

LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

6:00 p.m.

January 23, 2019

4230 Iroquois Avenue

In Attendance: Commissioner J. Cabaday, Commissioner T. Benovic, Commissioner F. Mussett, Commissioner E. Gerardine, Commissioner S. Messina-Miller, Police Chief Morell, Solicitor A. Martinucci, Secretary C. Cunningham

Visitors signed in to speak: Marion Armstrong, Robert Bell, Robert Gindlesperger, Charles Curtis, Tony Ferritto

Visitors: Marc Rickard, Mitchell Fabry, Melinda Meyer, Bill Mclaulin, Dale Durst

President J. Cabaday called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was performed.

Public Comment:

-Robert Bell from PennDot presented the display and details to the bridge over 4 mile creek that will be replaced at Main Street. Bell reported that PennDot will provide a walkway for pedestrian traffic during construction. Traffic will be re-routed to Iroquois Avenue. The project will take place in the Spring of 2020 and will take approximately 3 months.

-Marion Armstrong asked if the new intergovernmental agreement would affect the ambulance service for the Lawrence Park Township Fire Department. Commissioners Cabaday and Messina-Miller explained that there would not be a loss of L.P. ambulance service but that this agreement would help the service with all calls being answered. Cabaday explained that L.P. Fire Department will be the first to respond. If there is nobody there to take the call then one of the other departments would respond. Commissioner Messina-Miller said this arrangement has been something that was needed for a long time and that the Lawrence Park Police also respond to ambulance calls which is a rarity in municipalities.

-Robert Gindlesperger asked about the sewer charges for single family homes, the school and his mobile home park. His understanding was that customers were charged according to the size of the water line servicing the business, residence, establishment, etc. Mr. Gindlesperger asked if the Township would be willing to sit down and discuss the charges. Commissioner Cabaday said that she would get back in touch with Mr. Gindlesperger at a later time.

- Charles Curtis questioned why the Memorial light was not working again. It was explained that there is no failure in the light but that there is a breaker that keeps getting tripped within the building that is in process of being repaired. He also questioned about why there is so much snow pushed up against all the cars parked in the streets. Commissioner Cabaday explained that we are now using 5-ton plow trucks as opposed to pick-ups for better clearing of the streets. Unfortunately, if you park in the street this is something that cannot be controlled.

- Tony Ferritto stated that he was very impressed with the snow plowing this year down on Lake Cliff Drive. He said the plow was taking the snow right to the curb and keeping it all clear.

Bills:

Commissioner T. Benovic made a motion to pay bills as presented, Commissioner E. Gerardine seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously carried.

Minutes:

Commissioner T. Benovic made a motion to approve the Minutes for 1/9/19 and minutes from the EECEMS meeting Commissioner S. Messina-Miller seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously carried.

Resolutions:

-President Cabaday read aloud Resolution 2019-05 – 2019 Amended Sewer Rates and moved to approve with the following roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner T. Benovic; “aye”, Commissioner J. Cabaday; “aye”; Commissioner E. Gerardine “aye”; Commissioner F. Mussett; “aye”; Commissioner Messina-Miller “aye”. With all in favor, Resolution 2019-05 was duly approved.

-President Cabaday read aloud Resolution 2019-06 – A Resolution to approve the proposed changes to the EECEMS bylaws and moved to approve with the following roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner T. Benovic; “aye”, Commissioner J. Cabaday; “aye”; Commissioner E. Gerardine “aye”; Commissioner F. Mussett; “aye” Commissioner Messina-Miller “aye”. With all in favor, Resolution 2019-06 was duly approved.

-President Cabaday read aloud Resolution 2019-07 – Adoption of an intergovernmental agreement for emergency medical service and moved to approve with the following roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner T. Benovic; “aye”, Commissioner J. Cabaday; “aye”; Commissioner E. Gerardine “aye”; Commissioner F. Mussett; “aye” Commissioner Messina-Miller “aye”. With all in favor, Resolution 2019-07 was duly approved.

Old Business:

Commissioner Delegates and alternates were chosen as follows:

EACOG: Delegate; Eric Gerardine/Alternate; Jan Cabaday

ECATO: All Commissioners

EECEMS: Delegate; Jan Cabaday/Alternate; Shelly Messina-Miller

CZM: Delegate: Shelly Messina-Miller/Alternate; Cindy Jo Cunningham

MPO: Delegate: Jan Cabaday/Alternate; Cindy Jo Cunningham

Planning: Delegate: Mark Kukla/Alternate: Tammy Benovic

-Attorney A. Martinucci approached the Board to have a person appointed to the Erie County Signing Region Trust. He said it does not need to be a Commissioner but could be an interested citizen. Meetings are quarterly on a Tuesday at 2:30 in the afternoon with the next one being in May.

-Commissioner E. Gerardine made a motion to place an advertisement for 2 weeks for the maintenance position as the last person interviewed rejected the offer of employment, Commissioner F. Mussett seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

-Commissioner F. Mussett made a motion to appoint Felix & Gloekler as Lawrence Park Township’s auditor for 2019 and Commissioner E. Gerardine seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously carried.

-Commissioner F. Mussett explained that the contract will expire in late February with our current Building Maintenance contractor. His intent for 2019 is to contract with Scobell industries as per their proposal to the Township as presented. Attorney A. Martinucci addressed the proposed Lease amendment from the Commonwealth in regards to the State Police Barracks. He explained that they did not want to get locked into a multiyear contract. There is a 5-year extension on the table but he feels that it may be just a month to month basis. Martinucci also presented an adjusted application form for usage of Township Facilities form. He suggests a later discussion on the changes the board may want to make in the future and what needs to be addressed.

New Business:

-Commissioner E. Gerardine made a motion to hire 2 new part-time crossing guards, Commissioner F. Mussett seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously carried.

-Commissioner Benovic spoke about a possible exchange of properties with the Iroquois school district. Those properties would include the softball field which the Township owns in exchange for the Sand Volleyball courts as well as the tennis courts which is owned by the School district. Commissioner F. Mussett made a motion to exchange properties with the Iroquois School district, Commissioner J. Cabaday seconded the motion and motion was unanimously carried.

-Commissioner Benovic spoke to the representative for EMTA and they are asking if there is anything that the Township would like to see in improvements to their service within the Township. Shelters for patrons were discussed and Commissioner Benovic said that she would speak to them about these items.

Executive Session: Personnel Matters

Commissioner J. Cabaday called the meeting back to order after the executive session and Commissioner E. Gerardine motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Commissioner S. Messina-Miller seconded; the motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Jo Cunningham
Board of Commissioner’s Secretary