

## **PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

September 14, 2020

### **A PUBLIC MEETING FOR ORDINANCE 20-04; AN ORDINANCE EXPRESSING THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MANCHESTER'S DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FORMATION OF A JOINT AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITY AUTHORITIES ACT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPERATION AND FILING OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

Supervisor's Present Remotely:

Steven Harlacher – Chairman  
Dave Markel – Vice Chairman  
Rosa Hickey – Supervisor

Staff Present:

Kelly Kelch – Township Manager  
Andrew Herrold – Solicitor-Remotely  
Laura Mummert – Stenographer  
Clifton Laughman – Fire Chief

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Township Manager Kelch called the hearing to order at 4:00 p.m. Kelch stated the purpose of this hearing was to consider Ordinance 20-04, expressing the Township of West Manchester's desire to participate in the formation of a joint authority pursuant to the Pennsylvania municipality authorities act and to authorize the preparation and filing of articles of incorporation with the secretary of the commonwealth
- B. Manager Kelch stated that this Public Hearing Meeting would be closed to the public due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Governor's instruction for Stay-At-Home practices. However, this meeting was live to the public through the Township's Recreation and Fire Department Facebook pages. It was also stated that residents could make public comment on these pages and it would be addressed. Manager Kelch also provided two phone numbers that the public could call in with any concerns/questions.
- C. Manager Kelch requested Solicitor Herrold state the rules of the Hearing.

II. RULES OF HEARING

A. Herrold stated the Rules of Procedure for the Hearing.

III. PRESENTATION OF REQUEST

A. Manager Kelch explained that West Manchester Township, along with other neighboring Townships and Boroughs, desire to form a joint authority to run and operate the York City Sewer Authority as the Township currently utilizes the services from this sewer system.

IV. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A. There were no questions from the public.

V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A. There were no comments from the public.

VI. QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD

A. There were no questions from the Board.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

A. There were no comments from the Board.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Manager Kelch announced that a Special Meeting would be held directly after the public hearing to make a decision on the proposed Ordinance 20-04.

B. A Special Meeting was convened as advertised directly after the public hearing. A motion was made by Chairman Harlacher to approve Ordinance 20-04, expressing the Township of West Manchester's desire to participate in the formation of a joint authority pursuant to the Pennsylvania municipality authorities act and to authorize the preparation and filing of articles of incorporation with the secretary of the commonwealth. Supervisor Hickey second the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

- C. Manager Kelch announced an Executive Session was held prior to today's meeting to discuss personnel issues, and for the Board to consider possible candidates for representation to the York City Sewer Authority.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

MOTION: S. Harlacher  
SECOND: R. Hickey

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY