

LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 11, 2024

6:00 p.m.

4230 Iroquois Avenue

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

~Commissioner Rodemaker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was performed and a moment of silence was observed for the victims and heroes of 9/11 ~

*A public meeting regarding the application for a Liquor License transfer by Erie Royal, LLC from Harborcreek to Lawrence Park Township was held. Solicitor Sunberg spoke on behalf of Erie Royal stating that the intention is to open a restaurant which will offer seating for thirty-five. This is an economic development project creating construction jobs and new employees to work the restaurant. This will be a family-oriented establishment offering food for those going to and from sporting and school events. This will be a visual and economic improvement for the Township. Rose Nouri spoke to the Board and Residents regarding the business would be open from 5 am until 11 pm seven days a week. This business will be able to compete with Country Fair and GetGo. Commissioner Golden asked if it was the intention to sell alcoholic beverages "to go." Mrs. Nouri said that this will be the goal to do this. She also stated that the sales of such items will be highly monitored. Commissioner Buchleitner asked if the PLCB has weighed in yet, Solicitor Sunberg said that they cannot move forward until the Township Board approves the transfer of the liquor license. Mrs. Nouri stated that parking will be on one side of the building and the gas station will be on the other side. Police Chief asked about traffic flow, Mrs. Nouri said that primary entrance and exit is on the Main Street side of the property. Commissioner Benovic asked about the proximity of the business particularly with the sale of alcohol concerning the school. Solicitor Sunberg stated that all these things will be addressed during the permitting process and with the PLCB.

REPORTS:

Police Report:

~ Chief Morell reported 797 calls with one major incident concerning a shooting. The summer has been quite busy with several major incidents that have occurred. ~

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

Visitors: Jim VanDyne, Chris Buchleitner, Robert Gindlesperger, Dale Durst, Katherine Rusk, Joe Michalegko

Signed in to speak: Jim VanDyne

~ Jim VanDyne asked if he could mount a mailbox onto the wall outside of the Historical Society, Commissioner J. Golden said he would consider the request and will get back to him. ~

Bills:

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

Minutes & Resolutions:

- Commissioner Benovic made a motion to approve BOC Minutes from August 14, 2024, Commissioner Buchleitner seconded the motion; the motion carried.
- Commissioner Rodemaker read aloud Resolution 2024-16 the 2023 EACOG Audit with the roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner Golden; "aye"; Commissioner Buchleitner; "aye"; Commissioner Rodemaker; "aye"; Commissioner Williams; "aye"; Commissioner Benovic; "aye"; with all in favor, Resolution 2024-16 was duly approved.
- Commissioner Buchleitner read aloud Resolution 2024-17 The 2025 Non-Uniformed MMO with the roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner Golden; "aye"; Commissioner Buchleitner; "aye"; Commissioner Rodemaker; "aye"; Commissioner Williams; "aye"; Commissioner Benovic; "aye"; with all in favor, Resolution 2024-17 was duly approved.
- Commissioner Rodemaker read aloud Resolution 2024-18 The 2025 Uniformed MMO with the roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner Golden; "aye"; Commissioner Buchleitner; "aye"; Commissioner Rodemaker; "aye"; Commissioner Williams; "aye"; Commissioner Benovic; "aye"; with all in favor, Resolution 2024-18 was duly approved.
- Commissioner Rodemaker read aloud Resolution 2024-19 the 2025 Non-Uniformed contribution with the roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner Golden; "aye"; Commissioner Buchleitner; "aye"; Commissioner

Rodemaker; “aye”; Commissioner Williams; “aye”; Commissioner Benovic; “aye”; with all in favor, Resolution 2024-19 was duly approved.

- Commissioner Rodemaker read aloud Resolution 2024-20 the 2025 Non-Uniformed contribution with the roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner Golden; “aye”; Commissioner Buchleitner; “aye”; Commissioner Rodemaker; “aye”; Commissioner Williams; “aye”; Commissioner Benovic; “aye”; with all in favor, Resolution 2024-20 was duly approved.
- Commissioner Buchleitner read aloud Resolution 2024-21 Liquor License Transfer R-10564 with the roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner Golden; “aye”; Commissioner Buchleitner; “aye”; Commissioner Rodemaker; “aye”; Commissioner Williams; “aye”; Commissioner Benovic; “aye”; with all in favor, Resolution 2024-21 was duly approved.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

- Commissioner Benovic made a motion to approve the first and final payment of \$224,573.27 for the 2024 Streets Paving to McCormick Construction; Commissioner Williams seconded; the motion carried.
- Commissioner Rodemaker made a motion to approve a letter of intent through DCED regarding shared services with Wesleyville Borough; Commissioner Williams seconded; the motion carried.
- Commissioner Buchleitner shared with the Board that Wesleyville Borough has requested that Lawrence Park Township and Wesleyville Borough have a quarterly joint Board meeting.
- Commissioner Golden motioned to approve the Iroquois High School Zombie Run on October 26th at 9:30 am as well as the Swim Teams 5K run on November 28th at 8:30 am; Commissioner Williams seconded; the motion carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Jo Cunningham
Board of Commissioner’s Secretary