

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
December 16, 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, Sorgini.
- b. Also in attendance were Peter Nelson, Township Solicitor; Gregg Schuster, Interim Township Manager; Bill Roth, Special Projects, and Technology Director; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer and 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, item 1(a) and move the minutes of December 2, 2021, into the record. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0*.

2) Presentations

- A) 2021 community award presentations:
 - i) Special Recognition Award – St. James Outreach House
 - ii) Business of the Year – Evansburg Vineyards
 - iii) Volunteer of the Year – Dina Furman Lampe
 - iv) Citizen of the Year – Lisa Yanak
- B) Proclamation: Hurricane Ida response read by Chairman MacFarland

3) New Business

- A) Consideration of a request for waiver of fence standards at, 601 Hillside Avenue
 - i) Mike Mrozinski reviewed the request for the waiver of fence standards, for extending into the front yard and taller than the ordinance. Resident Dennis Lepin attended.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to a waiver of the fence standards. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
 - iii) The motion *passed 5-0*.
- B) Consideration of a request waiver of fence standards, 12 Culp Road
 - i) Mike Mrozinski reviewed the request for the waiver of fence standards, good side to resident not to the neighbor.
 - ii) Tabled this issued for more information
- C) Award of residential solid waste and recycling collection and disposal bid
 - i) Gregg Schuster reviewed the information regarding the award of residential solid waste and recycling collection and disposal bid.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to award the 2022 – 2026 Lower Providence Township Trash Contract to Mascaro under Bid Alternative #4 conditioned upon Mascaro executing the written Contract that is part of the Bid Packet and the Township Staff completing its review of Mascaro's bid and supplemental documentation to ensure this is a fully and properly responsive bid and to confirm that Mascaro is a responsible bidder. In addition, this bid award is conditioned upon Mascaro providing the services required under Bid Alternative #9 at the price set forth in its bid. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
 - iii) The motion passed 4-1.
- D) Approval of the 2022 fee schedule
 - i) Gregg Schuster asked the board to approve the 2022 fee schedule.

- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion for the Approval of the 2022 fee schedule. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
- iii) The motion passed 5-0.

E) Consideration of JVJD Meadow Road subdivision

- 1) Withdrawn – No Action needed

F) Discussion to add to agenda items regarding the new Township Manager and new HR services

- i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Coless made a motion to add two agenda items regarding the new Township Manager and new HR services. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
- ii) The motion passed 5-0.
- iii) The request and approval of our full time Township Manager
- iv) **MOTION:** Supervisor Chairman MacFarland made a motion to approve the hiring of the new Township Manager. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
- v) The motion passes 5-0
- vi) The request and approval of HR support
- vii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve additional HR support. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion
- ii) The motion passed 5-0.

4) Announcements / Meetings

- A) Student representative report - Chinmay Bapat
- B) Annual Financial contributions - Although the Township was unable to make the annual donation presentations in person, Chairman MacFarland expressed sincere thanks for the work done by the following organizations in the Township: Lower Providence Fire Department, Lower Providence Senior Center & Ambulance, Montgomery County Visiting Nurse Association, Victims' Services of Montgomery County, and Family Services of Montgomery County.
- C) Environmental Advisory Council – Dec 20 at 6:00pm
- D) Parks and Recreation Board meeting - Dec. 21 at 7:00pm
- E) Planning Commission meeting – Dec. 22 at 7:00pm
- F) Zoning Hearing Board meeting – Dec 23 at 7:00pm

5) Comments and Other Business

- A) Chairman MacFarland presented Vice Chair Eckman with a plaque to thank her for her service.
- B) Supervisor Sorgini thanked the staff of Lower Providence Township and Vice Chair Eckman
- C) Supervisor Neights spoke about this past year.
- D) Supervisor Coless spoke about this past year.

6) Courtesy of the Floor

- A) Kathy Eskie, 540 Highgate Road, thanked Vice Chair Eckman

7) Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Vice Chair Eckman made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Next Business Meetings: Reorganization meeting January 3, 2022
 January 20, 2022