

**Rochester Township Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 21, 2023**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Gina Team, Chairwoman; George Bauer, Vice-Chairman  
Commissioners: Michael Mamone Jr., Michael Lucci, Dennis Iannini,  
Stephen Chesney, Solicitor; Dave Kovac, Township Engineer; Melissa Carpenter,  
Township Secretary

**Also Present:** Myron Rajter, Public Works

**Remarks of Citizens:**

Rich Lucas – wanted to know if we updated the street opening ordinance, he stated that Grant Street has never been repaired and it has been over 6 months. Secretary Carpenter replied that the Rochester Township Sewer Authority did that work and they are waiting to get bids on replacing the line before they pave the road.

**Minutes:**

**Motion** by Mr. Bauer to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2023 Work Session Meeting. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

**Committee Reports:**

**Motion** by Mr. Lucci to accept August committee reports. Second by Mr. Iannini.  
Motion carried 5-0.

**Solicitor's Report:**

**Motion** by Mr. Lucci to advertise ordinances regarding the police regionalization. Second Mr. Bauer.  
Roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Solicitor Chesney is reviewing the rental ordinances and suggested it would be better to start over he will submit a draft for review.

**Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Kovac reported that Youngblood Paving might start by the end of next week, they will notify the residents.

Mr. Kovac and Mr. Rajter met with the property owner about his downspouts flooding the alley behind California Ave. They discussed trying to split the 2 large downspouts and put in some stones to try to dissipate the water.

Mr. Kovac reviewed the roadway rating table he completed on the roads in the Township. Mr. Kovac will draft a street opening ordinance for the Board to review. Mr. Kovac stated we can apply for the LSA Grant again starting next month the deadline to apply is November 30<sup>th</sup>. Discussion on what kind of projects we can apply for.

**Old Business:**

Discussion on residents not getting permits and contractors damaging the road and alleys. Solicitor Chesney stated the Township can go after the contractors as a civil matter.

Discussion on repairing the fuel pump meter so we can track the fuel usage for Beaver Valley Regional Police Department.

**New Business:**

Secretary Carpenter presented the MMO's for the 2024 plan year for Non-Uniformed employees.

**Remarks of Officials:**

Mr. Lucci commented that Beaver Valley Regional is going hire another full-time officer.

Secretary Carpenter said the Early Intervention Grant is now the Strategic Management Planning Program (STMP) and is available to all communities and requires a 50/50 match, she can look into the program and see what we would be able to apply for.

**Remarks of Citizens:**

Lou Lombardo – wanted to thank Secretary Carpenter for her help with his building permit.

**Motion** by Mr. Bauer to adjourn to executive session at 6:45pm. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Lucci to adjourn out of executive session at 8:04pm. Second by Mrs. Teams. Motion carried 5-0.

**Further Business:**

**Motion** by Mr. Bauer to amend the agenda to add a motion to hire Public Works Laborer. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Lucci to hire James Lawson 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 per the agreement with Local 66 and the Township. 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.

**Motion** by Mr. Bauer to amend the agenda to add a motion to approve payment of the bills. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Bauer to approve payment of bills as reviewed by Township Board of Commissioners. Second by Mr. Mamone. 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 adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

*Minutes prepared by Melissa Carpenter  
Minutes submitted to BOC for review on September 28, 2023.*

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Gina Teams, Chairwoman  
Board of Commissioners

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Date

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