

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
October 7, 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; Gregg Schuster, Interim Township Manager; Bill Roth, Special Projects and Technology Director; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director, and Chief Michael Jackson.
- c. Chairman MacFarland announced that no executive session was held prior to the meeting or since the last meeting.

1) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the consent agenda, item 1(a) and move the minutes of September 22, 2021 into the record. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0*.

2) New Business

A) Request for waiver of fence standards, 2606 Mann Road

Mr. Mrozinski stated the homeowner is requesting the waiver to allow a solid-style fence on the side property line which is also in the front yard setback. He noted there were no sight distances issues and there were no objections from neighbors.

- i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to grant the waiver request. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
- ii) There was no public comment.
- iii) The motion *passed 5-0*.

B) Continuation of trash and recycling discussion

Chairman MacFarland explained that the current trash/recycling contract is expiring at the end of February 2022 and that the Board needs to take action in the near future on the way the trash will be handled.

- i) Mr. Schuster asked for direction to be provided soon on which path the Board would like to take, either going out to bid for a single hauler or moving to multiple private haulers.
- ii) Chairman MacFarland said that the solicitor is updating two outdated trash related ordinances and will have an updated ordinance for the Board to review and take action on at the next meeting.
- iii) Following discussion, Chairman MacFarland noted that the members were inclined to the single-hauler option but had questions with regard to what requirements would be included in the bid.
 - (1) Discussion included environmentally friendly and menu-driven services; stronger enforcement; a comprehensive trash requirement, and once per week and twice per week choices.
- iv) The solicitor, engineer and Township manager were asked to prepare a rough draft of a single-hauler bid for the next meeting and the solicitor was asked to provide possible requirements for a private hauler license, with the intent for a vote for one or the other option at the next meeting.

3) Announcements / Meetings

- A) Student representative report - Chinmay Bapat
- B) Sewer Authority meeting - October 11 at 4:30 p.m.
- C) Environmental Advisory Council - October 18 at 6:00 p.m.
- D) Library Board - October 18 at 7:00 p.m.
- E) Parks and Recreation Board - October 19 at 7:00 p.m.
- F) Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee - October 20 at 7:00 p.m.

4) Comments and Other Business

- A) Supervisor Coless thanked Parks and Recreation Director Jane Delaney for the work on the Fall Festival and noted a Trunk or Treat event is scheduled for October 23.
- B) Supervisor Eckman said that the Business Development Committee held a welcome event at NovaCare which recently opened in the Park Ridge Shopping Center.
- C) Supervisor Neights asked that the Board take up a discussion on hybrid meeting format for all boards and committees and requested to make a presentation on flooding effects and mitigation.

5) Courtesy of the Floor

- A) None.

6) Adjournment

- A) MOTION: Supervisor Eckman made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next Business Meetings: October 21, 2021
 November 4, 2021