

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
April 7, 2022**

Call to Order: Vice-Chair Coless called the hybrid live/virtual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Protocol for Hybrid Meetings: Vice-Chair Coless 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: Vice-Chair Coless, Supervisors Darby via Zoom, MacFarland and Sorgini. Chairman Neights was absent
- b. Also, in attendance were: E.J. Mentry, Township Manager; Chinmay Bapat, Student Representative; Mike Clarke and Nicole Feight, Solicitors; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development; Joe Chillano, Public Works; and Michael Jackson, Chief of Police.

Chairman's Comments

- a. Vice-Chair Coless announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting on April 7, to discuss legal, personnel, and land acquisition matters.

1) Presentations

- A) Methacton Post Prom Check was presented to Gabby Winters and Lisa Coupe
- B) Annual report – Lower Providence Fire Department – Chief Jim Lentz and Asst. Chief Matt Sibley presented to the Board on the Fire Department's activities and accomplishments for 2021, as well as their goals, initiatives, and challenges for 2022 and beyond.
- C) Student Representative report – Chinmay Bapat
- D) MS4 update/PRP/TMDL update – Tim Woodrow gave a presentation to the Board outlining the Township's stormwater obligations under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program. He gave an overview of the Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) for the Skippack Creek Watershed alliance and the multi-municipal effort to address the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements. The estimated total cost of the PRP improvements is \$14 million with Lower Providence Township's share being 17.61% or approximately \$2.465 million.

2) Consent Agenda

- i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the consent agenda item 1(a), , including moving the meeting minutes of March 17, 2022, into the record. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
- ii) The motion *passed* 4-0.

3) Old Business

- A) Consideration of Resolution 2022-09, denial of Conditional Use Application for 3237 Ridge Pike
 - i) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-09, denial of the Conditional Use Application for 3237 Ridge Pike and Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
 - ii) The motion *passed* 4-0.

- B) Update on Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Report
 - i) E.J. Mentry, Township Manager, explained there has not been any money spent yet and no decision on where the money will be allocated. He explained that the first annual report will be filed by the April 30th deadline and that the Township will elect the standard allowance for revenue loss.

4) New Business

- A) Consideration of request for waiver of fence standards – 601 Long Meadow Road
 - i) Mike Mrozinski, Community Development, spoke on the request for waiver of fence standards. Resident Nguyen was present.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the request for the waiver of fence standards at 601 Long Meadow Road. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
 - iii) The motion *passed* 4-0.
- B) Award of 2022 road improvements bid
 - i) E.J. Mentry, Township Manager, explained that the Township received four bids for the road improvements contract. After thorough review for completeness and compliance, staff is recommending the Board award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Glasgow.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to award Glasgow the road improvement contract for 2022. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
 - iii) There was no public comment.
 - iv) The motion *passed* 4-0.
- C) Consideration of Resolution 2022-10, designating Township Manager E.J. Mentry as signatory on Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant documents.
 - i) E.J. Mentry, Township Manager, explained that the grant documents are for Crawford/Eagleville Road project. It is a PennDOT formality.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve the Resolution 2022-10, designating Township Manager E.J. Mentry as signatory on Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant documents. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
 - iii) There was no public comment.
 - iv) The motion *passed* 4-0.
- D) Approval of Township Manager's attendance at Association for PA Municipal Management (APMM) annual conference.
 - i) E.J. Mentry, Township Manager, explained that the conference is for the statewide managers' professional organization.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the attendance of Township Manager's attendance at Association for PA Municipal Management (APMM) annual conference. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
 - iii) There was no public comment.
 - iv) The motion *passed* 4-0.

5) Announcements/Meetings

- A) Sewer Authority meeting – April 11 at 4:30pm
- B) Library Board meeting – April 18 at 7:00 p.m.
- C) Parks & Recreation Board meeting - April 19 at 7:00 p.m.
- D) Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting –April 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- E) Environmental Advisory Board meeting – April 25 at 6:00 p.m.

- F) Vacancy on the Environmental Advisory Board.
- G) The Board of Supervisors is developing goals and priorities for a long-range vision for the Township. Input from Township residents is critical to the process. Please take a few minutes to complete a survey that can be found on the website, lowerprovidence.org. Thank you!

6) Comments and other Business

- A) Supervisor MacFarland stated the Library Board has hired a consultant to advise them on updating their space and an addition. Also, complimented Jane Delaney and the Parks & Recreation department on the successful Annual Egg Hunt. Well attended and everyone enjoyed it.
- B) Vice Chair Coless commented on the cleanup, also scheduled on April 2nd.
- C) Vice Chair Coless announced that the Board would be reconvening in Executive Session after the meeting adjourned to continue discussion potential litigation and land acquisition matters.

7) Courtesy of the Floor

- A) Kimberly Duffy, 30 Sandown Road, spoke regarding the speeding that is happening through her neighborhood.
- B) Chief Lentz, Lower Providence Fire Department, spoke regarding the Montgomery County Hero Fund. It raises funding for first responders and 100% of funds raised goes to those heroes and their families.

8) Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Next Business Meetings: April 21, 2022
May 5, 2022