

LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

6:00 p.m.

August 14, 2024

4230 Iroquois Avenue

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

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

Commissioner Rodemaker gave the floor to John Kraus and John Clark from Allegheny Financial who presented the Board with the financial reports for Uniformed and Non-Uniformed pension plans. The economy is in better shape and the plans are on the way up. Kraus recommends to keep the plans as they are.

REPORTS:

Engineers Report:

1. Soudan Lift Station Replacement Status:
 - a. Notice of Award to Konzel (Waiting for completed contract agreement documents)
 - b. Requisition #4 approved by USDA.
 - c. Received concurrence from USDA re: amendment to Engineering Agreement.
2. Cunningham Lift Station Grinder
 - a. WQM Permit issued 7/16/24.
3. Streets Paving
 - a. Paving and curb ramps are complete.
 - b. McCormick to seal inlets, MH, valve covers. Pending coordination with Township staff.
 - c. Urban will review invoice/pay application (est.\$224,639.27)
4. Chapter 94 Report for Erie WWTP
 - a. No Update.

Police Report:

Chief Morell stated the police responded to 917 calls this past month and that this has been the highest call record the PD has ever had. Chief stated that a drug arrest came back positive for xylazine, and this is the first time he has seen it in the Erie area. This drug is considered a "zombie" drug that is derived from a horse tranquilizer. Chief stated that this is very alarming that it is now in Erie. This is the first report in Erie and was taken from a Lawrence Park traffic stop.

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

Visitors: Jim VanDyne, Chris Buchleitner, Paula Cassady, Charles Curtis, Craig Noyes, Dale Durst, Cheryl Smith, Caol Smith Kerr, Linda Blum, Kate Griffin

Signed in to speak: Jim VanDyne

~ Jim VanDyne asked if he could trim some vines that are choking out his hedges stating that the vines are coming off of a tree located on Township property. Commissioner Benovic stated that she would let the Maintenance Dept. know of the issues and will get back to him.

Bills:

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

Minutes & Resolutions:

- Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve BOC Minutes from July 10, 2024, Commissioner Rodemaker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

- Commissioner Buchleitner made a motion to hire Gerard Wodarski as seasonal crossing guard once his clearances are furnished; Commissioner Rodemaker seconded; the motion carried.
- Commissioner Buchleitner motioned to advertise the Budget meetings beginning 9/16 – 12/2 every Monday night from 5-7 pm. Commissioner Rodemaker seconded; the motion carried.

- Commissioner Buchleitner reported that spending has remained on track. There have been upgrades to the Township office and Police Department I.T. systems and the Township is now on a cloud-based program. There has been maintenance done to the Township equipment by our own maintenance crew thus improving our ability to continue daily needs. Buchleitner stated the Township has contracted with Grass Root through the DCED Stamp Program which is helping to look at a 5-year plan for the Township regarding every area and every department performance. Buchleitner encouraged residents to attend the budget meeting sessions to see what is being looked at and the budgeting process for the coming year. Commissioner Buchleitner also said the Centennial Celebration could use residents to help with every aspect of this day to make it more memorable for everyone.
- Commissioner Benovic reminded the residents Shakespeare in Napier Park will take place August 19, 20 and 21. Benovic also reported that the National night out was a success and was thankful for the LPPD for full participation that evening.
- Commissioner Rodemaker updated the residents regarding all the upgrades that have been made up to date concerning the lift stations as well as the continued maintenance to sewer lines within the Township.

~Commissioner Buchleitner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m., Commissioner Williams seconded; the motion carried. ~

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Jo Cunningham
Board of Commissioner's Secretary