

## LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

### Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

The following Authority members were in attendance: Mr. Ruggiero, Mr. Dininny, Mr. Sassu, Mrs. Eskie and Mr. Hager. Also present were Township Manager Joseph Dunbar, and Solicitor Joe Kuhls.

#### **I. Re-organization**

A Motion was made by Mr. Ruggiero, seconded by Mr. Sassu to appoint Mr. Kuhls as temporary Chairman. The following individuals were duly elected and appointed to the respective offices listed:

- John Ruggiero as Chairman; Motion by Mr. Hager, seconded by Mr. Sassu; 5-0 vote
- Craig Dininny as Vice Chairman; Motion by Mr. Sassu, seconded by Mr. Ruggiero; 5-0 vote
- Kathie Eskie as Secretary/Treasurer; Motion by Mr. Hager, seconded by Mr. Dininny; 5-0 vote
- Joe Dunbar as Assistant Secretary / Treasurer; Motion by Mr. Dininny, seconded by Mr. Sassu; 5-0 vote
- Joe Kuhls re-appointed as Solicitor with no change in his 2009 fee schedule; Motion by Mr. Dininny, seconded by Mr. Sassu; 4-0-1 vote, with Mrs. Eskie abstaining

#### **II. Amendment of Agenda to make item VII.A, Well Installation at Shannondell, the first item of business**

John Roberts, of ERM, and Sharon Fang and Bill Hudson, of the EPA, briefed Municipal Authority members on the ongoing Superfund site at 950 Rittenhouse. Also noted was the potential need for a monitoring well installed at the Club at Shannondell golf course in the vicinity of the 17<sup>th</sup> hole. Upon Motion by Mr. Dininny, seconded by Mr. Hager, the Municipal Authority authorized the ERM/EPA to submit the required documents needed to move forward with necessary access easements to Solicitor Kuhls.

#### **III. Approval of the minutes of the November 9, 2009 Regular Meeting.**

A motion was made by Mr. Dininny, Seconded by Mr. Hager to approve the minutes of the Board's November 9, 2009 meeting. Mrs. Eskie abstained from the vote, and the Motion carried 4-0-1.

#### **IV. Public Comment.**

Tim O'Connell, a representative of the Lower Providence Historical Society, discussed the LPHS/MA lease agreement, and claimed that the Municipal Authority was responsible in connecting the sewer line to the Casselberry House. Mr. Kuhls said that he would review the lease agreement to determine

responsibility. Mr. Ruggiero also noted that he would facilitate a conversation with the Lower Providence Township Sewer Authority, and he would try to get a cost estimate. Also reviewed with Mr. O'Connell was the open punch list for insurance review from this past fall. It was agreed that they would try to get a time extension from the insurance carrier so the Historical Society could facilitate the underwriters' requirements, etc.

**V. Payment of Bills.**

Upon Motion of Mr. Dininny, seconded by Mr. Sassu, all outstanding bills contained in the Board's agenda packet were authorized for payment by a 4-0-1 vote, with Mrs. Eskie abstaining.

**VI. Financial Reports.**

Upon Motion of Mr. Hager, seconded by Mr. Sassu, the financial reports were approved 4-0-1, with Mrs Eskie abstaining from the vote.

**VII. Other Business/Discussion.**

A. Mr. Hager inquired about the status of the 2009 Municipal Authority Audit. It was explained to him that in 2008, the Board of Supervisors and the Municipal Authority went out for proposal, and a three-year agreement with Maillie, Falconiero & Company was reached. It was noted that this agreement covers the 2008, 2009 and 2010 annual audits.

B. Mrs. Eskie had several questions that included the following topics:

- Clarification of Solicitor fees
- LPRP payments
- Status of the Van Zandt lawsuit

She also asked for copies of both the Municipal Authority's current lease with the Historical Society and the prior year's LPHS Audit Report.

C. Mr. Ruggiero inquired about the feasibility of the Municipal Authority underwriting an outdoor skating rink in one of the Township's parks.

There being no further business, upon Motion made by Mr. Dininny, seconded by Mr. Sassu, the Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

