

Rochester Township Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 15, 2023

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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

Via Zoom: Stephen Chesney, Township Solicitor

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

Absent: Gina Teams

Remarks of Citizens:

Lou Lombardo – requested the code enforcement officer do something about a house on Deer Lane. Mr. Lombardo feels that code enforcement isn't doing enough. Secretary Carpenter said that the house is already on the code enforcement list.

Kimberly Pratte – is concerned about feeding of wild animals, she spoke with Jarod from Harshman and was told there wasn't anything they could do about it. Mrs. Pratte is also having an issue with her neighbor. Mr. Iannini asked if she is harassing them. Mrs. Pratte said she is screaming at them and trying to intimidate them. Mrs. Pratte has tried to reach out to the magistrate but hasn't been able to get a hold of them. Solicitor Chesney stated that if the police feel a crime has been committed, they can charge her, but some of this is a civil issue between the neighbors. Mr. Chesney said if the neighbor is trespassing on their property, she should call the police. Mr. Chesney will review the current ordinance on feeding stray animals to see we need to make any changes to it. Mrs. Pratte also asked if she can put a 2' extender on top of her 6' fence. Secretary Carpenter replied that they would have to complete a zoning application for the zoning officer to review the ordinance and see if that is permitted.

Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Mamone to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2023 Work Session Meeting. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 4-0.

Committee Reports:

Motion by Mr. Lucci to accept May committee reports as submitted. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 4-0.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Chesney is working on a couple of projects and will have the ballfield agreement ready for the next meeting. Mr. Mamone asked if he has a copy of the VFD agreement to review with the proposed changes.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Kovac would like to schedule a preconstruction meeting with Youngblood Paving for next week.

Old Business:

Motion to amend the agenda to add a discussion on the Glick VFD invoice. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to approve the payment of the Glick invoice 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; Mr. Bauer-no. Motion failed.

New Business:

Mr. Iannini stated there was another fire on the train bridge and said the federal government has money available for railroad issues maybe we can talk to Representatives Marshall or Matzie to see if there is money available. Secretary Carpenter stated that the Fire Marshal was here this morning requesting we send a letter to the railroad about the safety issue.

Motion by Mr. Iannini to authorize Solicitor Chesney send a letter to the railroad regarding the safety of the bridge. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Iannini to have Secretary Carpenter contact Representatives to see if there is any money out there for the railroad. Second by Mr. Mamone. Mr. Lucci questioned what money are we looking for? Mr. Iannini just wants us to get the information on the what federal money is available. Motion carried 4-0.

Sergeant Foltz discussed the plans for Beaver County Boom on June 24th, the County will be shutting down the Veterans Bridge on Saturday for a concert on the bridge before the fireworks. Sergeant Foltz stated we only have one officer working that shift and he would have to have the midnight shift work a double so we have 2 officers out for safety. Sergeant Foltz said the County only gave us 12 days' notice and they are trying to bring in Sheriff Deputies and the State Police to help.

Motion by Mr. Iannini to authorize overtime for an officer to work during Beaver County Boom. Second by Mr. Lucci. Roll call vote: Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes. Motion carried 4-0. Sergeant Foltz stated in we can't cover a shift we will have to put the State Police on call.

Sergeant Foltz would like to try Crown Car Wash in Baden; they offered unlimited washes on all 4 vehicles for 6 months for \$500.00.

Motion by Mr. Iannini to try Crown Car Wash for 6 months with a cost of \$500.00. Second by Mr. Lucci. Mr. Mamone asked if they can include the command vehicle. Roll call vote: Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to table the vote on the MOU proposal from Local #66 regarding employees training at their training facility. Second Mr. Iannini. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to approve payment of bills 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. Motion carried 4-0.

Remarks of Officials:

Mr. Mamone asked if the Fire Chief needs to do a purchase order for repairs. Secretary Carpenter stated purchase orders are required for anything over \$1,500.00 if it is an emergency repair then he should contact his chair person for approval and then complete a purchase order.

Remarks of Citizens:

Joe Rupprecht – Wanted to know how he gets a paper street behind his house vacated. Solicitor Chesney stated that an accurate survey would need done showing new property lines, and the Township needs to be sure there are no utilities on the paper street.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to adjourn to executive session at 6:57pm. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Iannini to adjourn out of executive session at 8:05pm. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Carpenter

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

Gina Teams, Chairwoman
Board of Commissioners

Date

Attest: _____

Melissa A. Carpenter, Secretary