

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2016**

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 Eckman, Duffy, MacFarland and Zimmerman.
- b. Also in attendance were: John Rice, Township Solicitor; Don Delamater, 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; and Stanley Turtle, Chief of Police.

Chairman Sorgini announced that prior to the meeting the Board met to discuss legal, personnel and Real Estate matters.

1) Consent Agenda

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

2) New Business

- A) Consideration of a resolution approving LD-15-06 Eagleville Hospital preliminary/final minor land development.

- i) Joe Clement and Eugene Ott, Jr., Chief Operating Officer of Eagleville Hospital appeared as the applicants and stated they were available for any questions. Solicitor Rice reviewed the resolution, including the requested waivers (SLDO 123-32 and SLDO 123-33). He stated the only issue was the compliance with the final Woodrow letter whose conditions are set forth in the resolution. Solicitor Rice said that both he and Mr. Woodrow can recommend approval. The Board agreed to approve the resolution inclusive of waivers.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve resolution LD-15-06 Eagleville Hospital preliminary/final minor land development including waivers as noted. Supervisor Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0*.

- B) Appointment of Jennifer Reed as Student Representative to the Board of Supervisors

- i) Chairman Sorgini said that Ms. Reed was a student at Methacton High School and that the Student Representative program, started several years ago, had been a great success. He reported the Board had met with Ms. Reed and they feel she will bring character and intelligence to the Board.
- ii) **MOTION:** Chairman Sorgini made a motion to appoint Jennifer Reed as Student Representative to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0*.

- C) Consideration of an ordinance authorizing the participation of Lower Providence Township in the Delaware Valley Insurance Trust.

- i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the Ordinance, which if approved, will be effective as of December 1, 2016. He stated that the Ordinance has been advertised.
- ii) Chairman Sorgini stated that approving this ordinance would continue trend of moving toward DVIT for other forms of health care.

iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to approve an ordinance authorizing the participation of Lower Providence Township in the Delaware Valley Insurance Trust. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motions *passed 5-0*.

D) Authorization to execute electric generation.

- i) Ms. Golas reviewed the proposal. She stated that per the Second Class Township Code there is no need to go to bid and that the Pennsylvania Municipal League has already done the due diligence and vetted Constellation Energy. She said that if they locked in with a one-year contract the Township will save \$7,380 over what they are paying in 2016, a two-year contract will result in a savings of \$14,166 and a three-year contract would save a little over \$22,000. She said the previous board had approved a two-year term and was comfortable with that time frame. She recommended that the Board authorize staff to lock in fixed rates for the generation portion of the Township's electricity and to execute a contract with Constellation Energy for a time period of up to 60 months.
- ii) Mr. Delamater explained the pros and cons of how to lock in the rates of the program. He recommended a three-year contract.
- iii) Supervisor Duffy asked if there was any way to structure a three-year contract that could be renegotiated if, after two years, the rates increase. Ms. Golas said there is a penalty for early contract breaking.
- iv) Supervisor MacFarland asked about the history of rate increases and decreases. Mr. Delamater said he had never seen the rate this low. Discussion was held as to the length of the contract. Supervisor MacFarland said he would also be comfortable with a three-year contract.
- v) Supervisor Eckman asked Ms. Golas if she had knew the rates from the previous contract negotiation. Ms. Golas did not have that information on hand. In response to Supervisor Eckman Ms. Golas said that the savings between a three-year and five-year contract is only \$7,000.
- vi) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to accept the rate for a three-year contract. Supervisor Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0*.
 - (1) Supervisor Eckman said residents can also compare rates of their personal electric service. She said residents could check papowerswitch.com to find lower rates.

E) Approval of the 2017 Equipment Rental contract

- i) John Primus reviewed the rental equipment contract and requested the Board accept the quote from James R. Kenney Excavating & Paving Inc. Mr. Primus said they have historically used this contractor and he has always come in with the lowest rate.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to approve the 2017 Equipment Rental Contract. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
 - (1) Supervisor MacFarland noted the contract stipulated that contract shall not exceed the Township's budget of \$18,250. He asked how is the Township charged in order to ensure that number is not exceeded. Mr. Primus said that it is based on what piece of equipment is used and is typically an hourly rate. He did not have the total expenditure for 2016 on hand but stated it did not exceed the budget.

The motion *passed 5-0*.

F) Approval of Agreement of sale for Cresson Street parcel

- i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the resolution. Once accepted will deed restrict current property. Chairman Sorgini confirmed that property the Township is receiving in exchange is contiguous to other Township/County land. Solicitor Rice said that it was.

- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the agreement of sale for Cresson Street parcel. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

3) Announcements

- A) The Planning Commission scheduled on December 21 at 7 p.m. has been cancelled
- B) The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on December 22 at 7 p.m.

4) Comments

- A) Chairman Sorgini thanked everyone who made the community tree lighting ceremony a success.
- B) Supervisor MacFarland, as the representative to the Perkiomen Valley Sewer Authority, informed the Township that the long-planned for route for the interceptor was voted on and an application will be made to the Department of Environmental Protection. The interceptor will be along, and in proximity to the current pipe.
- C) Mr. Delamater prepared Resolution 16-81 to approve the disposal of 22 outdated computers, with no value, at an electronic recycling event.

- i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve Resolution 16-81 involving permission to go forward with disposition of Township property of less than \$1,000 by sale or other means. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.

- (1) Supervisor MacFarland asked if this equipment would be appropriate to donate to the firm who refurbishes computers for underprivileged students. Mr. Roth said that these computers would not fit those specifications but there are other computers that will need disposal that would be appropriate to donate. He said he would reach out when the time came to make sure they were donated in an appropriate manner.

The motion *passed* 5-0

- D) Chairman Sorgini thanked all staff and department for wonderful year in Lower Providence Township. He said that once again they continued to keep taxes low while continuing to provide excellent services to residents. He wished all residents a happy holiday.

5) Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Reorganization Meeting: Tuesday, January 3 at 5 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: January 19, 2017