

LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

6:00 p.m.

April 14, 2021

4230 Iroquois Avenue

In Attendance: Commissioner J. Cabaday, Commissioner T. Benovic, Commissioner J. Golden, Commissioner F. Mussett, Solicitor A. Martinucci, Secretary C. Cunningham

~Commissioner Cabaday called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Visitors: Dale Durst, Jim VanDyne, Dannielle Nebinski, Rick Garman

Allegheny Financial Report:

Commissioner J. Cabaday gave the floor to Mr. John Kraus from Allegheny Financial who presented the Board with the financial reports for Uniformed and Non-Uniformed pension plans. He reported that the plans are doing very well. Both plans have increased in value and it has been a good year, but the downward turn has rebounded quickly. Kraus stated we are still in recovery from the pandemic but things are on the rise with the economy primed and ready to go, and 2021 should be one of the best economic years in a long time and will continue into 2022.

Reports:

Engineers Report:

- Community Center Air Conditioning & Air Handling (HVAC and Electric) Upgrade Project – Urban is continuing our coordination efforts for the project as required.
- Lakeside Boat Ramp- Armor stone was placed under Urban observation on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.
- 2021 Sanitary Sewer Line Root Control- Urban continues to coordinate with Duke's Root Control for a 2021 contract for treatment of those sanitary sewer lines whose guarantee is due to expire in 2021 prior to their expiration date. Once a contract is signed, we will coordinate with Duke's and inform the Township as to proposed treatment date(s). One (1) additional manhole at the County Library Branch will be added for treatment per the Township's request.
- Four Mile Creek Pedestrian Bridge at Twinbrook/Bell Street- The existing pedestrian bridge over Four Mile Creek is a safety hazard to the public and, as such, needs to be removed as soon as possible. The existing bridge has been fenced off and warning signs have been posted by the Township. Urban is assisting the Township in coordinating the bridge removal with the PADEP, NFG (which has a gas line attached/supported on the north side of the bridge) and potential construction firms. NFG has indicated that they intend to have temporarily removed their line from service in late April, 2021. From coordination conducted with the PADEP, it is anticipated that the removal can be accomplished under an emergency permit. The Township has indicated that their desire is to construct a new pedestrian bridge as a replacement at a downstream location at Field Street. Public monies would be sought by the Township for design and construction of a replacement pedestrian bridge.

Solicitors Report:

- We have continued work on the RUS/USDA financing for the Sewer System Improvements. We have closed on the Interim Financing.
- We have reviewed draft and proposed contracts regarding the HVAC project.
- We have been engaged to undertake work on the financing of the HVAC project under the Local Government Unit Debt Act.
- Have addressed and continue to work on various personnel issues.

~Commissioner F. Mussett made a motion to approve all reports as presented. Commissioner J. Golden seconded the motion; the motion carried. ~

Visitors signed in to speak: Jim VanDyne voiced concern that people are parking on the grass at Lake Cliff Park, he also said there is continued activity at night at the boat ramp area and he didn't like to call East County but wanted to talk to the Police Chief. Commissioner Cabaday said if he did not want to call that number, he could email the township and the Chief will be alerted.

~Dannielle Nebinski from Northern Pennsylvania Regional College spoke to the Board and gave information on what courses are offered at the College and also the locations where some courses are offered.

Bills:

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

Minutes:

Commissioner J. Golden made a motion to approve the Minutes for 3/10/21 Commissioner F. Mussett seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Old Business:

~Commissioner Benovic stated the Food Truck Fest Committee would like to move out the date of the Festival to tentatively July 10. Benovic also said the last bit of paperwork for the first grant concerning the Boat ramp has been submitted and the second grant applied for has been awarded.

New Business:

~Commissioner Cabaday read aloud Ordinance 2021-02 and motioned to accept the Ordinance as proposed: Commissioner T. Benovic Seconded the motion; the motion passed. Commissioner Cabaday moved to approve and enact the Ordinance with the following roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham and Commissioner T. Benovic Seconded, with the following roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner T. Benovic; "aye"; Commissioner J. Cabaday; "aye"; Commissioner F. Mussett; "aye"; Commissioner J. Golden; "aye", with all in favor, Ordinance 2021-02 was duly approved.

~Commissioner F. Mussett motioned to pay the Legal Services for Arthur D. Martinucci (Quinn Law Firm) for associated fees concerning Ordinance 2021-02 Financial loan.

~Commissioner Benovic spoke with the Board concerning purchasing Christmas decoration for Main Street. With the cost of all the emergency situations that have come up recently she asked if the Board felt that this was a good idea. Benovic wanted to get feedback from the Board before proceeding with the purchase order.

~Commissioner F. Mussett motioned to advertise for Boat Ramp Renovation Bids when design and bid packets are ready. Commissioner T. Benovic seconded; the motion carried.

~Commissioner T. Benovic motioned to advertise for 2021 Streets Resurfacing Bids when design and bid packets are ready. Commissioner J. Golden seconded; the motion carried.

~Commissioner F. Mussett motioned to accept the amended East County changes to the Bylaws. Commissioner T. Benovic seconded; the motion carried.

~Commissioner F. Mussett motioned to hire Joe Douglas as permanent part time employee. Commissioner T. Benovic seconded; the motion carried with Commissioner J. Golden abstaining.

~Commissioner F. Mussett motioned to approve the Township Secretary to advertise if any Township Employee vacancy arises; Commissioner T. Benovic seconded: the motion carried.

~Commissioner Cabaday informed attending residents that the footbridge over by the creek connecting to Water Street will be replaced and made handicapped accessible as well as approved solar lighting to light the area up. Cabaday stated that a grant has been applied for concerning this project but this will take some time to get done and she asked that residents be patient while grants, money, permits etc. are applied for and granted.

~The Board excused for an executive session and reconvened at 6:59 p.m.

~Commissioner F. Mussett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner T. Benovic seconded; the motion carried. ~

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Jo Cunningham
Board of Commissioner's Secretary