

Rochester Township Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 15, 2022

Call to Order: Chairwoman Teams called the meeting to order at 5:09pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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

Via Phone: George Bauer, Vice Chairman

Also Present: Kevin Foltz and Rich Lockhart, Police Officers; Paul Abbott, Public Works

Motion by Mrs. Teams to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:10pm. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to adjourn out of Executive Session at 5:54pm. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

Remarks of Citizens:

Laura Hoffmeier – wanted to know why the meeting started early and wanted to object to the Township hiring a manager. Ms. Hoffmeier thanked the public works department for back filling her yard.

Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Iannini to accept minutes of the September 1, 2022 Work Session Meeting as submitted. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

Committee Reports:

Motion by Mr. Mamone to accept the committee reports as submitted for August. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 5-0.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Chesney stated he is still working on the meeting procedure rules policy. The right-to-know policy is completed and the Board needs to appoint a right-to-know officer. Mr. Chesney also has a body camera policy ready for review.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Kovac will follow up with John Valinsky on the MS4 report. Mr. Kovac reported that Youngblood Paving will finish the back filling tomorrow and he will send the easement exhibits and legal descriptions for Fox Avenue and Sturm Lane to Solicitor Chesney.

OLD BUSINESS:

Solicitor Chesney reviewed the Rochester Area EMA Resolution for Mrs. Teams to sign.

Mr. Iannini reported that the VFD will be holding a Joint Municipal Public Fire Department Workshop & Discussion for the elected officials from East Rochester Borough, Rochester Borough and Rochester Township on October 4, 2022 and they requested the Township advertise for the meeting and split the cost with Rochester Borough.

Motion by Mr. Iannini to approve the purchase order for repairs to Rescue 23 in the amount of \$4,366.13 with the cost to be split with Rochester Borough. Second by Mrs. Teams. Roll call vote: Mr. Lucci-yes; Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Iannini stated the September 19th VFD Agreement committee meeting will be rescheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Teams stated that at the COG Meeting they discussed businesses setting up Solar Farms and the need to review the contract because some are leaving the equipment when the contract is expired.

Secretary Carpenter received a request for a parking permit on School Street, and researched the ordinances and there are 4 separate ordinances for streets that are parking by permit only. It appears that these ordinances were passed and never implemented, there is no resolution for a permit fee or an application. Solicitor Chesney suggested we review the ordinances and repeal the current ordinances and make a new ordinance.

Secretary Carpenter presented the MMO's for the 2023 plan year for Non-Uniformed employees.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to approve payment of bills as reviewed by the Township Board of Commissioners. Second by Mr. Lucci. Roll call vote: Mr. Iannini-yes; Mr. Mamone-yes; Mr. Bauer-yes; Mr. Lucci-yes; Mrs. Teams-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Remarks of Officials:

Mr. Abbott will be borrowing Bridgewater's bucket truck next week to paint the flagpole.

Sergeant Foltz reviewed a state e-grant that just became available for technology and is 100% funded.

Motion by Mr. Iannini to approve applying for the state e-grant for technology. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:31pm. Second by Mr. Mamone. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Lucci to adjourn out of Executive Session at 8:02pm. Second by Mr. Iannini. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Mamone to adjourn to the meeting at 8:02pm. Second by Mr. Lucci. Motion carried 4-0.

*Minutes prepared by Melissa Carpenter
Minutes submitted to BOC for review on September 19, 2022.*

Gina Teams, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Date

Attest: _____
Melissa Carpenter, Secretary