

LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

6:00 p.m.

March 13, 2019

4230 Iroquois Avenue

In Attendance: Commissioner J. Cabaday, Commissioner T. Benovic, Commissioner F. Mussett, Commissioner S. Messina, Chief J. Morell, Engineer T. Podskalny, Solicitor A. Martinucci, Secretary C. Cunningham

Visitors signed in to speak: Jim VanDyne, Reese Cadwallader

Visitors: Joe Golden, Mary Medwid Dale Durst

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

Treasurer Report:

Mrs. Joyce Spitznogle stated there has been a steady flow of tax money coming in and that all accounts are in order.

Engineers Report:

-2018 CDBG Grant Manhole and Pipe Relining Project (Advanced Rehabilitation Technology) – Four (4) manholes remain to be re-lined. The necessary manhole repair work will be handled by Change Order. The repair work and contract extension have been discussed with Erie County, both the change order and time extension have been signed, and all work is scheduled to be finished before April 31st.

-Chapter 94 Report: Urban has completed the Wasteload Management Chapter 94 Report, and submitted it February 20th.

-Soudan Lift Station Replacement – The design for the Soudan lift station has begun. Urban is working on the preliminary calculations and starting the permitting process. Tasks being worked on include:

Initial flow determinations, specifications, E&S control plan and narrative, force main and wet well sizing, plan sheets and details, water quality management permit, pump sizing, site layout, one call for existing utility information, design narrative, and the sewage facilities planning module along with the applicable forms. Urban is also working on the preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and EJDCD contract for design as requested and required by the USDA for a rural utilities service financial assistance loan to be applied for by the Township.

-Lawrence Park Street Rehabilitation: Urban has not yet been directed to begin work on the street rehabilitation project for 2019. Urban will coordinate with appropriate Township personnel to determine a preliminary scope of work and costs based upon the amount of funding available once authorized to begin work.

-Salt Storage Building: Urban has received an inquiry from the Township in regard to fire retardant for the salt storage building cover. Urban is contacting the contractor to obtain information.

Police Report

Chief stated for the first time in 8 months the police department is in full complement with the addition of Officer Kayla Pound who began March 4, 2019. She is currently in training and will be out on her own in April.

Solicitor's Report

We have conveyed the approved and signed PSP lease amendment back to the Commonwealth. They will circulate for signatures on their end, and provide us with a fully-executed copy.

-We are working on correspondence with the contractor to address curb damage. This project was sidetracked earlier because of the number of additional matters we were asked to address, but we should be ready to send a demand letter out by the end of the month.

-We were involved with efforts to resolve a code enforcement issue with a resident. Those efforts were unsuccessful, and it is my understanding that the matter has been rescheduled for a hearing before the MDJ.

-We have addressed additional questions from the Chief of Police regarding the recently adopted Processing and Equipment Reimbursement Agreement, and have prepared a repayment agreement to be presented to Mr. Larese. My understanding is that a repayment plan has been entered into with Mr. Larese.

-We have completed, and are awaiting a decision on, a recent Unemployment Compensation hearing.

-We have worked with outside counsel on discovery matters regarding the DeSantis lawsuit.

-We have addressed questions concerning the next steps for the Rankine Ave. properties recently damaged or destroyed by fire.

-We have prepared, for the Commissioner's consideration, a revised Fireworks and Flammable Materials Ordinance, based on recent changes to state law in that regard.

Commissioner F. Mussett made a motion to approve all reports as they are presented. Commissioner S. Messina seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Public Comment:

-Jim VanDyne addressed the Board as the Secretary of the Historical Society. He asked if the building would be available for the Memorial Day Celebration. Commissioner Mussett has asked if they have turned in their facility usage form yet. VanDyne said he would make sure it is done immediately. Jim also asked for the help of the Township staff to help with the invitations and various tasks that need to be done. Secretary Cunningham said the Office staff would indeed help with the preparations. VanDyne also reminded everyone that there would be a meeting March 20th at the Township Building concerning Lawrence Park being on the "Our Town" WQLN channel this summer.

-Reese Cadwallader said his street is in need dire need of paving. He would also like to compliment the Township maintenance worker who plows the sidewalk around Beute Park and the crosswalks. Cadwallader also is concerned about the communication with the new owners (Wabtec) of the old General Electric plant. The Board assured him that they are actively looking into this.

Bills:

Commissioner S. Messina made a motion to pay bills as presented, Commissioner T. Benovic seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Minutes:

Commissioner T. Benovic made a motion to approve the Minutes for 2/27/19. Commissioner F. Mussett seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Resolutions:

-President Cabaday read aloud Resolution 2019-10 – County Aid Fund Usage and moved to approve with the following roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner T. Benovic; "aye", Commissioner J. Cabaday; "aye"; Commissioner F. Mussett; "aye"; Commissioner S. Messina;" aye". With all in favor, Resolution 2019-10 was duly approved.

-President Cabaday read aloud Resolution 2019-11 – Northwest Bank Pension Signers and moved to approve with the following roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner T. Benovic; "aye", Commissioner J. Cabaday; "aye"; Commissioner F. Mussett; "aye"; Commissioner S. Messina;" aye". With all in favor, Resolution 2019-11 was duly approved.

-President Cabaday read aloud Resolution 2019-12 – Allegheny Financial Group Pension Signers and moved to approve with the following roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner T. Benovic; "aye", Commissioner J. Cabaday; "aye"; Commissioner F. Mussett; "aye"; Commissioner S. Messina;" aye". With all in favor, Resolution 2019-12 was duly approved.

Old Business: Nothing to report

New Business:

Commissioner F. Mussett motioned to hire Christopher Nies for the Township Maintenance Position with a 90-day probationary period, Commissioner S. Messina seconded; the motion carried.

Commissioner T. Benovic motioned to approve the recommendations of Allegheny Financial Group for Rebalancing the Portfolios of the Uniformed and Non-Uniformed pension plans, S. Messina seconded; the motion carried.

Commissioner S. Messina motioned to use outside services for items to be notarized, Commissioner F. Mussett seconded; the motion carried.

Commissioner J. Cabaday stated that Commissioner E. Gerardine met with Northwest Savings Banker Paul Kruszewski and applied for a loan for \$365,944 for street repairs. He asked for approval for the loan from the Board and to have Commissioner F. Mussett as his secondary signer on said loan. Commissioner S. Messina made a motion for approval of loan and for Commissioner Frank Mussett as secondary signer on the loan, Commissioner T. Benovic seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner F. Mussett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Commissioner T. Benovic seconded; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Jo Cunningham
Board of Commissioner's Secretary