

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
October 21, 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 and Neights. Supervisor Sorgini was absent
- b. Also in attendance: Peter Nelson, 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:** *Vice-Chairwoman Eckman made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the approval of Resolution 202-26, designation of Township agent for PEMA COVID-19 documents and moving the minutes of October 7, 2021, into the record. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. (Altered by consent agenda vote on May 5, 2022.)*

2) Commendations and Presentations

- A) Police Commendations – Chief Michael Jackson
- B) Community Development Department Commendations – Mike Mrozinski
- C) Stormwater presentation – Supervisor Neights

3) New Business

A) Decision on trash collection.

- i) **MOTION:** Chairman MacFarland made a motion to authorize a single hauler bid for trash collection. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
- ii) Supervisor Neights wants the citizens have a menu of choices.
- iii) Supervisor Coless prefers to have two haulers for more choice.
- iv) Vice-Chairwoman Eckman was concerned with changing from a single hauler to subscription plan.
- v) George Laws, 3007 Concord Circle, wanted to know if garden waste will be included in the bid.
- vi) Joe Ferraro, 12 Pinetree Drive, wanted to extend the contract until the summer and asked if the Township can include electronic waste and can it be included in our taxes.
- vii) Randy Klein, 835 N. Trooper Road, asked why is the resident bound to use the single hauler?
- viii) Dan Hicks, 6 Stoneham Road, does not agree with a single hauler.
- ix) The motion *passed* 3-1 with Supervisor Coless voting against.

4) Announcements / Meetings

- A) Student representative report – Sameeksha Panda gave her report.
- B) Planning Commission's October 27th meeting has been cancelled.
- C) Zoning Hearing Board meeting – October 28th at 7:00pm

5) Comments and Other Business

6) Courtesy of the Floor

- A) Supervisor Coless made a statement regarding the status of the campaign.
- B) Vice-Chairwoman Eckman responded.
- C) Supervisor Neights also made a statement.
- D) Dan and Hazel Bliss, 3593 Arcola Road, made a statement about Hurricane Ida and the damage that it has caused. They also expressed interest in the home buyout program from FEMA.
- E) Bob and Lisa Zieske, 2708 Elysia Lane, asked about a homeless shelter or a halfway house and when they would hear more about it.
- F) Rachel McKay, 325 Level Road, wanted to encourage the FEMA buyout program.

- G) Cathy Byer, Arcola Road, commented on the storm management and an increase in flood insurance.
H) Joe Ferraro, 12 Pinetree Drive, asked about a forum for the four people running for Supervisor.

7) Adjournment

- A) MOTION: Chairman MacFarland made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion.
The motion *passed* 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Budget Workshop #2: October 27, 2021 at 7:00pm

Next Business Meetings: November 4, 2021
 November 18, 2021

Respectfully submitted:

E.J. Mentry, Secretary