

**ROCHESTER TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2022**

Call to Order: Chairwoman Teams called meeting to order at 6:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Gina Teams, Chairwoman

Commissioners: Michael Lucci, Michael Mamone and Dennis Iannini
Melissa Carpenter, Township Secretary

Absent: George Bauer, Vice Chairman

Remarks of Citizens:

Laura Hoffmeier – heard that Chief Yaccich retired and wanted to know if we are going to hire. Ms. Hoffmeier stated that on March 17th she notified us that the Civil Service Board was out of compliance and the Civil Service Board can't hire. Mrs. Teams explained that if we want to hire a Chief the Board of Commissioners makes that decision and we already have a list to hire from for a full-time position. Ms. Hoffmeier stated that she is opposed to hiring a manager. Mr. Lucci replied that he doesn't want to hire a manager and we are still discussing it.

Committee Reports:

August committee reports were submitted except for VFD and Code Enforcement.

Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Mamone to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2022 Regular Meeting. Second by Mr. Iannini. Motion carried 4-0.

Work Session Issues:

LSSE submitted an MS4 Outfall Screening report and Mr. Abbott found 17 outfalls that do not appear to be ours. Secretary Carpenter sent the list to LSSE to review.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to approve donation in the amount of \$50.00 to the RASD Rams Football. Second by Mr. Lucci. Roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to amend the agenda add resignation from Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board and add appointment to Zoning Hearing Board. Second by Mrs. Teams. 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Iannini to accept Rich Harvey's resignation from Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to appoint Paul Abbott to the Zoning Hearing Board. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Iannini reported the VFD Committee met last week and they discussed having one budget for the VFD instead of two. Chief Mamone presented them with three budgets; 1-was a non-staffed budget;

2-was a staffed budget and 3-was completely staffed 2025 budget. They also discussed the incentive program that Rochester Borough has not paid. The Borough will discuss this at their next meeting. Chief Mamone would like to have a meeting with Rochester Borough Council, Rochester Township Commissioners and a consultant for a presentation on October 4, 2022. Mr. Iannini said the next committee meeting is September 19, 2022.

Mr. Lucci and Mr. Mamone questioned the reason to hire a manager. Mr. Iannini feels we need a manger to move forward, meet with elected officials, apply for grants. Mr. Lucci said we have never discussed how we are going to budget for a manager, the funds used to pay the previous manager have been used for other things. Mr. Lucci also stated that Secretary Carpenter did get a recycling grant that only four other communities in Beaver County received. Mr. Mamone suggested we just hire a grant writer to apply for grants. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Mr. Iannini to approve payment of the bills reviewed by the Township Board of Commissioners. Second by Mr. Lucci. Roll call vote: Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Remarks of Officials:

Mr. Lucci stated again he feels we don't need to hire a manager, and that Secretary Carpenter does everything a manager would.

Motion by Mr. Iannini to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:56pm. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to adjourn out of Executive Session at 9:04pm. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to adjourn meeting at 9:04pm. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Carpenter, Township Secretary
Minutes submitted to BOC for review on September 7, 2022

_____ Date: _____
Gina Teams, Chairwoman
Board of Commissioners

Attest: _____
Melissa Carpenter, Secretary