

LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

6:00 p.m.

May 8, 2024

4230 Iroquois Avenue

**In Attendance:** Commissioner B. Rodemaker, Commissioner D. Williams, Commissioner T. Benovic, Commissioner J. Golden, Engineer A. Holland, Solicitor, Chief J. Morell, Secretary C. Cunningham, **Absent:** Commissioner T. Buchleitner,

~Commissioner Rodemaker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was performed~

**REPORTS:**

**Engineers Report:**

1. Soudan Lift Station Replacement Status
  - a. USDA coordination of comments – resubmittal March 27.
  - b. Additional USDA Administrative items email April 25.
  - c. Patrick Fromm from USDA is reviewing as of email May 3.
  - d. Authorization to bid approved (pending submittal of Conflict of Interest Policy).
2. Cunningham Lift Station Grinder
  - a. WQM Permit package and coordination with DEP and Spaeder.
  - b. Permit submittal to DEP pending.
3. Root Cleaning Coordination
  - a. Duke’s performed root cleaning on April 30, 2024.
4. Chapter 94 Report for Erie WWTP
  - a. No Update.
  - b. Past Report:
    - i. Received data for flows/volumes for LPT system from City of Erie.
    - ii. Flow data is much lower than previous years (35% of typical flow 2009-2023). Urban is awaiting response from Erie Sewers.

**Police Report:**

Chief Morell stated there were 711 calls in the month of April. One call in involved a convicted felon. Officers Mountain and Hellman responded to this call and the felon attempted to attack the officers and they were able to taze him and control the situation. Morell stated there has been an uptick of violence and aggression toward police officers.

~Commissioner Benovic motioned to approve all reports as presented. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion; the motion carried~

**Visitors:** M. Riggle, J. Mountain, Sharon Hiegel, Charles Curtis, A. Lapping Dale Durst, Joe Michalegko, Lisa Ferrick, P. Cassidy  
**Signed in to speak:** A. Vandyne, J. Vandyne, M. Dalglish, L. Fleming, K. Rusk

~Mrs. Vandyne addressed the Board regarding the Township’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and introduced Mark Dalglish who will be heading up the Committee for the celebration.

~Mr. Dalglish approached the Board and asked if it would be possible to use the Township Logo, name, creating a link on the website and to have a Commissioner on the Committee.~

~Mr. VanDyne spoke to the Board concerning the Memorial Day Service to be held here at the Township Building. Vandyne asked to have the outlets be checked to see if they were working properly.~

~Mrs. Flemming spoke to the Board concerning invasive plant species that are invading the parks and explained about the nature of the plants as well as how to control them.~

~Kathleen Rusk spoke to the Board regarding a sewer back up into her home. Secretary Cunningham stated that the problem is not with the Township as there has not been negligent in keeping up our sewer lines. The problem is that people are flushing things down the toilets that do not belong in the toilet therefore it causes a problem for their neighbors. Rusk asked if the Township flushes the lines. The Township does flush the lines on a yearly basis. Commissioner Williams, Rodemaker, and Buchleitner stated that they visited the lift stations to see the types of things that people are flushing and creating costly repairs to the lift station. Sharon Hiegel (K.Rusk next door neighbor) stated that she has a back flow valve and she had hers replaced with a stonger valve and she did not have any issues. Rusk was asked if she checks her valve and she said “no” it is

rusted shut. The Township stated that you need to have that checked all the time. Commissioner Rodemaker stated that due to the things being flushed down toilets the Lift Stations are becoming overworked. Unfortunately the Rusk home is located at the bottom of a hill. Hiegel stated that checking her valve and having it replaced has stopped any back up in her home.

**Bills:**

~Commissioner Golden made a motion to pay bills as presented, Commissioner Benovic seconded the motion; the motion carried.~

**Minutes & Resolutions:**

- Commissioner Rodemaker read aloud Resolution 2024-09 a Resolution to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy with the following roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner Golden; “aye”; Commissioner Rodemaker; “aye”; Commissioner Williams; “aye”; Commissioner Benovic; “aye”; with all in favor, Resolution 2024-09 was duly approved.
- Commissioner Rodemaker read aloud Resolution 2024-13 a Resolution regarding the Penndot Highway Transfer Project with the following roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner Golden; “aye” Commissioner Rodemaker; “aye”; Commissioner Williams; “aye”; Commissioner Benovic; “aye”; with all in favor, Resolution 2024-12 was duly approved.

**Old Business: N/A**

**New Business: N/A**

~Commissioner Golden motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m., Commissioner Benovic seconded; the motion carried.~

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Jo Cunningham  
Board of Commissioner’s Secretary