

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING  
MAY 19, 2016**

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**Executive Session:** The Executive Session was called to order at 6:38 p.m. on a motion by Supervisor Zimmerman, seconded by Supervisor MacFarland. Present were Supervisors Mr. Sorgini, Mrs. Eckman, Mr. Duffy, Mr. MacFarland and Mrs. Zimmerman. Also present were Solicitor Mr. Rice, Interim Township Manager Mrs. Rudolf, and Assistant Township Manager Mrs. Golas. The session adjourned at 7:32 p.m. on a motion by Supervisor Zimmerman, seconded by Supervisor Eckman.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Sorgini called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Sorgini, Supervisors Duffy, Eckman and Zimmerman.
- b. Also in attendance were: John Rice, Township Solicitor; Alison Rudolf, Interim Township Manager; William Roth, Director of Special Projects and Technology; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Timothy Woodrow, Township Engineer; Geri Golas, Assistant Township Manager, John Primus, Director of Public Works; Denise Walsh, Community Relations Coordinator, and Stanley Turtle, Chief of Police.

Chairman Sorgini announced that prior to the meeting an executive session was held to discuss legal, personnel and real estate matters.

**1) Consent Agenda**

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), 1(b) and 1(c) including moving the meeting minutes of May 5, 2016 into the record. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. Supervisor MacFarland abstained on Item 1(a). The motion *passed 5-0*.

**2) Presentations**

- A) Swearing in of Justin Hubert as a Police Officer with the Lower Providence Township Police Department.
- B) Presentation to Jeffrey Mitchell in recognition of his service as Student Representative to the Board of Supervisors.
  - i) Chairman Sorgini noted that Jeffrey Mitchell was not in attendance and thanked him for his service. He also stated that the position of Student Representative is now open and has been advertised.

**3) Public Hearing**

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to exit the public meeting and enter into the public hearing. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0*.
- B) An Ordinance amending Article II, Traffic Regulations, prohibiting trucks on certain Township roads and establishing weight limits.
  - i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the need and purpose for the Ordinance. He noted that this was in accordance with what was proposed by McMahan and Associates.
  - ii) Supervisor MacFarland asked when the Ordinance would go into effect. Solicitor Rice said it would be in effect five days after it is approved.
  - iii) Chief Turtle said that the amendments to the code, once approved, will go into effect. The new regulations will be enforced when the Arcola Bridge is open but they wanted to have them in place so they would be prepared.

- C) An Ordinance establishing a Riparian Buffer Overlay Zone.
  - i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the Ordinance. He noted that the Ordinance has been through both the Township's Planning Commission and the Montgomery County Planning Commission. He said that the County's comments in their February letter have been incorporated into the Ordinance.
  - ii) Supervisor Duffy clarified that this was a standard Ordinance enacted across the county. Solicitor Rice stated that the county and the state have been encouraging municipalities to enact this to protect the stream corridors for the past 10 to 15 years and it is meant to work in coordination with the flood plain regulations.
  - iii) Supervisor Duffy asked Mr. Woodrow if this would help with the TDMLs. Mr. Woodrow said that while this is similar to the flood plain ordinance it is more of an environmental ordinance. However, enacting this will help fulfill the requirements of actions the Township has done to help improve the health of the stream by enacting ordinances to effect that result.
- D) An Ordinance amending provisions of the restated Police Pension Plan.
  - i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the Ordinance which was a result of the police pension changes that were agreed upon during the last collective bargaining agreement process.

#### 4) Ordinances

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to exit the public hearing and re-enter into the public meeting. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0*.
- B) An Ordinance amending Article II, Traffic Regulations, prohibiting trucks on certain Township roads and establishing weight limits.
  - i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Ordinance amending Article II, Traffic Regulations, prohibiting trucks on certain Township roads and establishing weight limits. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0*.
- C) An Ordinance establishing a riparian Buffer Overlay Zone
  - i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to approve the Ordinance establishing a riparian Buffer Overlay Zone. Supervisor Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0*.
- D) An Ordinance amending provisions of the restated Police Pension Plan.
  - i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to approve the Ordinance amending provisions of the restated Police Pension Plan. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0*.

#### 5) New Business

- A) Appointment of the Interim Township Manager as Assistant Treasurer
  - i) Interim Manager Alison Rudolf explained this appointment would allow her to sign checks in the case of Assistant Township Manager Geri Golas' absence.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to appoint the Interim Township Manager as Assistant Treasurer. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0*.
- B) Resolution approving an Intermunicipal Agreement between Worcester Township, Lower Providence Township, and the Lower providence Township Sewer Authority.
  - i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the Agreement, noting this has been in process for over a year. He noted that the only thing that has been added since a previous version is a paragraph from the Township dealing with potential PUC issues.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Resolution for an Intermunicipal Agreement between Worcester Township, Lower Providence Township, and

the Lower providence Township Sewer Authority. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

C) Authorization to purchase Public Works dump truck.

- i) Geri Golas reviewed the plan to purchase one of the Township's large dump trucks as per the 5-Year Capital Budget.
- ii) Mr. Primus reviewed the truck replacement plan in the Township, noting that there are currently three trucks that are over 20 years old.
- iii) Ms. Rudolf said she has reviewed the funding options and requested the opportunity to look into funding the payment from reserves rather than placing further debt upon the Township. She recommended approving the purchase and, since the payment is not due until 30 days after delivery, she may have a better payment option by that time.
- iv) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to authorize the purchase of a Public Works dump truck. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

D) Authorization for Mutli-Modal Grant fee negotiation – McMahan Associates.

- i) Ms. Rudolf reviewed the grant project and the process of reviewing the three consultants who bid on the design phase. She recommended the board authorize the selection of McMahan and Associates due to their unique understanding of traffic issues in the Township and surrounding areas as well as the environmental challenges this project faces.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to proceed with the fee negotiations with McMahan Associates. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.

(1) Chairman Sorgini said this is an exciting opportunity to pursue the realignment of Eagle and Crawford roads. He noted that this project is partially funded and the Township continues to pursue additional funding thorough the Multi-Modal grant process.

The motion *passed* 5-0.

E) Review of subdivisions S-16-01, 3864/3868 Germantown Pike – Radatti

- i) Mike Mrozinski reviewed the request for approval of preliminary/final plan. He noted that at this time there is no construction or improvements proposed and this is simply a lot subdivision.
- ii) Mr. Brad Grauel of OTM Engineer appeared on behalf of the applicant.
  - (1) Mr. MacFarland asked if this would be permitted within the zoning. Woodrow said that it was. He said they reviewed the application they determined that it did not have any adverse impact any prior zoning ordinance relief and the project is worthy of approval. Solicitor Rice agreed.
  - (2) Solicitor Rice confirmed that the applicant was offering a Right of Way for dedication outside of the legal right of way. The access to the property and driveways were reviewed.
  - (3) Supervisor Eckman asked if the applicant was aware of any neighbor opposition to subdivision. Mr. Mrozinski said that they have heard no comments. Supervisor Eckman asked if this project had been publically posted. Discussion was held as to advertisement, the appropriate timing and legal requirements of posting. Solicitor Rice stated that as part of the application process it would be posted. Since the applicant would be before the board in two weeks for approval he said that posting should take place as soon as possible.

F) Proclamation setting aside June 4, 2016 s Perkiomen Creek Sojourn Day.

- i) Chairman Sorgini read the proclamation.

ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve setting aside June 4 2016 as Perkiomen Creek Sojourn Day. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

**6) Announcements**

A) The Planning Commission meeting will be held May 25 at 7 p.m.

B) The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on May 26 at 7 p.m.

C) The Lower Providence Fire Company's annual Firemen's Fair will be held June 9 through June 18 on the Fire Company's grounds, 3199 Ridge Pike, in Eagleville. Information available at [www.lpfire.com](http://www.lpfire.com).

**7) Comments and other Business**

A) Supervisor Eckman reported on the regular monthly meeting of the Business Development Committee. She stated that a representative from the Montgomery County Commerce Department was in attendance and the committee is actively exploring some of the County's initiatives and to what needs to be done to put the Township on the County's radar for future opportunities. They are also discussing the idea of a business development consultant.

**8) Adjournment**

A) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: June 2, 2016  
June 16, 2016