

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AUGUST 21, 2008 MEETING MINUTES**

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**1) Executive Session:**

- a) Mr. DiPaolo called the executive session to order at 6:35 p.m. seconded by Mr. Brown. The following Supervisors were present: Mr. Brown, Mr. DiPaolo, Mr. Sassu and Mrs. Altieri. Mr. Dininny was absent. Also present were Township Manager Mr. Dunbar and Solicitor Mr. Onorato. A discussion took place on personnel matters. Mr. Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Mr. DiPaolo.

**2) Public Meeting: Call to Order**

- a) Vice Chairman Sassu called the public meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**3) Pledge of Allegiance**

**4) Roll Call:**

- a) The following members were present: Supervisors Altieri, Brown, DiPaolo and Sassu.
- b) Mr. Dininny was absent.
- c) Also present were Solicitor David Onorato, Township Engineer John Chambers, Police Chief Francis Carroll, Public Works Director David Shaffer, Parks & Recreation Director Kelly Donohue, Project Analyst Nate Dysard, Director of Special Projects and Technology William Roth, Director of Community Development Michael Siegel, and Township Manager Joseph Dunbar.

**5) Chairman's Comments:**

- a) Vice Chairman Sassu announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

**6) Public Participation on Agenda Items:**

- a) Mrs. Ann Allebach, 4039 Eagleville Road, commented that she has lost enough of her property to the school district, and requested that the Board postpone their vote for item 3g, the Arcola traffic signal plan, until they have the result from a hearing with PennDOT on this matter.
- b) Mr. John Andrews, 8011 Fairview Lane, also commented on the events relating to the Arcola traffic signal and the appeal relating to the signal filed by residents. Mr. Andrews also requested that the Board defer their vote pending results from that hearing.

**7) Consent Agenda:**

- a) **MOTION** – Supervisor Altieri made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1a through 1c, including meeting minutes for July 17, 2008. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion.
  - i) Supervisor Brown commented that he is withholding his approval of invoice #19421 for \$636.06 to the firm of Mandracchia & McQuirk relating to the Leo T. White appeal, and is withholding his vote on all matters relating to the Leo T. White appeal.
  - ii) Supervisor DiPaolo commented that he was also withholding his approval for that invoice and matters pertaining to the Leo T. White Zoning Hearing Board appeal until the case is resolved.
  - iii) **MOTION VOTE** – The motion *passed* 4-0.
  - iv) Mr. Onorato clarified that the invoice relating to Leo White will not be paid, as it was a 2-2 vote for that item only.

**8) Presentations & Commendations:**

- a) Presentation to Representative Carole Rubley for all her dedicated work to Lower Providence Township:
  - i) Supervisor Sassu presented flowers and a small gift to Representative Carole Rubley, who has been a member of the PA Legislature for the past 16 years. He noted that she has done a lot for the Township, and been a good friend to her constituents.

- ii) Rep. Rubley explained that with redistricting that occurred in 2002; about half of Lower Providence Township was included in her district. She chose not to run for another term and will step down from office in November. Rep. Rubley thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the Township.
  - b) Presentation to Matt Kuhnert for 5 years of service with Lower Providence Township, and for Commendation for Valor:
    - i) Supervisor Sassu, along with Chief Carroll, first made a presentation to Matt Kuhnert acknowledging his five years of service with the Township. Mr. Sassu reviewed Mr. Kuhnert's educational and work background and accomplishments, including his service with the U.S. Marine Corps.
    - ii) Mr. Sassu then relayed the events of December 29, 2007, detailing Officer Kuhnert's heroism in stopping a suspect from shooting another Police Officer while placing himself in harms way. Officer Kuhnert was presented with a Commendation for Valor and medal to be worn on his uniform.
    - iii) Officer Kuhnert thanked Chief Carroll, the Board, his wife and others for their support.
  - c) Presentation to Michael Siegel for 5 years of service with Lower Providence Township:
    - i) Supervisor Sassu made a presentation to Michael Siegel acknowledging his five years of service with the Township. He reviewed Mr. Siegel's educational and work background, including the publication of various articles and ordinances relating to development and zoning.
    - ii) Mr. Siegel thanked the Board and Mr. Dunbar for the opportunity to serve the Township, noting his goal has been to make Lower Providence Township a place other townships are jealous of.
  - d) Recognition of Township Employee James Alexander, Volunteer Fire Chief for Commendation for Merit:
    - i) Supervisor Sassu, Chief Carroll, and Mr. Charles DeFrancesco were present to recognize Township Public Works employee James Alexander for his actions the day of April 27, 2008, and present him with a Commendation for Merit and medal to be worn on his uniform.
    - ii) Mr. Sassu reviewed details of a fire that Mr. Alexander responded too as a volunteer Fire Chief with LPPFD, during which he evacuated five firefighters from a burning structure where they could have been harmed or killed. Mr. Alexander has been a volunteer fire fighter for 20 years.
    - iii) Mr. Alexander thanked Mr. Dunbar, the Board and Department Heads for this honor.
- 9) New Business:**
- a) Commerce Bank –Lark Lane requirement on speed humps:
    - i) Mr. Dunbar explained that as part of the Commerce Bank project, one of the conditional use requirements called for the installation of speed humps on Lark Lane. Pre and post construction traffic counts have been taken in this area, and staff met with residents to obtain their input on the speed humps. The results of meetings and direct mail questionnaires to residents conclude that residents in the direct area of Lark Lane near Commerce Bank do not want to have speed humps installed. If the Board chooses not to require the humps, Mr. Dunbar indicated that escrow money for the humps could be released back to the applicant.
    - ii) Mr. Onorato commented that this matter is up to the Board's discretion.
    - iii) **MOTION** – Supervisor Altieri made a motion to concur with Mr. Dunbar's recommendation. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-0.
  - b) Penn Liberty Bank – Sidewalk agreement:
    - i) Mr. Onorato explained that he has an agreement for the Board's approval with Penn Liberty Bank. Penn Liberty Bank has sidewalks along to the front of their property on Ridge Pike, and are requesting that they not be required to install the last 20 ft. of sidewalk on either side, as there are no sidewalks to connect to on the adjacent parcels. Penn Liberty Bank agrees to extend the sidewalk and connect it should either of the adjoining parcels install sidewalks in the future.
    - ii) **MOTION** – Supervisor Altieri made a motion to accept the agreement. Supervisor DiPaolo seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-0.

- c) Deed of consolidation on Township parcels, and authorization to advertise a public hearing on Evansburg Point Park master plan:
  - i) **MOTION** – Supervisor Brown made a motion to table both of these items. Supervisor Altieri seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-0.
- d) CVS letter of credit release / conditional use requirement:
  - i) Mr. Onorato indicated that CVS has requested their letter of credit be released for the development at Egypt, Park and Pawlings Roads. The only outstanding issue relates to a requirement to place stucco on the Jersey barrier in front of the Audubon Inn. PennDOT will not permit stucco on the barrier, and has requested it be painted instead. The Board must approve this change in order to release the escrow money.
  - ii) Mr. Dunbar noted that CVS has indicated they will continue to maintain and repaint the barrier as necessary in perpetuity.
  - iii) **MOTION** – Supervisor Altieri made a motion to permit the barrier to be painted and release the escrow funds. Supervisor DiPaolo seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 3-1. Supervisor Brown opposed the motion because he does not think the barrier needs to be painted; this is a maintenance issue that will continue to require re-painting.
- e) Joint Township & Sewer Authority consultant professional services agreement:
  - i) Mr. Dunbar explained that the Township and the Sewer Authority are consolidating their developer escrow agreements. This is to prevent timing issue problems with the 90-day clock, whereby developers often fail to file with the Sewer Authority. The joint agreement consolidates both sets of fees.
  - ii) **MOTION** – Supervisor Brown made a motion to execute the professional services agreement. Supervisor DiPaolo seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-0.
- f) Dedication of Forest Lane – Carbone Brothers:
  - i) Mr. Onorato explained that there was a question if the contractors for Carbone Brothers and Mr. Craig would be paid. They posted a maintenance bond and will pay the contractors when the escrow funds are released.
  - ii) **MOTION** – Supervisor Brown made a motion to accept dedication for Forest Lane. Supervisor Altieri seconded the motion.
    - (1) Supervisor DiPaolo asked if they executed a maintenance agreement? Mr. Siegel indicated that they have.
    - (2) **MOTION VOTE** – The motion *passed* 4-0.
- g) Arcola Middle School traffic signal plan & PennDOT HOP:
  - i) Mr. Onorato noted that while the public has raised an issue relating to the traffic signal, the Board previously approved this application, which has a driveway and traffic light in it. The school district made an application to PennDOT, and it is a formality that the Township has to approve applying for the permit. While residents have filed an appeal to the permit, tonight's action is necessary for the Township and has no effect on PennDOT's review or the appeal.
  - ii) Supervisor Sassu asked if this action was necessary for the appeal to go through? Mr. Onorato indicated that it wasn't.
  - iii) Mr. Sassu asked if they were required to take action? Mr. Onorato indicated the Township must take ownership of the light should it be installed.
  - iv) **MOTION** – Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the Arcola Middle School traffic signal plan and PennDOT HOP. Supervisor Altieri seconded the motion.
    - (1) Supervisor DiPaolo requested that the motion be amended to be approved subject to the results of the resident's appeal.
    - (2) **AMENDED MOTION** – Supervisor Brown amended his motion to approve the Arcola Middle School traffic signal plan and PennDOT HOP subject to the results of the resident's appeal. Supervisor Altieri seconded the amended motion.
    - (3) Mr. Sassu commented that they, reluctantly, have to do this because they are required to.
    - (4) **Public Comment:**

(a) Ms. Candy Allebach, 4039 Eagleville Road, commented that they were never notified by PennDOT, the school or the Township about this situation. Now they keep being pushed back and forth between the three groups when trying to obtain answers. She is afraid she will lose more of her property than has already been taken by the school. They want a public hearing so they can oppose this, but are now forced to spend their own money to fight it.

(i) Mr. Dunbar explained that this is a Methacton School District (MSD) project that the district thinks is warranted. The MSD has filed the appropriate applications and worked their way through the land development process, and they have met the subdivision codes of the Township. The Township does not have jurisdiction over PennDOT. If PennDOT determines that no light is required, it will not go in. Mr. Dunbar reviewed the meetings facilitated by the Township with residents and PennDOT to try to address their concerns. With this evening's vote, if the light goes in the Township must take ownership of it. If PennDOT denies the permit tonight's approval is null and void.

(ii) Ms. Allebach noted that when they tried to address their concerns with MSD they were told to go away. She asked if tonight's decision would affect their ability to have the PennDOT hearing?

(iii) Mr. Onorato indicated it would not effect the hearing, it would just say the Township will accept the light if it is installed.

(5) **MOTION VOTE** – The motion *passed* 4-0.

h) Request for use of lighting & permit fee waiver for temporary lighting – Evansburg Point Park:

i) Ms. Donohue noted that the Lower Providence Warrior's (LPW) have requested permission to use temporary lights on the multi-purpose field, and a waiver of the permit fee for use of those lights.

ii) Mr. Al Vagnozzi, 3825 Monitor Drive, President of LPW was present to discuss their request. Mr. Vagnozzi explained they are requesting use of temporary lighting for the practice field as was done in the past, and are also requesting use of lights on the main field while they work through the process of resolving the lighting issue with DCNR and Suburban Lighting. He provided a schedule of games, noting there are four home game weekends. These games start at 7 p.m. on Fridays and 6 p.m. on Saturdays. They may also have a few practice games.

iii) Supervisor Altieri asked if the lighting design on the play and practice fields were the same as existed last year? Mr. Vagnozzi indicated that it is the same.

iv) Mrs. Altieri asked who was leading the process to resolve the lighting issues with the current field and DCNR?

(1) Mr. Dunbar explained that the LPW have comments from their lighting supplier stating their lights can meet Township requirements. Suburban Lighting thinks they need taller poles. They need to have all parties meet some evening at the field to go over this matter. DCNR is receptive to the approaches being presented for the master plan revisions, but want the same type of lighting used for both the game and practice fields.

(2) Mr. Dunbar noted that the Park Board met last Tuesday to review the plan, but page two was missing, which is why item 3i has been tabled. This will allow time for the Park Board to review the full plan. The LPW will not have any lights unless they receive permission from the Board of Supervisors to use them.

(3) Mrs. Altieri asked if they would have to go to DCNR again once the lighting issue was resolved? Mr. Dunbar explained that it went through the process and received DCNR's approval, but DCNR wants LPW to resolve the non-compliance with Township code on lighting issue.

(4) Mr. Chambers remarked that Suburban Lighting is giving them a footprint of where the lights will be on the football field so they can add this to the plan. Mr. Dunbar remarked this might be premature if the LPW lighting consultant thinks they can use the existing poles. Mr.

Dunbar requested that Suburban Lighting stop work until they can go to the field and meet with the LPW and their consultant. Mr. Chambers indicated they could stop this work.

- v) **MOTION** – Supervisor Altieri made a motion to grant the use of temporary lighting on the multi-purpose field subject to approval from DCNR; to waive the fee associated with the temporary lighting permit if DCNR approval is granted; and to allow the use of existing lights on the football game field based on the game schedule provided. Supervisor Sassu seconded the motion.
- (1) Mrs. Marge Martinez, 3786 Lewis Road, questioned who paid for Suburban Lighting’s fees?
    - (a) Mr. Dunbar indicated that the Township pays for these fees because Suburban Lighting is the Township’s consultant. They were pulled in by Code Enforcement to provide a review as part of the inspection process, and as part of the master plan process.
    - (b) Mrs. Martinez questioned the cost for this service? Mr. Dunbar indicated about \$13,000 has been spent on engineering fees so far. \$80,000 was budgeted for the master plan and facilities at the park, not including the walking trail costs.
    - (c) Mrs. Martinez stated that she is opposed to additional lights on the field. Children should not be out at night, and there are safety issues related to parking. More fields will create additional issues, and she does not want to see more lighting, even temporary lighting.
  - (2) Supervisor DiPaolo stated he does not have an issue with lighting on the game field, but those issues need to be resolved in a timely manner. He cannot support the lighting for the multi-purpose field, but can for the game field.
  - (3) **MOTION VOTE** – The motion *died 2-2*, with Supervisors Brown and DiPaolo opposing the motion.
  - (4) Supervisor Brown stated that he would like to break down the components of this motion because he does not have a problem with the lights on the game field either.
- vi) **MOTION** – Supervisor DiPaolo made a motion to allow the use of existing lights on the football game field until the spillover lighting issue has been resolved. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion *passed 4-0*.
- vii) **MOTION** – Supervisor Altieri made a motion to grant the use of temporary lighting on the multi-purpose field subject to approval from DCNR; to waive the fee associated with the temporary lighting permit if DCNR approval is granted. Supervisor Sassu seconded the motion.
- (1) Mr. Vagnozzi stated that lighting on the multi-purpose field was necessary because they will soon be in darkness during practice times. If they cannot use the multi-purpose field, they will have to move to use the lights on the game field, which will be destroyed from the extra use. In years past they had to practice on the game field, which is why it was destroyed. If they can use the practice field the game field has time to heal and will be available for lacrosse to use in the spring. If they have to practice on the game field, it will be destroyed and unusable for lacrosse. Mr. Vagnozzi remarked that they would be shutting the LPW down by denying temporary lights for the practice field.
  - (2) Supervisor DiPaolo asked where the Wolverines practice? Mr. Vagnozzi indicated that they use temporary lights. He stated that there were 250 children in LPW who will be impacted by this. They have spent a lot of money on the field and facilities at this park, and he does not want the game field destroyed.
  - (3) Supervisors Brown & DiPaolo questioned what was done to address the neighbor’s issues since last July? Mr. Vagnozzi indicated that he couldn’t address their issues until DCNR approves a plan.
    - (a) Mr. DiPaolo stated that the neighbors had issues with light creep and nothing has occurred on this matter since last July.
    - (b) Mr. Vagnozzi stated he does not have the ability to work with the neighbors. The Township is developing a master plan and working with DCNR. DCNR will not talk to him about the plans.

- (c) Mr. DiPaolo wants to see a reasonable solution with the lighting problem that everyone can agree upon. He represents the neighbors here, and sees that a lot of money has been spent to help a private organization.
- (d) Mr. Vagnozzi noted this is a community organization, and they are not the only ones using these facilities. From March to June the Cougars use the fields and they do not do anything to improve the fields.
- (e) Mr. Dunbar noted that the MSD has also now applied to use Evansburg Point Park from 3-5 p.m. for the Arcola Middle School. Ms. Donohue explained this would be for their football team to have three games and some practices, as well as use it for their track and lacrosse teams.
- (4) Mr. Ray Martinez, 3786 Lewis Road, commented this was originally a community park that is now totally used by the Warriors and Cougars, not the community. Once the lights go in there will only be more groups wanting evening use. He asked that the temporary lights be voted down.
- (5) **MOTION VOTE** – The motion *died* 2-2, with Supervisors Brown and DiPaolo opposing the motion.
- viii) Supervisor Brown remarked that if they could come up with a compromise with the neighbors he would be glad to sit in on a special meeting relating to those discussions.
  - (1) Mr. Vagnozzi remarked that they couldn't do that without DCNR approval.
  - (2) Supervisor DiPaolo thinks they can have the discussions, and if everyone is on board with the lights DCNR is more likely to approve the plan. Lack of discussion on this topic since last summer is not satisfactory.
  - (3) Mr. Vagnozzi thinks the neighbors do not have a problem with LPW, but with other groups coming in to use the fields.
  - (4) Mr. DiPaolo remarked that is what happens when you add lights. This is State land and they cannot restrict access to its use. He acknowledges that LPW do a good job and provide a service to the community, however they must deal with the neighbors.
  - (5) Mr. Vagnozzi reiterated that they couldn't drive this project; DCNR will not deal with them.
- ix) Supervisor Altieri asked if they could just give one more year to the LPW to try to work this out rather than shutting them down? This is a group effort with a variety of people involved.
  - (1) Mr. Vagnozzi noted that he just found out this week that Suburban Lighting was working on a plan. But, they never came out to look at the field at night. When he called Ron Smith he was told that they were working with the Township.
  - (2) Ms. Donohue remarked that this issue has been going on for five years. The organization is for the kids. She understands everyone's opinions, but this needs to be resolved quickly so everyone needs to work together.
  - (3) Mr. Dunbar provided a summary of the very lengthy process this project has gone through. This includes revisions that must go through the entire process (Park Board, Board of Supervisors, DCNR) each time. He noted that at the local level, DCNR requested changes and then never got back to the Township on them. When the Township elevated the matter to the State DCNR office in Harrisburg, they wanted something different from what the local office requested. In March Mr. Dunbar and Mr. Chambers met with DCNR in Harrisburg to walk through the master plan and obtain direction on what DCNR wanted. This was finally discussed at this week's Park Board meeting, however there was an issue with page 2 of the plan so it was removed from tonight's agenda. By the second Board meeting in September Mr. Dunbar hopes to address the master plan issue, which will then require a public hearing prior to going back to DCNR. None of this will provide timely resolution to the lighting issue. Mr. Dunbar suggested forwarding the practice schedule to residents to begin discussions on the temporary lighting.

- (4) Mr. Vagnozzi explained that they have practices on Tuesday and Thursday starting in September, and are done by Thanksgiving. Sometimes they may practice on a Friday just before a game.
- (5) Supervisor Brown asked if this issue could be resolved if a six-month extension was granted? Mr. Vagnozzi indicated that he would like to resolve it but it is delayed at the State level.
- (6) Mr. Brown commented that the lighting and parking issues have dragged on for too long. Mr. Vagnozzi noted the parking issues would be resolved with the master plan. He can be here anytime for a meeting to discuss these matters.
- x) Mr. Ray Martinez appreciated the process explanation, but noted that no one ever contacted the residents. He does not have a problem with the six-month extension as long as he is kept involved every step of the way. Supervisor DiPaolo suggested setting up monthly meetings between residents and LPW to get this resolved.
- xi) Mr. John Andrews, 8011 Fairview Lane, suggested that residents install seedling Cedar trees to help provide a buffer from the lights.
- xii) Mrs. Marge Martinez requested they be given current information to work from on this project. Mr. Dunbar believes that they have it, as was provided by Ms. Donohue to Mr. Martinez several months ago. However, Ms. Donohue will provide them with the most current version of the plan.
- (1) Mrs. Martinez commented that at one point in time they could not even park in front of their house because of safety issues. Mr. Dunbar noted that parking had been restricted by the LPPD for safety concerns.
- xiii) Supervisor DiPaolo requested that Mr. Martinez and Mr. Vagnozzi meet with him at 7 p.m. on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> if necessary to resolve these matters.
- xiv) **MOTION** – Supervisor Brown made a motion to provide a six-month extension for the temporary lighting on the multi-purpose field and waive the associated permit fee, in the hope they can resolve these issues. Supervisor DiPaolo seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-0.
- i) Authorization to advertise a public hearing on Evansburg Point Park master plan:
- i) This item was tabled under item 9c above.
- j) Authorization to advertise weed ordinance amendment:
- i) **MOTION** – Supervisor Brown made a motion to authorize the advertisement. Supervisor Altieri seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-0.
- k) Authorization to award RFP's on Township auditor firm:
- i) Mr. Dysard requested that the Board authorized awarding the Township auditor RFP to Maillie Falconiero, in the amount of \$58,800 for a three-year period. They were the low bidder by \$3,500.
- ii) **MOTION** – Supervisor DiPaolo made a motion to authorize staff to enter negotiations for a permanent fee with Barr, King, Thornton, and/or Larson, Allen and eliminate Maillie Falconiero from the audit, for a fee no greater than 20% of Maillie Falconiero's low bid, to be completed within 45 days upon which the expiration of 45 days, they revisit the RFP process.
- (1) Supervisor DiPaolo indicated that he has had issues with Maillie Falconiero's work quality for some time. The final "straw that broke the camel's back" was when he questioned Mr. St. George at the April 3, 2008 meeting about the type of security held by our financial institutions regarding Township deposits, he stated they were all US Treasuries or equivalent. Mr. DiPaolo reviewed the collateral reports from those institutions, and there are no US backed securities at all. They are all mortgaged-backed notes. These are things you hear about on Wall Street where Merrill Lynch is selling them for 50 cents on the dollar. One of the banks has already had to re-capitalize their Act 72 pool by purchasing more securities to stay in compliance with Act 72. Mr. DiPaolo stated that to him this is a material error. Mr. St. George could have indicated he didn't know and get back to them, but he chose not to do that and was wrong.
- (2) Mr. DiPaolo noted that there was an issue with Maillie Falconiero and the Sewer Authority several years ago, where Maillie Falconiero wrote in their report that the Sewer Authority

would collapse under the weight of their own debt in a few months, when they could write a check for the entire balance of their debt. This was a material mischaracterization of the balance sheet and their financial status. The Sewer Authority is doing fine today.

(3) Mr. DiPaolo commented that he does not have any relationship to any of these three firms. He questioned if continuing with Maillie Falconiero, given errors already found, if they are really looking at the books or just going through the motions? He stated that part of the auditor's job was to identify issues so they can address them prior to them becoming larger issues.

(4) **MOTION SECOND & VOTE** – Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion *died* 2-2. Supervisors Altieri and Sassu opposed the motion.

iii) No further action was taken on this item.

l) Authorization to advertise municipal waste bid:

i) Mr. Dysard requested that the Board authorize an advertisement for a municipal waste hauler RFP. The previous RFP did not include recycling.

ii) **MOTION** – Supervisor Brown made a motion to authorize the advertisement. Supervisor Altieri seconded the motion.

(1) Mr. John Andrews began to comment on Township trash removal, but stopped when told this was for the Township's waste removal and not the residents.

(2) **MOTION VOTE** – The motion *passed* 4-0.

m) Authorization to renew membership in Central Westmoreland Council of Government:

i) Mr. Dysard requested authorization to renew membership in the Central Westmoreland Council of Government with a \$150 membership fee. He indicated that they use this membership to purchase vehicles each year at a savings to the Township.

ii) **MOTION** – Supervisor Brown made a motion to authorize the membership renewal. Supervisor DiPaolo seconded the motion.

(1) Supervisor Sassu asked why they couldn't use the State bid to purchase vehicles? Mr. Dysard indicated that they are often able to get a better price through this membership.

(2) **MOTION VOTE** – The motion *passed* 4-0.

n) Authorization to advertise a public hearing on an ordinance providing uniform requirements for direct & indirect contributors into the wastewater collection and treatment system of Lower Perkiomen Valley Regional Sewer Authority:

i) Mr. Onorato explained that this will allow the Township to modify their ordinance to bring it in line with recent changes to the Lower Perkiomen Valley Regional Sewer Authorities requirements, and set a hearing date.

ii) **MOTION** – Supervisor Brown made a motion to authorize the advertisement and set the hearing date for September 18, 2008. Supervisor Altieri seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-0.

o) Authorization to re-advertise a conditional use hearing for 2864 Ridge Pike:

i) Mr. Siegel explained that the applicant has requested a continuance until the September 18, 2008 meeting.

ii) **MOTION** – Supervisor Altieri made a motion to authorize the advertisement. Supervisor Sassu seconded the motion.

(1) Supervisor Brown asked if the Township collects a fee for the re-advertisement from the applicant? Mr. Siegel indicated that because this was the applicant's request, they would pay for the re-advertisement.

(2) **MOTION VOTE** – The motion *passed* 4-0.

## 10) Comments and Other Business:

a) Mr. Dunbar requested authorization to spend \$1,100 for an electrical assessment of the Level Road Schoolhouse. This was not budgeted, but needs to be done based on concerns they have with the current electrical system in that building.

i) **MOTION** – Supervisor Brown made a motion to authorize the expenditure. Supervisor DiPaolo seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-0.

- b) Supervisor Brown asked if anyone could provide information on the accident with a trash truck that occurred August 20<sup>th</sup>, and on a report of dirty water?
  - i) Chief Carroll explained that at 1 p.m. yesterday, a tractor-trailer exiting the J.P. Mascaro property caught on wires running across the entrance and pulled down utility poles. The base of one of these poles caught fire and ignited the surrounding field. The truck driver was able to get out of the truck with no injury. The road was shut down between Trooper and Rittenhouse Roads, and intermittent power outages occurred in the area until the situation was resolved. The Paychex building and nearby townhouse development experienced the longest power outages, which were resolved by 4 a.m. this morning.
  - ii) Mr. Siegel explained that when power went out in the area, well pressure was lost and fire hydrants stirred up sediment in the pipes. Some of this got into hot water heaters, resulting in the “dirty” water. Only three residents near the intersection of the accident complained of this problem. The result was similar to purging the lines.
- c) Supervisor Sassu noted that the Lower Providence Car Show would be held tomorrow at the Fire Company. In addition to cars and motorcycles, there will be a “Cars” moon bounce and they will be showing the movie “Cars.”
- d) Supervisor Sassu remarked that this was Ms. Donohue’s last meeting. She has done a great job for the Township, and they are sorry to see her leave.

**11) Public Comment:**

- a) There were no comments at this time.

**12) Adjournment:**

- a) **MOTION** – Supervisor Altieri made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Dunbar, Secretary