

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
October 20, 2022**

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, Supervisor Sorgini, and Supervisor Darby. Supervisor MacFarland and Vice-Chair Coless were absent.
- b. Also in attendance were: E.J. Mentry, Township Manager; Michael Clarke and Nicole Feight, Township Solicitors; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer, Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Police Chief Michael Jackson and Student Representative Kaitlyn Phan.

Chairman's Comments

Chairman Neights announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting on October 20, 2022, to discuss personnel and legal matters.

1) Presentations

- A) Recognition of Lower Providence Police Department for completion of Crisis Intervention Specialist training – Anna Trout, Office of Mental Health/Development Disabilities/Early Intervention and Michelle Monzo, Montgomery County Emergency Services. Chief Michael Jackson thanked Ann Trout and Michelle Monzo for everything that they do for all of Montgomery County.
- B) Recognition of Lower Providence Fire Department – Acting State Fire Commissioner Chas McGarvey presented Fire Chief Jim Lentz with a certificate of recognition of training and for being 100% certified under the state's Voluntary Recognition Program. Chief Jim Lentz thanked the efforts of all the volunteers and their training that they have gone through.
- C) Introduction of new Director of Finance – E.J. Mentry, Township Manager, welcomed Rich Lafata and read a brief bio about him.
- D) Student representative report – Kaitlyn Phan.

2) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), including moving the minutes of the Board of Supervisors budget workshop of September 28 and business meeting of October 6, 2022, into the record; 1(b) monthly reports for September 2022; and 1(c) payment of bills in the amount of \$1,980,370.08 and Escrow release #1 for Woodland Avenue tracts in the amount \$15,784.50. Supervisor Darby seconded the motion.
 - i) There was no public comment.
 - ii) The motion *passed* 3-0.

3) New Business

- A) Conditional Use Hearing – HTC Associates for 3150 Ridge Pike
 - i) **MOTION:** Chairman Neights made a motion to open the Conditional Use hearing. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion
 - ii) There was no public comment
 - iii) The motion *passed* 3-0.
 - iv) Solicitor Michael Clarke conducted the conditional use hearing. A stenographer was present to transcribe the hearing.
 - v) **MOTION:** Chairman Neights made a motion to close the Conditional Use Hearing. Supervisor Darby seconded the motion.
 - vi) There was no public comment.
 - vii) The motion *passed* 3-0.

- B) Discussion of waiver of land development request from the Lincoln Center, 1100 Adams Avenue
 - i) Mike Mrozinski introduced the applicant seeking the waiver of land development for The Lincoln Center. The project proposes to reconfigure an existing portion of the property for educational use by converting a loading dock area into a gymnasium.
 - ii) Michael Quintilano, Director of Operations and Finance for the Lincoln Center was in attendance for questions.
 - iii) Discussion ensued regarding the public improvements that would be waived if the Board granted the waiver of land development, specifically addressing the lack of sidewalks on Adams Ave.
 - iv) No action was taken. The Board will consider a resolution of approval or denial at the November 3, 2022 business meeting.

- C) Discussion of waiver of land development request from Streamlight, 30 Eagleville Road
 - i) Mike Mrozinski explained that Streamlight is looking to add a small garage to the back of their property.
 - ii) Al Crealy, Facilities and Engineering Manager at Streamlight was in attendance for questions.
 - iii) Discussion ensued regarding the public improvements that would be waived if the Board granted the waiver of land development.
 - iv) No action was taken. The Board will consider a resolution of approval or denial at the November 3, 2022 business meeting.

- D) Consideration of Resolution 2022-29 directing the tax collector to implement provisions of Act 57 allowing taxpayers who fail to receive a tax notice during their first year of occupancy to apply for a waiver from penalties and additional costs
 - i) E.J. Mentry, Township Manager, discussed Resolution 2022-29, in regard to Act 57.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Darby made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-29 directing the tax collector to implement provisions of Act 57 allowing for a waiver from penalties and additional costs. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
 - iii) There was no public comment.
 - iv) The motion *passed* 3-0.

4) Announcements/Meetings

- A) The Board of Supervisors are looking for qualified residents interested in serving on the Township's various boards and commissions. Details and instructions on submitting a letter of interest and resume can be found on the township website, lowerprovidence.org
- B) Nominations are being accepted for the annual Community Awards, recognizing a Citizen, Volunteer and Business of the Year. Details are posted on the township website.
- C) Planning Commission – Oct 26 at 7:00 p.m.
- D) Zoning Hearing Board – Oct 27 at 7:00 p.m. cancelled

5) Comments and other Business

- A) Supervisor Sorgini – Sewer Authority improvements continue to bear fruit over the course of the past few weeks and the heavy rains, have caused no adverse effects on the system.
- B) E.J. Mentry, Township Manager announced that Lower Providence Township was awarded a grant from Montgomery County for signal improvements at the intersection of Germantown and Evansburg Road, in the amount of \$72,844.
- C) Chairman Neights announced that progress was made in recent discussions with PA American Water regarding the need for an easement for pedestrian connections along Church Rd.
- D) Chairman Neights – Environmental Advisory Committee are making a lot of progress on things. Erin McCool, chairperson, will be asking for an expansion of the EAC membership from the Board of Supervisors.

6) Courtesy of the Floor

- A) George Bancroft, Soni Drive, asked about the status of the Finance Committee.

7) Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Darby seconded the motion. The motion *passed 3-0*. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: November 3, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
November 17, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.