

**ROCHESTER TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
JUNE 6, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Vice Chairman Mamone called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Michael Mamone Jr., Vice Chairman  
Commissioners: Dennis Iannini, Steven Anthony  
Melissa Carpenter, Township Secretary

**Absent:** Michael Lucci, Dale Daman

**Remarks of Citizens:**

Debby Lipan – wanted to know what we can do about the rental property at 616 Deer Lane. Mrs. Lipan stated there were police there last night going around looking for a gun and the person they were looking for was hiding on another resident’s porch. Mrs. Lipan said last time the police were there it was for a stabbing at that house. Mr. Mamone said we will see if we can fine the property owner for a Rental Ordinance violation of disrupting the use and quiet enjoyment of any other resident.

**Committee Reports:**

All May reports submitted.

**Minutes:**

**Motion** by Mr. Iannini to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2024 Regular Meeting. Second by Mr. Anthony. Motion carried 3-0.

**Work Session Issues:**

The Public Works Department checked on the leak at the VFD Building and they can’t repair the roof. Mesta will be coming out to give us an estimate. Mr. Iannini wants to make sure Rochester Borough will pay half of the cost of the repair, and he would like the engineer to check to see if there are any structural issues with the building. Mr. Iannini asked if there was any more discussion on the VFD using the Borough building.

Mr. Iannini requested an update on the Lift Station. Secretary Carpenter stated that one pump is running, but we are still waiting for a driver for the second pump. We have reported damage to the pumps and furnace to Duquesne Light due to a power surge, but can’t file the claim until we have the final costs.

Secretary Carpenter will send Sherwin Williams a letter giving them 60-day extension for their Street Vacation request since we have not received all the required information.

**Motion** by Mr. Anthony to approve the VFD request for the \$30,000.00 funding for the RFD staffing program. Second by Mr. Mamone.

Mr. Iannini questioned if we are taking the money out of the VFD truck fund. Secretary Carpenter replied that we are not making the contribution to the fund this year and giving them that money for the staffing program. Mr. Anthony asked what will they do with the funds if they don't use it all this year. Mr. Mamone said they put the funds into a separate account for staffing only and the funds will carry over next year. Discussion on how we will pay for the staffing program next year. Roll call vote: Mr. Iannini-no; Mr. Anthony-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes. Motion carried 2-1. Mr. Iannini voted no, because there hasn't been a plan or proposal in black and white, we haven't formed a board to oversee this. Mr. Iannini asked if the VFD was paying for the cost on implementing this program. Mr. Mamone replied yes, the VFD is paying for everything and is considering hiring someone to handle this for them.

**Motion** by Mr. Iannini to approve payment of bills as reviewed by Township Board of Commissioners. Second by Mr. Anthony. Roll call vote: Mr. Anthony-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

**Remarks of Officials:**

Mr. Mamone reported that the new command vehicle is in and the VFD would like to sell the old vehicle and put the money into the staffing program.

**Remarks of Citizens:**

Debby Lipan – asked if the new cardboard trailer came from a grant. Secretary Carpenter replied yes, it was purchased from the recycling grant

**Motion** by Mr. Anthony to adjourn to executive session at 6:31pm. Second by Mr. Iannini. Motion carried 3-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Iannini to adjourn out of executive session at 6:56pm. Second by Mr. Anthony. Motion carried 3-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Anthony to adjourn the meeting at 6:56pm. Second by Mr. Iannini. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Carpenter, Township Secretary  
Minutes submitted to BOC for review on June 11, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Lucci, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melissa A. Carpenter