LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

6:00 p.m. April 10, 2024 4230 Iroquois Avenue

**In Attendance:** Commissioner B. Rodemaker, Commissioner T. Buchleitner, Commissioner D. Williams,   
Commissioner T. Benovic, Commissioner J. Golden, Engineer A. Holland, Solicitor,  L. Caparosa, Chief J. Morell, Secretary C. Cunningham

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

Commissioner Rodemaker 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. The economy is in better shape. The plans were up 12 % toward the end of 2023. The beginning of this year the plans are in great shape. There has been no recession and unemployment is under 4% meaning the economy will continue to grow, long term this is good news. The plans are up over 12% Kraus recommends to keep the plans as they are.

**REPORTS:**

**Engineers Report:**

1. Soudan Lift Station Replacement Status
   1. USDA coordination of comments-resubmittal March 27, 2027. Review pending.
2. Cunningham Lift Station Grinder
   1. A WQM Permit Required. Urban working on permit package and coordination with DEP and Spaeder.
3. Root Cleaning Coordination
   1. Urban has contacted Duke’s for formal proposal with additional information on services. Urban will assist with observation/coordination for work.
4. PennDOT Bureau of Public Transportation – Lawrence Park Township and Wesleyville Transit and Multimodal Feasibility Study;
   1. A Report submitted to BPT March 25, 2024. No Comments yet from BPT.
5. Chapter 94 Report for Erie WWTP
   1. Received data for flows/volumes for LPT system from City of Erie.
   2. Flow data is much lower than previous years (~35% of typical flow 2009-2023). Urban awaiting response from Erie Sewers.

**Police Report:**

The police answered 795 calls in the month of March. From January 1 through the end of March (Quarter 1) the number of calls was 1,602. The total of calls for the year 2023 was 8,463. Calls have increased 19% in 2024 thus far. There are 7 officers on the street and 2 school resource officers. March saw 2 considerable drug arrests which included guns. There has been an uptick in transient crimes as well.

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

**Visitors :**Mark Riggle, Jerome Mountain, Paula Cassady, Chris Buchleitner, Dale Durst, Robert Gindlesperger, Ed Eller, Lisa Ferrick

**Signed in to speak**: N/A

**Bills:**

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

**Minutes & Resolutions:**

* Commissioner Benovic made a motion to approve BOC Minutes from March 13, 2024, Commissioner Williams seconded the motion; the motion carried.
* Commissioner Benovic made a motion to approve Special Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2024, Commissioner Buchleitner seconded the motion; the motion carried.
* Commissioner Rodemaker read aloud Resolution 2024-11 a Resolution to Surplus the 1991 Street Sweeper with the following roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner Golden; “aye”; Commissioner Buchleitner; “aye”; Commissioner Rodemaker; “aye”; Commissioner Williams; “aye”; Commissioner Benovic; “aye”; with all in favor, Resolution 2024-11 was duly approved.
* Commissioner Rodemaker read aloud Resolution 2024-12 a Resolution to Surplus a Vinyl Cutter with the following roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner Golden; “aye”; Commissioner Buchleitner; “aye”; Commissioner Rodemaker; “aye”; Commissioner Williams; “aye”; Commissioner Benovic; “aye”; with all in favor, Resolution 2024-12 was duly approved.

**Old Business:** Chief Morell stated that the LSA system grant is being processed and the invoice has been submitted.

**New Business:**

* Commissioner Buchleitner read the results of the Streets Resurfacing bids and minutes, Commissioner Williams motioned to accept the minutes and Award the 2024 Streets Resurfacing Contract to McCormick Construction Commissioner Rodemaker seconded; the motion carried.
* Commissioner Golden motioned to advertise the Graphtec Vinyl Cutter as surplus property and to be sold to the public through the Township bidding procedure, Commissioner Benovic seconded; the motion carried.
* Commissioner Benovic motioned to Engage with Grass Root Solutions for the DCED STMP Program, Commissioner Buchleitner seconded; the motion carried.
* Commissioner Benovic stated that the Shakespeare in the Park will take place again this year. Also, a 5K run will take place on the 4th of July at 7 am. Both items will be presented before the board at a later date.
* Commissioner Williams commended the Township office employees, Maintenance employees, Police and Fire Departments for all the effort put into planning before, during and after the total Eclipse event. Also, Williams thanked residents for being mindful of the parks and areas used during the event that day.

~Commissioner Benovic motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m., Commissioner Buchleitner seconded; the motion carried.~

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Jo Cunningham

Board of Commissioner’s Secretary