

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
September 15, 2022**

Call to Order: Vice-Chair Coless called the hybrid live/virtual meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Protocol for Hybrid Meetings: Vice-Chair Coless provided an overview of the protocols for public participation for members of the public attending the meeting virtually over Zoom.

Roll Call:

- a. The following Board members were in attendance: Vice-Chair Coless, Supervisor Darby, Supervisor MacFarland and Supervisor Sorgini. Chairman Neights was absent.
- b. Also in attendance were: E.J. Mentry, Township Manager; Lauren Gallagher and Nicole Feight, Township Solicitor; Ed Slaw, Township Engineer; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Lt. Bill Hopkins, and Kaitlyn Phan, Student Representative.

Chairman's Comments

Vice-Chair Coless announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting on September 15, 2022 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

1) Presentations

- A) Presentation by the Daughters of the American Revolution – Constitution Week Proclamation
 - i) Chris Janczuk, Betsy Parrish, and Bobbi Riley from the Valley Forge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution gave a brief presentation on their organization and the upcoming Constitution Week.
 - ii) At the conclusion of their presentation, Vice-Chair Coless read a Proclamation of the Board of Supervisors recognizing September 17-23 as Constitution Week.
- B) Student Representative report from Kaitlyn Phan
 - i) Kaitlyn, a junior at Methacton High School, presented news from the various schools in the district.

2) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), 1(b), and 1(c) including moving the meeting minutes of the September 1, 2022, Board of Supervisors business meeting into the record and authorizing an escrow release to Dunkin' Donuts in the amount of \$166,267.41 and an escrow release to Moscariello at Crosskeys in the amount of \$590,981.65. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion with the correction of the amount of escrow.
 - i) There was no public comment.
 - ii) The motion *passed 4-0*.

3) Old Business

- A) Consideration of Resolution 2022-24, granting preliminary land development approval of 420 Church Road subdivision

- i) Lauren Gallagher, Township Solicitor, reviewed the resolution granting conditional preliminary land development approval. The resolution has been reviewed thoroughly by staff and has been shared with the developer, who is in agreement with it.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-24, granting conditional preliminary land development of 420 Church Road subdivision. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
- iii) There was no public comment.
- iv) The motion *passed* 4-0.

4) New Business

A) Consideration of request for waiver of fence standards at 2008 Janet Drive

- i) Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director, provided a summary of the fence standards and the waiver request for 2008 Janet Drive. Mr. Fu-An Kang, property owner, was present to answer questions from the Board.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve the waiver of fence standards at 2008 Janet Drive. Supervisor Darby seconded the motion.
- iii) There was no public comment.
- iv) The motion *passed* 4-0.

B) Consideration of purchase of footbridge for MARA complex

- i) E.J. Mentry, Township Manager, presented the request for approval of the footbridge replacement project for the Township-owned portion of the Methacton Audubon Recreation Association (MARA) athletic complex. The project is included in the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan and has been recommended by the Park and Recreation Board. The proposal includes three options for the bridge material: pressure-treated wood, Trex, and galvanized metal grate.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve the purchase of footbridge for the MARA complex, selecting the galvanized metal grate option. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
- iii) There was no public comment.
- iv) The motion *passed* 4-0.

C) Ratification of approval emergency electrical repairs

- i) Mr. Mentry explained the recent storm-related electrical damage to the underground electric cables servicing the Township building and the library. The damages completely knocked out all electricity to both buildings and required immediate emergency repairs, which were completed within less than a week. The work required a contractor with an estimated cost of about \$90,000. A formal resolution of approval will be prepared for the next Board meeting once the invoice is received from the contractor.
- ii) The Board thanked Township staff for their quick actions and thorough communications throughout the entire process.
- iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Darby made a motion to ratify the approval of emergency electrical repairs. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
- iv) There was no public comment.
- v) The motion *passed* 4-0.

D) Discussion of Accessible Pedestrian System (APS) for Ridge Pike/Parklane Drive Intersection

- i) Mr. Mentry explained the need to upgrade the pedestrian push buttons at the Ridge Pike/Eagleville Rd./Parklane Dr. intersection with a new APS system that provides accommodations for visually impaired pedestrians. Staff has been working on a solution for several months and has determined that the project will need to go out to bid. Staff was also just informed by PennDOT that there may be federal funding available that PennDOT intends to use for pedestrian intersection improvements, and this project may qualify. Chris Elsier, Transportation Engineer from McMahon, discussed the system in more detail.
- ii) The Board directed staff to proceed with preparing bid specs while simultaneously coordinating with PennDOT to determine the fastest solution for this intersection.

5) Announcements/Meetings

- A) Environmental Advisory Council - September 19 at 7:00 p.m.
- B) Library Board – September 19 at 7:00 p.m.
- C) Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee - September 21 at 7:00 p.m.
- D) Zoning Hearing Board - September 22 at 7:00 p.m.
- E) Board of Supervisors Budget Workshop – September 28 at 4:30 p.m.
- F) Planning Commission - September 28 at 7:00 p.m. - *cancelled*
- G) Annual Fall Festival – Saturday, Oct 1, 11am to 4pm in Eagleville Park
- H) MontCo Hero Fund 5K Brews & BBQ – Sunday, Oct 2, Lower Providence Fire Department fair grounds, Details at montgomerycountyherofund.org
- I) Residents can now submit, track, pay for and receive permits completely online through the Township’s new permit portal. More information and a link to the portal can be found under the “News” tab on the Township website, lowerprovidence.org

6) Comments and other Business

- A) Supervisor Sorgini – Thanked Jane Delaney, Denise Walsh, the Public Works Department and first responders for their efforts for the 9/11 ceremony. Also, the Sewer Authority is continuing with its capital improvement projects and observed improved system performance during recent rain events.
- B) Supervisor Darby – Thanked the staff for all the work they do for the residents of the Township.
- C) Vice-Chair Coless – Resident contacted her about paving projects.
- D) Mr. Mentry – Thanked Mike Mrozinski and his staff for the work getting the online payment system up and running.

7) Courtesy of the Floor

- A) There was no public comment.

8) Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Darby made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed 4-0*. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Budget Workshop: September 28 @ 4:30 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: October 6, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.