

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING  
October 6, 2022**

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**Call to Order:** Chairman Neights called the hybrid live/virtual meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Protocol for Hybrid Meetings:** Chairman Neights 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: Chairman Neights, Vice-Chair Coless, and Supervisor Sorgini. Supervisor Darby and Supervisor MacFarland were absent.
- b. Also in attendance were: E.J. Mentry, Township Manager; Lauren Gallagher, Township Solicitor; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Police Lt. Bill Hopkins. Student Representative Ash Jeyapratap was absent.

**Chairman's Comments**

Chairman Neights announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting on October 6, 2022, to discuss personnel and legal matters.

**1) Consent Agenda**

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), including moving the minutes of the September 15, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting into the record. Vice-Chair Coless seconded the motion.
  - i) There was no public comment.
  - ii) The motion *passed* 3-0.

**2) Old Business**

- A) Consideration of Resolution 2022-26, ratifying a contract for emergency work and authorizing payment of invoice for emergency electrical repairs
  - i) E.J. Mentry, Township Manager, reviewed the resolution. The resolution has been prepared by the Solicitor and memorializes approval of the emergency electrical work and the contract with Armour & Sons in the amount of \$89,694.40.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Vice-Chair Coless made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-26, ratifying a contract for emergency work and authorizing payment of invoice for emergency electrical repairs in the amount \$89,694.40. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
  - iii) There was no public comment.
  - iv) The motion *passed* 3-0.

**3) New Business**

- A) Public Hearing – Application for inter-municipal transfer of restaurant liquor license for use at 711 South Trooper Road
  - i) Lauren Gallagher, Township Solicitor read the rules and procedures for an inter-municipal transfer of restaurant liquor license from Whitmarsh Township to Lower Providence Township.

- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to open hearing and Vice-Chair Coless seconded the motion.
- iii) There was no public comment.
- iv) The motion *passed* 3-0.
- v) Edward Taraskus of Green, Silverstein and Groff, LLC. representing Select Pizza Grill, presented exhibits and spoke on behalf of his clients, the owner and general manager of the new Select Pizza Grill at 711 S. Trooper Rd.
- vi) **MOTION:** Chairman Neights made a motion to close hearing and Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.

B) Consideration of Resolution 2022-27 approving an application for inter-municipal transfer of restaurant liquor license for use at 711 South Trooper Road

- i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve an application for inter-municipal transfer of restaurant liquor license for use at 711 South Trooper Road. Vice-Chair Coless seconded the motion.
- ii) There was no public comment.
- iii) The motion *passed* 3-0.

C) Consideration of Resolution 2022-28 authorizing the purchase of Third Street parcel for the purpose of open space preservation

- i) Lauren Gallagher, Township Solicitor presented the resolution for purchase of the Third Street parcel, identified as Parcel No. 43-00-14725-00-1. The township has been in contact with the owner and they have signed a Deed in Lieu of condemnation and a Resolution has been prepared to purchase the property for \$3,850.00.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-28 authorizing the purchase of Third Street parcel for the purpose of open space preservation. Vice-Chair Coless seconded the motion.
- iii) There was no public comment.
- iv) The motion *passed* 3-0.

**4) Announcements/Meetings**

- A) The Administration Office will be closing at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct 7 and will be closed on Monday, Oct 10 for the Columbus Day Holiday
- B) Sewer Authority – Oct 10 at 4:30 p.m.
- C) Environmental Advisory Council – Oct 17 at 7:00 p.m.
- D) Library Board – September 19 at 7:00 p.m.
- E) Parks and Recreation Board – Oct 18 at 7:00 p.m.
- F) Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee – Oct 19 at 7:00 p.m.
- G) Planning Commission – Oct 26 at 7:00 p.m.
- H) Zoning Hearing Board – Oct 27 at 7:00 p.m.

**5) Comments and other Business**

- A) Supervisor Sorgini thanked Jane Delaney, Karen Hegedus, Karen Barron and Denise Walsh and the township staff for preparing for the Fall Fest. And he hopes to see the community at the Community Tree Lighting.
- B) Vice-Chair Coless was saddened at the cancellation of the Fall Fest. The LPFD did hold their event on Sunday, October 2, 2022 and it was a great success.

- C) Vice-Chair Coless also suggested engaging firms to start the process of capital planning for the Municipal campus, including discussion of the Township building and new police station. Mr. Mentry has been in touch with a construction management firm and would like to invite them to a future Board meeting to discuss the process. Chairman Neights agreed and stated this would be discussed further at the upcoming budget workshop on October 13, 2022.
- D) Vice-Chair Coless asked about the process of updating the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). She suggested not waiting until the Comprehensive Plan is completed to start the process. The Board concurred and directed staff to begin the preliminary work on updating the ordinances. The Board discussed also forming an ordinance sub-committee at a future time once staff has completed the preliminary work.

**6) Courtesy of the Floor**

- A) There was no public comment.

**7) Adjournment**

- A) **MOTION:** Chairman Neights made a motion to adjourn. Vice-Chair Coless seconded the motion. The motion *passed 3-0*. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Budget Workshop:           October 13, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.  
Next Business Meeting:   October 20, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.  
                                     November 3, 2022 @7:00 p.m.