

LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

6:00 p.m.

March 11, 2020

4230 Iroquois Avenue

In Attendance: Commissioner T. Benovic, Commissioner F. Mussett, Commissioner Eric Gerardine, Engineer T. Podskalny, Solicitor A. Martinucci, Secretary C. Cunningham

Visitors: Joe Golden, Dale Durst, Charles Curtis, Rick Garman

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

Allegheny Financial Report:

Vice President T. Benovic gave the floor to Mr. John Kraus from Allegheny Financial who presented the Board with the yearly financial reports for Uniformed and Non-Uniformed pension plans. He reported that 2019 was a great year in the market with the accounts being up 17%. With the threat of Corona Virus, the market is down a little. Kraus stated that consumers should not remove any investments and to stay the course.

Commissioner E. Gerardine made a motion to accept the Allegheny Reports and any Recommendations, Commissioner F. Mussett seconded and the motion was carried.

Engineers Report:

-Community Center Air Conditioning & Air Handling Upgrade Project-Urban is continuing our coordination efforts for final design and bid package preparation for upgrades to the Township Community Center Building's air conditioning and air handling systems. Urban has finalized an agreement with CJL Engineering (an MEP firm) to perform the design as a subconsultant to Urban. A project kickoff meeting and building walkthrough with the Township is tentatively being scheduled for the afternoon Monday, March 16th.

-Soudan Lift Station Replacement Project: Urban has prepared the formal Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee (EJCDC) Design Engineering Agreement for the Soudan Lift facility in accordance with the latest USDA comments and has forwarded it to the Township for review and execution

-Chapter 94 Report: Per Township request, Urban prepared and submitted the annual Wasteload Management Chapter 94 Report to the City of Erie Sewer Authority on February 20th, meeting their request for submittal by February 28th

Solicitors Report:

-Work proceeds on the USDA/RDA project; we are working with Bond Counsel on documents for the initial round of financing.

-We have reviewed various pleadings and other court filings regarding the lien free tax sale, all of which appear to be in order.

-We are preparing the formal Ordinance incorporating changes to the Building and Code Enforcement Ordinance, as approved by the Planning Commission and, provisionally, by you. That will be advertised for Public Comment and possible adoption at the April meeting.

-We have reviewed a bid to purchase property from the County tax repository.

-We have taken steps to satisfy a municipal lien for a property that recently sold.

Reports:

Commissioner E. Gerardine made a motion to approve all reports as presented. Commissioner F. Mussett seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Visitors signed in to speak: Charlene Nunez, Dale Durst

Public Comment:

-Dale Durst asked if it was against an ordinance to break up a sidewalk leading from the front sidewalk in front of a home up to the front door and to use the ground up pieces as a walkway. Solicitor Martinucci said it is not a violation to use ground concrete on your property as a walkway surface but would have the secretary check into it. Durst also asked if it was legal for someone to use gravel as a driveway as well and Secretary Cunningham said she would have the address checked for violation.

Bills:

Commissioner F. Mussett made a motion to pay bills as presented, Commissioner E. Gerardine seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Minutes:

E. Gerardine made a motion to approve the Minutes for 2/12/20. Commissioner F. Mussett seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Resolutions:

-Vice President Benovic read aloud Resolution 2020-05 Allegheny Financial Signers and moved to approve with the following roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner T. Benovic; "aye"; Commissioner E. Gerardine "aye"; Commissioner F. Mussett; "aye", with all in favor, Resolution 2020-04 was duly approved.

Old Business: N/A**New Business:**

-Commissioner F. Mussett motioned to approve the sale of a parcel from Repository for Unsold Properties, Commissioner E. Gerardine seconded the motion; the motion carried.

-Commissioner F. Mussett motioned to hire Linda Bliley to replace Sara Hillhouse as Township accountant and signer on all legal documents/banking/investment accounts. Commissioner E. Gerardine seconded the motion; the motion carried.

-Commissioner F. Mussett motioned to waive the vendor fee as well as the open container ordinance for June 6, 2020 for the duration of the food truck festival. Commissioner E. Gerardine seconded the motion; the motion carried.

-Commissioner E. Gerardine motioned to allow Thomas Construction to set up a Field Office trailer (at the cost of \$300 per month) on the corner of the Water Street parking lot for approximately 5 months during the construction of the PennDOT/Main Street Bridge. Commissioner F. Mussett seconded the motion; the motion carried.

~Commissioner F. Mussett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Commissioner E. Gerardine seconded; the motion carried. ~

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Jo Cunningham
Board of Commissioner's Secretary