

**Rochester Township Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 17, 2022**

**Call to Order:** Chairman 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, Mike Mamone, Dennis Iannini,  
Stephen Chesney, Township Solicitor; David Kovac, Township Engineer; Melissa  
Carpenter, Township Secretary; Laurie Sano, Township Clerk

**Also Present:** George Yaccich, Police Chief; Paul Abbott, Public Works

**Remarks of Citizens:**

Laura Hoffmeier – 600 Wack Dr. – Wanted to know if the board selected a treasurer and a deputy treasurer? Mrs. Teams said not at this time, the solicitor is reviewing the code. Solicitor Chesney stated that the tax collector can be treasurer. Ms. Hoffmeier states per the tax collectors code they can't be treasurer. Ms. Hoffmeier stated the Civil Service Board members can't be on any other boards. Ms. Hoffmeier asked if anyone was in charge of real estate registry Article 15.a? Ms. Hoffmeier stated the secretary does everything and there is no oversight? Mr. Bauer said Melissa does the work and we are audited yearly. Solicitor Chesney apologizes that he doesn't have the answers on the treasurer position; he will get them. Ms. Hoffmeier says the treasurer should be an accountant. Ms. Hoffmeier is not in favor of an ordinance for new home buyers- just another expense for them. Mrs. Teams said that it would be more for township purposes. Mr. Lucci stated more for the MS4 issues. Mrs. Teams said she doesn't believe we have many issues selling homes; we probably do less than most municipalities. Mr. Iannini asked Mrs. Hoffmeier wouldn't you want the issues caught before a new buyer moves in.

**Motion** by Mr. Bauer to accept minutes of March 3, 2022 Work Session Meeting as submitted.  
Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

**Solicitor's Report:**

Solicitor Chesney stated the treasurer doesn't have to be accountant per the first-class township code.

**Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Kovac suggested we add alternates to the paving program in case the bids come in lower. The seal coating of the municipal building parking lot does not have to go out to bid, we can just do letter bids. Discussion on the bidding process. Mr. Bauer requested the Mr. Kovac send out letter bids for the parking lot. Mr. Kovac state they would like to have a meeting Thursday March 24, 2022 to review the MS-4 documents. Mr. Kovac said that part of the minimum controls is training- so the commissioners can be trained at the next meeting. MS-4 permit is a 5year cycle – progress reports annually. Mr. Iannini asked are you waiting on us to get back to you on the weight limits? Mr. Kovac needs to know what areas they want to do the weight limit study.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion on the 2010 Ford Explorer, the decals, lights and control box need to be removed.

**Motion** by Mr. Bauer to sell the 1988 Street Sweeper for \$825.00 as long as the bidders fee is paid in a week. Second by Mr. Mamone. Roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini- yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Iannini to sell the 2010 Ford Explorer for \$4,400.00. 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 approve the COVID policy **Revision 2/22/22**. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Lucci to approve Resolution No. 04-2022 revising the policy for grant administration within all departments of the Township of Rochester. Second by Mr. Bauer. Motion carried 5-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Abbott reported there is a sinkhole on Greenwood Drive off the road on a resident's property- he offered to put snow fence around it- resident placed a steel plate over it. Mr. Abbott stated he isn't sure who is responsible for 24" tin whistle pipe there is a makeshift catch basin in the yard goes into the tin whistle pipe and taps into catch basin on Greenwood across the road to Charles, James and Elk. Not sure who did the roadwork and when it was done. Mr. Bauer asked if it was all private? Mr. Abbott replied he didn't know and not for him to say- I suspect that it is ours because it taps into our catch basins-not sure was placed long before he was here. Both catch basins need repaired and are on his list to do this year. Mr. Bauer asked how much distance between the catch basins. Mr. Abbott replied 60' from the hole to catch basin and 20' to each catch basins. Mr. Mamone asked what owner said? Mr. Abbott stated he is a real nice guy-he hasn't really said much yet. Mr. Abbott stated he is a new home owner and now he is going to be responsible for this. Mr. Iannini asked does that run down to the Charles Street development? Mr. Abbott replied he didn't know. Mr. Mamone stated there was a creek there when he was a younger. Mr. Bauer stated he is pretty sure it was all done by the township. There was a discussion on having the line camera. Mr. Abbott replied that we would probably have to hire someone to camera this area because it may come from Daugherty Township. Mr. Iannini suggested they get the engineer involved and see who is responsible for this area. Mr. Abbott said the whole pipe may need replaced. Mr. Iannini asked how many feet to Charles Street? Mr. Abbott said over 1000'. Mr. Kovac suggested we do deed research first to see if there is an easement. Mr. Abbott said that sanitary sewer runs alongside the pipe.

Public Safety Radio Upgrades- Chief would like to have 2-3 more portables. They will let us know in couple weeks what the cost would be on this upgrade program. Mr. Abbott stated it will be an 80/20 match with the County. Mr. Bauer said we proceed with 4 for the police cars and 2 extra portables.

**Motion** by Mr. Iannini approve copier lease for Municipal Office. Second by Mr. Lucci. 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 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.

**Remarks of Officials:**

Chief Yaccich said he attended a webinar on body cams and states we need to do a lot of research on them. There is a lot of guidelines, needs a policy and further info on storage and backups. Solicitor Chesney said that the body cams protect the Township and prevents false accusations on the officers. Mr. Chesney also stated there are grants available. Chief Yaccich said the JAG grant is due soon and state grant is due now. Solicitor Chesney stated he has a copy of the body cam policies from another municipality. Chief Yaccich said he was going to call Chief Linedecker at New Sewickley.

Mr. Abbott reported the sink hole on Center Street will open early next week. They will pave it when we have warmer weather. New dump truck is at Stephenson- Myron will go Wednesday to see if is built to specs.

Mr. Iannini stated the VFD cleaned up the garage some. Discussion of getting a dumpster or taking it for scrap. Mr. Iannini said he is working on a project for the Hydril property.

Mr. Mamone is looking into the playgrounds.

**Motion** by Mr. Bauer to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:24pm. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Bauer to adjourn out of Executive Session at 9:08pm. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 5-0.

**Further Business:**

**Motion** by Mr. Bauer to instruct engineers to take a look at what is required on Sturm Lane to develop a legal description of the road. Second by Mr. Iannini. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Iannini to make a VFD committee to draft an agreement to present to the Board of Commissioners. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Bauer to adjourn to the meeting at 9:12pm. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

*Minutes prepared by Laurie M. Sano*

*Minutes submitted to BOC for review on March 24, 2022.*

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Gina Teams, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

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Date

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

Laurie Sano, Clerk