

LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 8, 2023

6:00 p.m.

4230 Iroquois Avenue

In Attendance: Commissioner J. Golden, Commissioner T. Benovic, Commissioner B. Rodemaker, Commissioner D. Williams, Commissioner J. Moffett, Solicitor A. Martinucci, Engineer A. Holland, Secretary C. Cunningham

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

Solicitor A. Martinucci administered the Oath of Office to Dale Williams effective October 11, 2023.

REPORTS:

Engineers Report:

Soudan Lift Station Replacement Status:

- USDA – Ongoing coordination to address USDA review comments.
- Penelec – Ongoing electric service coordination

PennDOT Bureau of Public Transportation – Lawrence Park Township and Wesleyville Transit and Multimodal Feasibility Study:

- Bridge Inspection was submitted to PennDOT for review in October. Pending comments/approval.
- Concept plans and stakeholder meetings to follow.

Cunningham Lift Station Grinder – DCED Grant Application Coordination

- Decisions may be November 21st

Solicitors Report:

- We have filed the action against Robert Hiegel, Jr. with regard to the code enforcement complaint for 438 Harvey Ave. The hearing is November 30, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
- We have prepared a formal resolution regarding the denial of the Erie Gas, LLC liquor license transfer, which will be presented at tonight's meeting.

~Commissioner Benovic motioned to approve all reports as presented. Commissioner Rodemaker seconded the motion; the motion carried~

Visitors: Brad Petak, Dale Durst, Charles Curtis, Ed Eller, Ed Crowther, Joe Michalegko, Kate Griffin

Signed in to speak: Brad Petak, Joe Michalegko

~Mr. Petak addressed the Board regarding recycling. He asked if there were a way to put a bin at the Township Building. Commissioner Golden explained that the amount of people who were recycling (2%) and doing so appropriately were so small that it was decided to do away with recycling pick up. Golden asked the Secretary what the cost was to the Township and she responded that the price was approximately \$120k when it was last provided. The cost of recycling to the community to do so at each household would be as much as their regular trash bill (if not slightly higher) therefore it was decided not to have the carrier quote that in this contract. Pro-Waste does provide a recycle site as well as a site on E. Lake Road but that site only has bins for plastic. A bin cannot be put at the Township Building due to the State police being housed here and the parking areas must be kept free of traffic in case of emergency vehicles needing to leave quickly. Commissioner Golden said that he would speak to Wesleyville Borough to see if this is something that we could work together on. Petak also asked if the Township would be getting any other cable services in the area. Golden explained that it is resident interest and that they would need to let them know that you are interested in it. The more people that generate interest is how they consider servicing an area.~

~Mr. Michalegko explained that he is upset about the condition of the property at 438 Harvey as his back yard is up against this property, and if he were to sell his property at this point the value would be less due to the condition of the burned-out home and why the Township has not condemned it. Solicitor Martinucci explained that there is due process when it comes to condemning a property. He also explained that there is a hearing set up for November 30th and anyone is allowed to attend that hearing. Michalegko asked if the Township was planning on a Spring leaf pick up. Moffett explained that the Board is still in process of trying to figure out how to pick up leaves that would best suit everyone due to the fact that the houses closer to the lake do not drop their leaves as soon as they do south East Lake Road. Michalegko said that the Township had sent out several notices via the Township website, email blast and the Township Facebook Page. Moffett stated the Board is open for suggestions as we are continually trying to make things easiest for residents. Moffett said that the maintenance crew has been picking up bagged leaves everyday when they drive by on their way to check the sewer stations or any other maintenance job

they are doing, and they see bags they are picking them up even when it is not a designated week. Michalegko asked why the police chief was not at the meeting, Commissioner Golden said that he was on vacation. Michalegko said that the police department needs to do a better job with relationships with the Township residents. He suggested that instead of just driving around in the squad cars they should be stopping, getting out of their cars, and walking around and looking at things and speaking to residents and creating a good relationship with them.

Bills:

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

Minutes:

- Commissioner Rodemaker made a motion to approve BOC Minutes from October 11, 2023, Commissioner Benovic seconded the motion; the motion carried.
- Commissioner Benovic made a motion to approve Budget meeting minutes from October 17, 2023 Commissioner Rodemaker seconded the motion; the motion carried.
- Commissioner Golden read aloud Resolution 2023-18 a Resolution approving the EACOG 2024 Budget following roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner Rodemaker; "aye"; Commissioner Benovic; "aye"; Commissioner Golden; "aye"; Commissioner Williams; "aye"; Commissioner Moffett; "aye"; with all in favor, Resolution 2023-18 was duly approved.
- Commissioner Golden read aloud Resolution 2023-19 a Resolution regarding the denial of Liquor License transfer No. R-10694, with the following roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner Rodemaker; "nay"; Commissioner Benovic; "aye"; Commissioner Golden; "aye"; Commissioner Williams; "Abstain"; Commissioner Moffett; "aye"; with 3 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstained; Resolution 2023-19 was duly approved.
- Commissioner Golden read aloud Resolution 2023-20 amending of Resolution 2023-17 Fire Department Authority with the following roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner Rodemaker; "aye"; Commissioner Benovic; "aye"; Commissioner Golden; "aye"; Commissioner Williams; "aye"; Commissioner Moffett; "aye"; with all in favor, Resolution 2023-20 was duly approved.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

- Commissioner Rodemaker motioned to approve hiring Jon Garman for temporary full time at \$18 per hour and move to permanent full time January 1, 2024; Commissioner Williams seconded the motion; the motion carried.
- Zoning Code Enforcement Officer Charles Clorley spoke to the Board regarding Zoning maps. The current maps that we have are conflicting. Commissioner Golden stated that he would have the Township Office staff look into the archives to see if there was an updated Ordinance regarding the R-1 R-2 maps.
- Commissioner Rodemaker motioned to approve the purchase of a new Johnston Street Sweeper through U.S. Municipal; Commissioner Williams seconded the motion; the motion passed.
- Commissioner Benovic motioned to approve securing a loan through Acceptance Leasing & Financing Service for the purchase of a Johnston Street sweeper ; Commissioner Williams seconded the motion; the motion passed.
- Commissioner Rodemaker motioned to approve the hiring of part time maintenance help at \$18 per hour; Commissioner Benovic seconded the motion; the motion passed.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Jo Cunningham
Board of Commissioner's Secretary