

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING  
AUGUST 4, 2016**

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**Call to Order:** Chairman Sorgini called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Jason Sorgini and Supervisors Patrick Duffy and Peter MacFarland. Supervisors Colleen Eckman and Jill Zimmerman were absent.
- b. Also in attendance were: Peter Nelson, Township Solicitor; Alison Rudolf, Interim Township Manager; William Roth, Director of Special Projects and Technology; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Tim 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.

**1) Consent Agenda**

- A) **MOTION:** The minutes of the Board of Supervisor meeting of July 21, 2016 were tabled. Supervisor Duffy made a motion to approve consent agenda item 1(b), Treasurer and Cash Flow Report. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 3-0.

**2) Presentations**

- A) Chairman Sorgini and Chief Turtle made a presentation to Sgt. Michael Higgins in recognition of his 10 years of service to the Lower Providence Police Department.

**3) New Business**

- A) Consideration of a waiver request pursuant to Chapter 81 to permit the installation of a solid style fence on the corner property at 637 Mockingbird Lane.
  - i) Mr. Mrozinski explained that a solid style fence had been installed on a corner property ahead of the front building line. In order for the fence to remain, a waiver for the solid style is required. He said that it is unlikely that there would be issues with traffic visibility and there have been no issues raised by neighbors.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to grant the waiver to permit the solid style fence to remain on the corner property at 637 Mockingbird Lane. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 3-0.
- B) Consideration of a waiver request pursuant to Chapter 81 to permit the installation of a solid style fence on the corner property at 704 Jode Road.
  - i) Mr. Mrozinski said that the property owners would like to replace a dilapidated stockade fence with a solid vinyl fence that does not have the requisite slat spacing. He said that the fence is back off the cartway and would not present a hazard. He is not aware of any neighbor objections.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to grant the waiver to permit the installation of a solid style fence on the corner property at 704 Jode Road. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 3-0.
- C) Consideration of LD-16-03/Lower Providence Presbyterian Church minor subdivision – lot consolidation plan.
  - i) Solicitor Nelson said that after the plan was discussed at the July 21, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting, he had been instruction to prepare a resolution approving the consolidation of several parcels into one parcel. He said there are no conditions attached. He said that pre-existing out buildings would not be affected by the consolidation.

- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve the resolution approving LD-16-03 lot consolidation plan for Lower Providence Presbyterian Church. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 3-0.
- D) Consideration of request from the Lower Providence Community Library for waiver of plumbing permit fee.
  - i) Mr. Mrozinski said the library recently completed renovation work and, after the original plan went through, it was discovered that some additional plumbing work was needed. The library is asking for a waiver of the \$103 fee for the plumbing permit.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to waive the plumbing permit fee. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 3-0.
- E) Consideration of dissolution of assets through public auction.
  - i) Mr. Primus said they are requesting to sell three vehicles at public auction that are being taken out of the Township fleet. They are: A 2008 Crown Victoria with 135,000 miles, a 2011 Crown Victoria with 114, 000 miles and a 1990 Chevrolet van with 85,000 miles.
  - ii) Mr. Primus confirmed that the vehicles have been replaced with newer vehicles.
  - iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve the dissolution of assets at public auction as indicated by Mr. Primus. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 3-0.
- F) Update on 2014-2015 Pension Plan audit.
  - i) Mrs. Golas said a representative of the PA Auditor General's office had conducted an audit of the Township's 2014-2015 Police Defined Benefit Pension Plan, the Non-Uniformed Defined Benefit Pension Plan, and the Non-Uniformed Defined Contribution Pension Plan. She said that there were no findings in the preliminary/final report. However, the Auditor General is recommending that municipalities have a governing body, either the Board of Supervisors or the Pension Committee, approve final pension benefit calculations for individuals ready to retire. It was noted that at times these calculations may have to be approved after the fact.
  - ii) If the Board decides to act on the Auditor General's comment, Solicitor Nelson recommended that a resolution be adopted.

#### 4) Announcements

- A) The Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be held August 9 at 7 p.m.
- B) The Sewer Authority meeting will be held August 10 at 7:30 p.m.
- C) The Library Board of Trustees meeting will be held August 15 at 7 p.m.

#### 5) Comments

- A) Supervisor MacFarland announced that the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual On Your Marc 5K Run/Walk will be held on August 6 to benefit Small Steps in Speech and noted that the family is grateful to the Township, sponsors, and many others for the ongoing success of the event.
- B) Thomas Borai, Brenda Lane, noted that some 500 "Support Our Police" signs, provided by local businesses, had been given away in a week and thanked Leah Baird for spearheading the effort.
- C) Bill Garvey, Colony Arms Apartments resident, voiced concerns regarding possible violations and the lack of carbon monoxide detectors at the complex.
  - i) Chairman Sorgini thanked Mr. Garvey for his comments and said Mr. Mrozinski's department would look into Mr. Garvey's concerns.

**6) Adjournment**

A) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: August 18, 2016  
September 1, 2016

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**Geraldine Golas, Secretary**