

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
June 17, 2021**

Call to Order: Chairman MacFarland called the 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, and Supervisors Coless, Neights, and Sorgini.
- b. Also in attendance were: John Rice, Township Solicitor; Don Delamater; Township Manager; Bill Roth, Special Projects and Technology Director; Michael Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Geri Spotts, Assistant Township Manager; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer, and Police Chief Michael Jackson.
- c. Chairman MacFarland announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel, legal and real estate matters.

1) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), and 1(b), including moving the minutes of May 20, 2021, into the record. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0*.

2) Presentations

- A) Introduction of new police officer – Ryan Glenn
- B) Recognition of Chris Stephano – Youth Aid Panel
- C) 2020 Audit Report given by Carl Hogan of BBD, LLP

3) New Business

A) Consideration of request for waiver of fence standards at 43 Driftwood Drive

- i) Mike Mrozinski reviewed the request for waiver of fence standards at 43 Driftwood Drive to allow a 6-foot solid style fence on the corner property. The homeowners were in attendance.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to approve the waiver at 43 Driftwood Drive. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
- iii) There was no public comment.
- iv) The motion *passed 5-0*.

B) Consideration of request for waiver of second driveway prohibition at 3880 Landis Mill Road

- i) Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the request for waiver of second driveway prohibition at 3880 Landis Mill Road. The homeowner was in attendance.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the waiver to permit installation of a second driveway entrance at 3880 Landis Mill Road. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
- iii) There was no public comment.
- iv) The motion *passed 5-0*.

C) Consideration of request to use pervious paving at 1045 S. Trooper Road

- i) Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the request to use pervious paving at 1045 S. Trooper Road. The property owners and their legal representative Christen Pionzio were in attendance and reviewed the request.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to approve the request to use pervious paving at 1045 S. Trooper Road. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
- iii) There was no public comment.
- iv) The motion *passed 5-0*.

- D) Consideration of Resolution No. 2021-19 approving the land development plan for an archives building at the Montgomery County EOC, 60 Eagleville Road
- i) Solicitor Rice reviewed Resolution No. 2021-19 approving the land development plan for an archives building at the Montgomery County EOC. The County needs more time to review the revised Resolution No. 2021-19 due to the cost of the walking trail.
 - ii) The vote was tabled to a future meeting..
 - iii) Resident Kevin Brown, 3457 Visitation Road, spoke in opposition to the trail.
 - iv) Resident, Joe Lawless, 3453 Visitation Road, also does not want the trail.
 - v) Resident Erin McCool, Coldsprings Drive, agrees with the proposal of a trail.
 - vi) Resident Jennifer Maslow, Grange Avenue, agrees with the proposal of a trail.
 - vii) Resident Shannon Chase, Crawford Road, agrees with the proposal of a trail.
 - viii) Resident Anna Morris, Bunting Circle, is interested in having additional walking spaces.
- E) Resolution No. 2021-20 supporting House Bill 606 and Senate Bill 419 regarding speed-timing equipment for local police.
- i) Chief Jackson reviewed Resolution 2021-20 supporting House Bill 606 and Senate Bill 419 that would permit speed-timing equipment to be used by local police.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-20 authorizing support House Bill 606 and Senate Bill 419 regarding speed-timing equipment. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
 - iii) There was no public comment.
 - iv) The motion *passed* 5-0.
- F) Consideration of waiver request for bike race event start time.
- i) Mr. Delamater reviewed the waiver request to allow the bike race event start time to be prior to 1:00 pm on a Sunday morning.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the waiver request for the bike race event start time. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
 - iii) There was no public comment.
 - iv) The motion *passed* 5-0.
- G) Rejection of 2021 road improvement bids and authorization to readvertise.
- i) Tim Woodrow reviewed the rejection of road improvement bids and authorization to readvertise. PennDOT did not approve of the previously published advertisement for the project.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Coless made a motion to reject the 2021 road improvement bids and authorize to readvertise. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
 - iii) There was no public comment.
 - iv) The motion *passed* 5-0.

4) Announcements / Meetings

- A) Irene Biju, Student Representative, provided an update from Methacton High School: June 4th was a sunrise event for seniors, June 10th was graduation and June 15th was the last day of school for the district.
- B) Sewer Authority meeting held June 14 at 4:30pm
- C) Environmental Advisory Council meeting - June 21 at 6:00pm
- D) Planning Commission meeting - June 23 – *Cancelled*.
- E) Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan meeting - June 24 at 7:00pm
- F) Zoning Hearing Board meeting - June 24 at 7:00pm
- G) July 4th fireworks event - DJ at 7:30pm, fireworks at dusk
- H) Community Fall Fest will be held on October 2nd

Comments and Other Business

- I) Resolution No. 2021-21, Declaration of Taking for Road Project at Park/Crawford/Eagleville Road.
 - i) Solicitor John Rice reviewed the need for this Declaration of Taking due to unsuccessful negotiations.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-21 - Declaration of Taking. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
 - iii) There was no public comments.
 - iv) The motion *passed* 4-1 with Supervisor Neights opposing.
- J) Chairman MacFarland spoke about the incident at Cardin Place and thanked all the first responders.
- K) Chief Jackson thanked his officers and the residents involved in the incident.
- L) Mr. Mrozinski stated the incident directly affected the Community Development Department.
- M) Supervisor Eckman said the Business Development Committee conducted an in-person visit to the Park Ridge Shopping Center businesses.
- N) Supervisor Coless recommended setting up a way to handle emergency actions from the community.
- O) Supervisor Neights noted a that the next meeting of the Township Sewer Authority is July 12th. He said the Sewer Authority would like to be notified of building permits issued by the Township.

5) Courtesy of the Floor

- A) Jenifer Maslow, Grange Ave, discussed an emergency plan for tragedies to provide direction for victims.
- B) Kellie Gates, Cardin Place, discussed the need for a central location for resources for residents displaced by the incident.

6) Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Next Business Meetings: July 15, 2021
 August 19, 2021