

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING  
March 31, 2021**

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**Call to Order:** Chairman MacFarland called the virtual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman MacFarland, Vice-Chair Eckman, Supervisors Coless and Neights. Supervisor Sorgini was absent.
- b. Also in attendance were: John Rice, Township Solicitor; Don Delamater, Township Manager; Bill Roth, Special Projects and Technology, Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer and Michael Jackson, Chief of Police.
- c. Chairman MacFarland announced that an executive session was held on March 18<sup>th</sup> and prior to tonight meeting, to discuss legal and personnel matters. A moment of silence was held for the passing of Public Works Director John Primus and former Township supervisor Thomas Borai. Pages will be set aside in the minutes for both.

**1) Consent Agenda**

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), and 1(b), including moving the minutes of March 4, 2021 into the record. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion. The motion *passed 4-0*.

**2) Presentations**

- A) Earth Day Activities Presentation – Environmental Advisory Council members – Erin McCool and Patrick Duffy
- B) Park Avenue/Eagleville Road/Crawford Road intersection realignment project update presented by McMahon Associates – Stephane Butler and Casey Moore.

**3) New Business**

- A) Request for waiver of fence standards at 1001 Doris Drive
  - i) Mr. Delamater reviewed the request of waiver of fence requirements at 1001 Doris Drive. The property owners, Satwinder Singh and Jaspreet Bhandall, were in attendance and reviewed the request.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Colleen Eckman made a motion to approve the request for waiver. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion.
  - iii) There was no public comment.
  - iv) The motion *passed 4-0*.
- B) Request for waiver of fence standards at 900 Adams Avenue
  - i) Mr. Delamater reviewed the request of waiver of fence requirements at 900 Adams Avenue. The property manager, Nick DiCicco, was in attendance and reviewed the request.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the request for waiver, with the conditions to use the new metal fence along Adams Avenue and extend that fence type between the other property rather than chain link fence and to allow the rear fence to be chain link. Chairman McFarland seconded the motion.
  - iii) There was no public comment.
  - iv) The motion *passed 4-0*.
- C) Consideration of Lower Providence Fire Department's request for waiver of permit fees
  - i) Mr. Delamater reviewed the request of waiver of permit fees for roof replacement.

- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the request to waive the permit fees. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
- iii) There was no public comment.
- iv) The motion *passed* 4-0.
- D) Consideration of Conditional Use Decision – Car Vision
  - i) Decision was deferred until the next meeting.
- E) Consideration of Public Works Facility Emergency Action Plan
  - i) Mr. Delamater reviewed the Public Works Facility Emergency Action Plan.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the Public Works Facility Emergency Action Plan. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion.
  - iii) There were no public comments.
  - iv) The motion *passed* 4-0.
- F) Consideration of Resolution 2021-11 – Declaration of Taking, Right of Way for Park/Eagleville/Crawford Intersection Project
  - i) John Rice, Township Solicitor reviewed the Resolution 2021-11
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the Resolution 2021-11. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
  - iii) There were no public comments.
  - iv) The motion *passed* 4-0.
- G) Appointment of temporary interim zoning officer
  - i) This item was removed from the agenda as requested by Mr. Delamater.
- H) Continuation of political contribution discussion
  - i) After some discussion, Chairman MacFarland asked to table this topic for the next meeting.

#### 4) **Announcements/Meetings**

- A) 2020 Officer of the Year – Officer Jeremy Bonner
- B) Vijay Ramakrishnan, Student Representative, provided an update for Methacton School District. He said that teachers are getting vaccinated and all waiting for summer.
- C) Sewer Authority Meeting - April 12 at 4:30pm
- D) Open Space Public Meeting with Board of Supervisors - April 15 at 7:00pm
- E) Environmental Advisory Council - April 19 at 6:00pm
- F) Library Board Meeting - April 19 at 7:00pm
- G) Virtual Parks and Recreation Board - April 20 at 7:00pm
- H) Virtual Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee - April 21 at 7:00pm

#### 5) **Comments and other Business**

#### 6) **Courtesy of the Floor**

- A) Kathy Eskie, 540 Highgate - The Zoning Hearing Board is holding a special meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> regarding movie lots. She also asked for the political contributions resolution to be posted for public view prior to a vote.

#### 7) **Adjournment**

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Coless made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Next Business Meetings: April 15, 2021  
May 6, 2021

# ***In Remembrance***

***This page is set aside in remembrance of***

***John F. Primus  
(1955 - 2021)***

Lower Providence Township Director of Public Works  
2014 - 2021

Firefighter  
Past chief & life member - Wyndmoor Hose Company No. 1

Upper Moreland Township Fire Department

# ***In Remembrance***

***This page is set aside in remembrance of***

***Thomas A. Borai  
(1934 - 2021)***

Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors  
1974 - 1979  
1996 - 2001

Lower Providence Zoning Hearing Board  
2002 - 2006