

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING  
April 21, 2022**

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**Call to Order:** Chairman Neights called the hybrid live/virtual meeting to order at 7:00 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, Supervisors Darby, MacFarland and Sorgini.
- b. Also, in attendance were: E.J. Mentry, Township Manager; Sameeksha Panda, Student Representative; Lauren Gallagher and Nicole Feight, Township Solicitors; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development; and Michael Jackson, Chief of Police.

**Chairman's Comments**

Chairman Neights announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting on April 21, to discuss legal, personnel, and land acquisition matters. Post meeting at the last meeting of April 7<sup>th</sup> regarding potential litigation.

**1) Presentations**

- A) Stormwater Part 3 (MS4/PRP/TMDL updates) – Tim Woodrow gave a presentation to the Board outlining the Township's stormwater obligations under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program, specifically highlighting ongoing and increasing issues with aging stormwater infrastructure throughout the Township.
- B) Student Representative report – Sameeksha Panda

**2) Consent Agenda**

- i) **MOTION:** Vice-Chair Coless made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), 1(b), and 1(c) including moving the meeting minutes of April 7, 2022, into the record. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
- ii) There was no public comment.
- iii) The motion *passed* 5-0.

**3) New Business**

- A) Consideration of request for waiver of fence standards – 3035 Still Meadow Drive
  - i) Mike Mrozinski, Community Development, spoke on the request for waiver of fence standards. Resident Jason Smith was in attendance and explained the reasoning and need for the waiver request.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve the request for the waiver of fence standards at 3035 Still Meadow Drive. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
  - iii) There was no public comment.
  - iv) The motion *passed* 5-0.

- B) Consideration of Resolution 2022-11, Approving Land Development plan for 717 S. Trooper Road/Chipotle
- i) Lauren Gallagher, Solicitor, explained that the applicant wishes to convert the property back to the original approved plan with a non-traditional drive-through for a new Chipotle
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-11, approving land development plan for 717 S. Trooper Road/Chipotle. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion.
  - iii) There was no public comment.
  - iv) The motion *passed* 5-0.
- C) Consideration of Resolution 2022-12, accepting Moscariello at Crosskeys Deeds of Dedication
- i) Lauren Gallagher, Solicitor, explained that the Moscariello at Crosskeys Deeds of Dedication are ready for approval.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve the Resolution 2022-12, accepting Moscariello at Crosskeys Deeds of Dedication. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion.
  - iii) There was no public comment.
  - iv) The motion *passed* 5-0.
- D) Consideration of Skippack Creek Intermunicipal TMDL Agreement and Resolution 2022-13
- i) Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer, provided an overview of the final draft of the intermunicipal TMDL agreement covering five Townships in the Skippack Creek Watershed: Lower Providence, Skippack, Hatfield, Worcester, and Towamencin. Significant discussion ensued regarding the Skippack Creek Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) which was submitted to the PA DEP for review. The intermunicipal agreement will formally bind the five Townships in an effort to complete the projects and requirements of the PRP, once approved by DEP.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Chairman Neights made a motion to table this issue until next meeting on May 5, 2022. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
  - iii) Randy Klein, resident, N. Trooper Road, questioned the state turning a basin in Evansburg Park into a lake.
  - iv) Ray Lotfi, resident, Indian Woods, asked about the method used for measuring sediment.
  - v) The motion *passed* 5-0.
- E) Approval of pension distribution – William Roth
- i) E.J. Mentry, Township Manager, explained that the auditors require that the board formally and publicly approve the pension distribution calculation.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Chairman Neights made a motion to approve the pension distribution of William Roth. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
  - iii) There was no public comment.
  - iv) The motion was *passed* 5-0.
- F) Consideration of Resolution 2022-14, approving disposition of records
- i) E.J. Mentry, Township Manager, explained the disposition of records. The Municipal Records Retention Manual lays out record retention rules and it is required to keep government records.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-14, disposition of records. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
  - iii) There was no public comment.

iv) The motion was *passed* 4-1, with Chairman Neights opposed.

**4) Announcements/Meetings**

- A) Planning Commission meeting scheduled for April 27 at 7:00pm cancelled
- B) Zoning Hearing Board meeting – April 28 at 7:00 p.m.
- C) The Township Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will host an open house on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Lower Providence Township Fire Hall. Two sessions planned 3-5pm and 6-8pm.
- D) The Board of Supervisors is developing goals and priorities for a long-range vision for the Township. Input from Township residents is critical to the process. Please take a few minutes to complete a survey that can be found on the website, [lowerprovidence.org](http://lowerprovidence.org). The survey will close April 25. Thank you!

**5) Comments and other Business**

- A) Supervisor Sorgini stated the Sewer Authority is undertaking aggressive project to replace the sewer lines and it's working with the Township to coordinate with the roadway paving project.
- B) Supervisor MacFarland stated Regional Sewer Authority is replacing the pipes along the Perkiomen Creek and it will be approximately a 60-day project. Sunday is Earth Day. Nudy's Cafe has purchased the old TD Bank.
- C) Supervisor Darby wanted to thank everyone who has participated in the Township survey regarding the long-range vision for the Township.
- D) Vice-Chair Coless mentioned the Comprehensive Plan open house and that it's open to the public for their input to help shape the final plan.
- E) Chairman Neights attended a Lower Providence Business Association meeting and State Representative Webster was there talking to the business owners and listening to their concerns.

**6) Courtesy of the Floor - NONE**

**7) Adjournment**

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Darby made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Next Business Meetings: May 5, 2022  
May 19, 2022