second by Mr. Iannini. Roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Iannini to approve applying for the Bullet Proof Vest Grant. Second by Mr. Lucci. Roll call vote: Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mrs. Teams-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. Lucci. Roll call vote: Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

**Remarks of Officials:**

Sergeant Foltz stated the COPS grant has been submitted and the vehicle and body cameras are ordered.

Mr. Rajter suggested the Board look at updating ordinances for dumpsters and street openings. Mr. Kovac will get us samples of other communities' street opening ordinances.

**Remarks of Citizens:**

Byrdell Thomas – Wanted to know what can be done about the dogs running loose in his neighborhood. Sergeant Foltz said he should call the police and they will cite the owner and if it would go to court he would have to testify.

Laura Hoffmeier – Wanted to know if anyone attended meetings for the Beaver Valley Regional Police Department. Mrs. Teams replied that she hasn't had a chance to get to any of their meetings yet. Ms. Hoffmeier wanted to know if there is a conflict with the Vacancy Board Member running for Township Commissioner, since he would appoint a new Commissioner if there is a vacancy. Solicitor Chesney replied that the Vacancy Board only appoints someone if the current Board can't appoint someone within 30 days of a vacancy.

**Motion** by Mr. Mamone to adjourn to executive session at 7:02pm. Second by Mr. Iannini. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Mamone to adjourn out of executive session at 8:02pm. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 4-0.

**Further Business:**

**Motion** by Mr. Mamone to hire Matt Zajac to fill the Public Works Laborer position contingent upon passing the physical and drug testing and will be subject to obtain a CDL in a timely manner depending upon the agreement between Local 66 and the Township. Second by Mr. Lucci. Roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Lucci to hire Patricia Scura for the part time office position. Second by Mr. Mamone. Roll call vote: Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Iannini to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 4-0.

*Minutes prepared by Melissa Carpenter*

*Minutes submitted to BOC for review on May 24, 2023.*

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Gina Teams, Chairwoman  
Board of Commissioners

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Date

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

Melissa A. Carpenter, Secretary