

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 16, 2015**

Executive Session: The Executive Session was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Thomas. Present were Supervisors Mr. Sorgini, Mr. Duffy, Mrs. Eckman, Mr. Thomas, and Mrs. Zimmerman. Also present were Township Manager Mr. Gestrich, Assistant Township Manager Mrs. Golas and Solicitor Mr. Rice. The session adjourned at 7:39 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Duffy.

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, John Rice, Township Solicitor; William Roth, Director of Special Projects and Technology; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Timothy Woodrow, Township Engineer; John Primus, Director of Public Works; Geri Golas, Assistant Township Manager; Francis Carroll, Police Chief; and Denise Walsh, Community Relations Coordinator.
- 1) Chairman Sorgini noted that prior to the meeting an executive session was held to discuss personnel, real estate and legal matters.
 - 2) 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 April 1, 2015 into the record. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.
 - 3) **New Business**
 - A) Adoption of an ordinance to authorize issuance of non-electoral debt and award a qualified interest rate management agreement for non-electoral debt in the amount of \$140,000
 - i) Ms. Golas and Mr. Lucien Calhoun of Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority reviewed the financing details for the Ford F550 Dump Truck and the Bandit Drum Wood Chipper. Mr. Gestrich said the rate for the loan would be fixed immediately. Ms. Golas said the Township's solicitor has reviewed and recommended the ordinance.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to authorize issuance of non-electoral debt and award a qualified interest rate management agreement for non-electoral debt in the amount of \$140,000. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0
 - B) Discussion and authorization to proceed with dedication of the portion of Kriebel Mill Road within Chadwick Woods
 - i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the steps necessary to proceed with the dedication. He stated this was a transfer of real estate to the Township and the Township would now be responsible for the road.
 - ii) The president of Chadwick Woods Homeowner Association stated that no deeds to the road had been turned over to the HOA by the developer. He thanked the Board for their dedication and diligence to this matter.
 - iii) Supervisor Eckman asked what had transpired so that the developer had not turned over the dedication of the road to the Township. Mr. Woodrow said at the time the development was

- built the Township Public Works Director had concerns about the logistics of getting from Lower Providence through Worcester to this section of road. As a result the Homeowners Association was formed and charged with the maintenance of the road and infrastructure. He said that, as taxpayers, the residents deserve the same level of service as the rest of the Township and this was a good time to make that happen. In response to Supervisor Eckman, Mr. Woodrow said there should be no issue with Worcester Township in regards to access.
- iv) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to proceed with dedication of the portion of Kriebel Mill Road within Chadwick Woods. Supervisor Thomas seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.
- C) Discussion and consideration of appointment of William Stanczak to fill unexpired term on the Sewer Authority
- i) Chairman Sorgini recommended William Stanczak to fill the unexpired term on the Sewer Authority. He noted that Mr. Stanczak currently serves on the Finance Committee and is qualified for the position.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to appoint William Stanczak to fill the unexpired term on the Sewer Authority. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.
- D) Discussion and consideration of appointment of Joseph Pucci as an alternate to the zoning Hearing Board
- i) Mr. Gestrich reviewed the request from the Zoning Hearing Board, noting that this would be the second alternate to the Board and would serve a three year term.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to appoint Joesph Pucci as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. Supervisor Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.
- E) Discussion and consideration of supplemental budget appropriation from the Capital Projects Fund to fund infrastructure repairs.
- i) Ms. Golas reviewed the appropriation of funds required for four gunite projects including Featherbed Lane, Sunnyside Avenue, Pinetown Road and Visitation Road. She noted that due to an opinion from the Township's Solicitor on the allocation of old in-lieu-of fees, the projects originally budgeted for 2016 can now be accommodated by the Capital Fund in 2015.
- ii) Mr. Primus stated that the four locations were identified during routine inspections. He stated the gunite process is a sprayed concrete material and is less expensive than replacing the pipe. He also noted no roads would need to be closed during the process.
- iii) Ms. Golas stated that the Township's Solicitor has reviewed the projects and maintained that they are in order.
- iv) Supervisor Thomas asked how long this process would last. Mr. Primus said it would last "our lifetime".
- v) **MOTION:** Supervisor Thomas made a motion to approve the supplemental budget appropriation from the Capital Projects Fund to fund infrastructure repairs. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.
- F) Discussion and consideration of library renovations
- i) Supervisor Eckman clarified that the Township is not giving additional funds to the Library but rather these funds are out of the normal library appropriations and this is merely the Township giving permission for the Library to proceed.

- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the library renovations. Supervisor Thomas seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

4) Announcements:

- A) The Library Board of Trustees will meet on April 20 at 7 p.m.
- B) The Planning Commission will meet on April 22 at 7 p.m.
 - i) Mr. Mrozinski said that the Planning Commission is scheduled to hear an update from Audubon Land Development about the progress they've made with PennDOT and sewer issues. Chairman Sorgini noted that the Board of Supervisors has sent the Recreation Development Overlay back to the Planning Commission for review.
- C) The Zoning Hearing Board will meet April 23 at 7 p.m.
 - i) Mr. Mrozinski said that a hearing was scheduled to regarding a special exception for changing from one non-conforming use to another on a property on Pawlings Road.
- D) The Business Development committee is hosting a business roundtable on April 29. Business owners, developers and brokers interested in taking part in this informal discussion should contact Bill Roth at broth@lowerprovidence.org.

5) Comments and other Business

- A) Supervisor Duffy reported that the Parks & Recreation Board met on April 14 and began their annual process of touring the Township's parks to determine which projects need to be put on their budget. He also noted that the Parks & Recreation Board is accepting applications for student representatives and interested students should contact Parks and Recreation Director Karl Lukens.

6) Adjournment

MOTION: Supervisor Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: May 7, 2015
May 21, 2015

Respectfully submitted:

Richard Gestrich, Township Manager