

Rochester Township Commissioners

Regular Meeting

May 19, 2022

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Gina Teams, Chairwoman
Commissioners: Michael Lucci, Mike Mamone, Dennis Iannini,
Stephen Chesney, Township Solicitor; David Kovac, Township Engineer; Melissa
Carpenter, Township Secretary

Also Present: George Yaccich, Police Chief; Myron Rajter, Public Works; Michael Mamone III, Fire
Chief

Absent: George Bauer, Vice Chairman

Remarks of Citizens:

Richard Lucas – 523 Wilson Ave. – Wanted an update on the police regionalization and the VFD agreement. Mrs. Teams replied we still have not received the pension study and as far as she knows New Sewickley Township is still interested in regionalization but heard that Rochester Borough may not want to proceed.

Michael Mamone III – 749 Fox Ave. – Wanted to know why the minutes from April 21, 2022 were not approved. Mrs. Teams stated they will probably be approved tonight, she felt what was in the minutes looked like they agreed with everything in them.

Laura Hoffmeier – 600 Wack Dr. – Requested a meeting conduct code be posted since there is a 3-minute time limit for residents to speak. Ms. Hoffmeier stated under First Class Township Code 2012 that all Township roads must be 24' wide. Ms. Hoffmeier said a parking spot width is between 7 ½' to 9' wide so if vehicles are parked on both sides of the street that would be 15' wide and that only leaves 5' for a fire truck to get through. Ms. Hoffmeier wants to make sure every resident safe. Ms. Hoffmeier stated she just worked the polls; and that we all pay a per capita bill in the Township and in the poll books are inaccurate. She hasn't been able to get the poll books corrected and voters who do not live here anymore are still listed on the poll books, and they could legally vote in the Township. Ms. Hoffmeier feels to be fair everyone that is on the voter roll should be paying a per capita tax. Secretary Carpenter stated the Township does not have a per capita tax it is the Rochester Area School District and we do not have access to the records. Mrs. Teams stated at the Township we have nothing to do with that since we don't collect the tax. Solicitor Chesney stated that isn't our responsibility to change voter address, it would fall under the County. Mr. Chesney said if she thinks someone is voting unlawfully she should call the County. Ms. Hoffmeier stated she has contacted the County. Mrs. Teams followed up on a previous question regarding the tax millage. Ms. Hoffmeier said she wanted the dollar amount not the millage. Secretary Carpenter stated we get around \$30,000.00 per mill and \$30,000.00 goes into the VFD Capital Reserve Fund and \$60,000.00 goes to debt service which we use to pay the Bond loan.

Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Mamone to accept minutes of April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting as submitted. Second by Mrs. Teams. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to accept minutes of May 5, 2022 Work Session Meeting as submitted. Second by Mr. Lucci. Roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini- no; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 3-1.

Committee Reports:

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

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Chesney stated we are working on correcting different issues that have come up we continue to make progress on them. Mr. Chesney has litigation issue for Executive Session.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Kovac is going to schedule a pre-construction meeting for the paving program next week. LSSE will be coming to look the municipal building roof next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

We are able to purchase police radios through the County Grant at a cost of \$3,126.42. Mr. Mamone asked what we are going to do with the mobile radio and Chief Yaccich said we can keep for the next vehicle or let Public Works use it.

Motion by Mrs. Teams to approve purchasing radios through the Beaver County Radio Grant at a cost of \$3,126.54. Second by Mr. Iannini. Roll call vote: Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Iannini and Mr. Mamone met with Liz Gatto, Sherwin-Williams Manager and reviewed some safety upgrades and discussed having them help us with the cost of paving Cleveland Street. Ms. Gatto also said they are going to be doing a project in July and will be working there around the clock for several weeks.

Mrs. Teams addressed Ms. Hoffmeier's questions about meeting rules and said we loosely follow Roberts Rules of Order. Solicitor Chesney stated we can make a policy for time limits and meeting conduct.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to prepare a meeting code of conduct. Second by Mr. Iannini. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to appoint Melissa Carpenter as Township Treasurer. Second by Mr. Mamone. Roll call vote: Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Mr. Mamone to donate abandoned bicycles stored at the Police Department. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 4-0. Solicitor Chesney suggested we place an ad to see if anyone claims them first, Mrs. Teams suggested we post it on the website.

Motion by Mr. Iannini to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an easement agreement for the pipe at 749 Fox Avenue. Second by Mr. Mamone. Roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to authorize the Engineer to prepare drawings for the catch basin on Fox Avenue to where the pipe ends. Second by Mr. Iannini. 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. Iannini. Roll call vote: Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Remarks of Officials:

Chief Mamone reported the lights they purchased for Rescue 23 don't work and they are trying to find something to fit the size they have now. Chief Mamone also was able to get additional radios through the Beaver County Radio Grant.

Mr. Mamone would like to get an estimate on replacing part of the fence at Elk Avenue Playground.

Discussion on the regional EMA coordinator for all of Rochester. Rochester Township will be the administrator but certain expenses will be split at \$200.00 per municipality and we will use our building and charge \$1.00 for rent.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to amend tonight's agenda to add a motion for a Resolution for EMA Coordinator. Second by Mr. Mamone. Roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to adopt Resolution No. 05-2022 Creating the Rochester Area Regional Emergency Management Agency. Second by Mr. Iannini. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Iannini to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:42pm. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to adjourn out of Executive Session at 7:53pm. Second by Mr. Iannini. Motion carried 4-0.

Further Business:

Motion by Mr. Lucci to approve the Police CBA effective January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024. Second by Mr. Iannini. 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 to the meeting at 7:55pm. Second by Mrs. Teams. Motion carried 4-0.

*Minutes prepared by Melissa Carpenter
Minutes submitted to BOC for review on May 23, 2022.*

Gina Teams, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Date

Attest: _____
Melissa Carpenter, Secretary