

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING  
March 17, 2022**

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**Call to Order:** Chairman Neights called the hybrid live/virtual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Protocol for Hybrid Meetings:** Chairman Neights and Township Manager E.J. Mentry provided an overview of the protocols for public participation for members of the public attending the meeting virtually over Zoom.

**Roll Call:**

- a. The following Board members were in attendance: Chairman Neights, Vice-Chair Coless, Supervisors Darby, MacFarland and Sorgini.
- b. Also, in attendance were: E.J. Mentry, Township Manager, via Zoom; Uma Bapat, Student Representative; Mike Clarke and Lauren Gallagher, Solicitors; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer; Bill Roth, Special Projects and Technology, Mike Mrozinski, Community Development; and Michael Jackson, Chief of Police.

**Chairman's Comments**

- a. Chairman Neights announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting on March 17, to discuss legal and personnel matters.

**1) Presentations**

- A) Police commendations – Chief Jackson presented a Distinguished Unit Commendation to Corporal Robert Heim, Detective Charles King and Officer Devon Auge.
- B) MS4 update/PRP/TMDL update – Tim Woodrow gave a brief presentation to the Board outlining an upcoming series of presentations he will be giving at public meetings on various stormwater management related topics. Future topics will include the MS4 Program and other EPA obligations, aging infrastructure, absence of infrastructure, and flooding issues.
- C) Student Representative report – Uma Bapat

**2) Consent Agenda**

- i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), 1(b), and 1(c), including moving the meeting minutes of March 3, 2022, into the record. Vice-Chair Coless seconded the motion.
- ii) The motion *passed* 5-0.

**3) Old Business**

- A) Conditional Use Decision – 3237 Ridge Pike
  - i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to deny the Conditional Use application and Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
  - ii) Resident, Jill Cavallo, 18 Summit Avenue, thanked the Board for their decision.

- iii) Resident, Jennifer Maslow, 987 N. Grange Avenue agreed with the Board of Supervisors' decision to deny the application. She asked a question regarding the washing of the compactors at a car wash.
- iv) The motion *passed* 5-0.

B) Trash escrow policy

- i) E.J. Mentry, Township Manager, explained the Trash escrow policy and requested the Board's approval. The Board asked for an update on the status of the new policy in three months.
- ii) **MOTION:** Chairman Neights made a motion to approve a policy established for the purpose of implementing inspection and enforcement of the contract awarded by the Township for collection of solid waste and recycling from residential properties. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
- iii) There was no public comment.
- iv) The motion *passed* 5-0.

4) **New Business**

A) Consideration of proposal for video services for Township meetings

- i) E.J. Mentry, Township Manager, spoke on the proposal for video services for Township meetings from PMG. There was a desire expressed to do this for other meetings. The proposal includes hybrid and video coverage of Board of Supervisors, Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission, and EAC meetings.
- ii) Vice-Chair Coless asked about the difference of the meetings and how they work.
- iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Darby made a motion to approve the hybrid video services for the Board of Supervisors, Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission and Environmental Advisory Council for a three-month period. Vice-Chair Coless seconded the motion.
- iv) Ray Lotfi, Indian Woods Road, spoke regarding the need for better technology.
- v) Julia Nakehal, 1403 Meadowview Lane, agreed with the recording of the EAC meetings.
- vi) Jennifer Maslow, 987 N. Grange, agreed with having the meetings live online.
- vii) The motion *passed* 5-0.

B) Award of lawn maintenance contract

- i) E.J. Mentry, Township Manager, explained that the Township received two bids for the landscaping/mowing contract. After thorough review for completeness and compliance, staff is recommending the Board award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Green Ridge Landscaping.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to award Green Ridge Landscaping the lawn maintenance contract for a period of 4 years. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
- iii) There was no public comment,
- iv) The motion *passed* 5-0.

5) **Announcements/Meetings**

- A) Officer of the Year – Detective of the Year 2021 – Detective Michael Nastasi
- B) Environmental Advisory Council – March 21 at 6:00pm
- C) Library Board meeting – March 21 at 7:00 p.m.
- D) Planning Commission meeting – March 23 at 7:00 p.m., hybrid
- E) Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – March 24 at 7:00 p.m., hybrid

- F) Trash & recycling service line: A dedicated phone line and email address have been setup for service-related trash, recycling, and yard waste issues. Call 610-635-3599 or email [trash@lowerprovidence.org](mailto:trash@lowerprovidence.org)

**6) Comments and other Business**

- A) Supervisor Sorgini spoke about the Lower Providence Sewer Authority, explaining that projects are on-going and there are new projects coming in 2022.
- B) Vice-Chair Coless spoke about the Comprehensive Planning meeting and the plan's progress..
- C) Supervisor Darby and Supervisor Sorgini will be having a meeting for the emergency services on March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- D) Supervisor MacFarland read a Proclamation for William Roth, Special Projects and Technology Director, recognizing his years of service and April 1<sup>st</sup> retirement.

**7) Courtesy of the Floor**

- A) Julia Nakehal, 1403 Meadowview Lane, spoke regarding the regulations for a heat pump.
- B) Ray Lotfi, Indian Wood Lane, thanked the Board for the stormwater presentation and would like to see the dollar value and the contributions for the project.

**8) Adjournment**

- A) **MOTION:** Chairman Neights made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Darby seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Next Business Meetings: April 7, 2022  
April 21, 2022