

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2015**

Executive Session: The Executive Session was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Thomas. Present were Supervisors Sorgini, Duffy, Eckman, Thomas and Zimmerman. Also present were Solicitor Mr. Rice, Township Manager Mr. Gestrich, Assistant Township Manager Mrs. Golas. The session adjourned at 7:29 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Zimmerman, second by Mr. Thomas.

Call to Order: Chairman Sorgini called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Sorgini, Supervisors Duffy, Eckman, Thomas and Zimmerman.
- b. Also in attendance were: Richard Gestrich, Township Manager; Peter Nelson, Township Solicitor; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Timothy Woodrow, Township Engineer; Geri Golas, Assistant Township Manager; John Primus, Director of Public Works; and Francis Carroll, Chief of Police.

Chairman Sorgini announced that prior to the meeting an executive session was held to discuss legal and personnel matters.

1) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), 1(b) and 1(c), including moving the meeting minutes of October 1, 2015 into the record. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

2) Presentations

- A) Swearing in ceremony of Ryan R. Gill as a police officer with the Lower Providence Township Police Department.
- B) Swearing in ceremony for Dennis M. Paskel as a police officer with the Lower Providence Township Police Department.

3) New Business

- A) Consideration of agreement between Lower Providence Township, Worcester Township and the Lower Providence Township Sewer Authority.
 - i) Solicitor Nelson described the Inter-municipal Agreement and the reason for its need. He said the Board was to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the Township. Solicitor Nelson noted that the agreement had already been signed by the Sewer Authority and that Worcester Township will be paying all the cost of the service.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the agreement between Lower Providence Township, Worcester Township and the Lower Providence Township Sewer Authority. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

4) Old Business

- A) Consideration of a resolution approving the preliminary/final plan of subdivision for Stoneridge Acquisitions L.P., Village at Evansburg at Crosskeys and Vincent Roads.
 - i) Solicitor Nelson reviewed the resolution, which was prepared based on the comments made at the October 1 Board of Supervisor's meeting.
 - ii) Supervisor Eckman asked for clarification on the waiver regarding the cartway width and whether that applied to Crosskeys Road on the new Road. Chairman Sorgini said that it

applied to the new road. Solicitor Nelson recapped the discussion from the October 1 meeting which Supervisor Eckman had missed.

- iii) Mr. Canavan of W. B. Homes stated that they had come to an agreement that in lieu of curbing and widening along Crosskeys Road they would leave it the current width and, due to its poor condition, improve the shoulder, mill, pave and replace the existing cross pipe as well as put in sidewalks. He noted this was all indicated on the plan.
- iv) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to approve the preliminary/final plan of subdivision for Stoneridge Acquisitions, L.P., Village at Evansburg, at Crosskeys and Vincent Roads. Supervisor Thomas seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.
- B) Consideration of resolution approving the preliminary/final plan of two-lot subdivision for Anderko Custom Homes, 903 S. Park Avenue.
 - i) Solicitor Nelson reviewed the resolution which was prepared based on the comments made at the October 1 Board of Supervisor's meeting.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the preliminary/final plan of two-lot subdivisions for Anderko Custom Homes, 903 S. Park Avenue. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.
- C) Consideration of request for waiver of fence requirements to allow solid style fence in front yard at 1020 S. Park Avenue.
 - i) Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the request, noting that the fence has been constructed and his office has received the application. He noted that the fence replaced an in-kind fence, which is now not permitted under the zoning.
 - ii) Chairman Sorgini said the Board had wanted to see a permit application to be filed before going forward. He asked if there had been any complaints from neighbors. Mr. Mrozinski said there had not.
 - iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to waive the fence requirements to allow solid style fence in front yard at 1020 S. Park Avenue. Supervisor Thomas seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.
- D) Request to authorize the advertisement of mowing bids.
 - i) Mr. Gestrich stated that Parks & Recreation Director, Karl Lukens, requested that he be permitted to advertise for bids for Township mowing. He stated that the contracts are due to expire at the end of 2015.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Thomas made a motion to authorize advertisement for mowing bids. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.
- E) Request to authorize the advertisement of the preliminary 2016 budget.
 - i) Mr. Gestrich requested authorization to advertise the preliminary 2016 budget which, he noted, contained no tax increase.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Thomas made a motion to authorize advertisement of the preliminary 2016 budget. Supervisor Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. –

5) Announcements

- A) Township Manager Rich Gestrich was approved as Credentialed Manager by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA)
- B) Library Board meeting will be held on October 19 at 7 p.m.
- C) Planning Commission Meeting will be held October 28 at 7 p.m.
- D) Zoning Hearing Board Meeting will be held October 22 at 7 p.m.

6) Comments and other Business

- A) Supervisor Eckman announced that the Public Finance committee will meet on October 26 at 6 p.m.
- B) Supervisor Eckman requested that the Public Works Director put together a brief presentation on the condition of the bridges in the Township, particularly the bridges that are not the Township's responsibility. She stated this would allow a comprehensive look at the bridges, which are in need of repair and what work is scheduled to be done.
- C) Supervisors Thomas announced the Library "Dinner and a Murder" fundraiser which will be held October 30 at Chadwick's Restaurant and Bar. He noted that tickets must be purchased in advance from the Library.
- D) Chief Francis Carroll advised the Board that Methacton High School is having a Homecoming Parade on October 24 at 9:30 a.m. He said that staging will be held at the Eagleville Elementary School. Chief Carroll outlined the parade route and noted there will be some, minimal, traffic impact. He said that information will be posted on the Township website so residents are aware of any traffic impact

7) Courtesy of the Floor

- A) Kathie Eskie, Highgate Road, thanked Supervisor Thomas for mentioning the Library fundraiser. She described the scope of the event and also noted that reservations/tickets must be purchased in advance.

8) Adjournment

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

Next Business Meeting: November 5, 2015
November 19, 2015