

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 1, 2018**

Call to Order: Chairman Duffy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Duffy, Supervisors Eckman, Sorgini, MacFarland and Neights.
- b. Also in attendance were: John Rice, Township Solicitor; Don Delamater, Township Manager; William Roth, Director of Special Projects and Technology; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer; Geri Golas, Assistant Township Manager; John Primus, Director of Public Works; Stanley Turtle, Chief of Police; and Jennifer Reed, Student Representative

Chairman's Comments - Chairman Duffy announced that prior to the meeting the Board met in executive session to discuss personnel and real estate matters.

1) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a) and 1(b), including moving the minutes of February 15, 2018 into the record. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

2) Presentation

- A) Update on NPDES Skippack Creek Watershed Consortium
 - i) Mr. Woodrow presented the update
 - (1) Supervisor MacFarland asked if Lower Providence Township would be responsible for the fee in its entirety if other municipalities did not approve the proposal. Mr. Woodrow said the Township's motion to approve the proposal can be conditioned on the acceptance of other municipalities
 - (2) Supervisor Sorgini said this plan was mandated by the State and the Township is required to comply and that this proposal would help share the cost burden.
 - (3) Supervisor Eckman clarified that this fee would not have an impact on the budget. Mr. Delamater said that this cost was anticipated and accounted for.
 - (4) Supervisor Neights discussed the methodology used and how it caused Lower Providence Township's sediment burden to increase.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve the proposal to BCE Planning in the amount \$8,331.67, conditional upon participating with the other included municipalities, and to authorize Solicitor Rice to participate in creating a formal agreement with the other municipalities. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

3) New Business

- A) Consideration of Resolution 2018-12, approving the transfer of a restaurant liquor license into the Township.
 - i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the transfer request.
 - ii) Ellen Freeman, Esq., and Colin Heap appeared on behalf of Giant Food Stores. Ms. Freeman presented the proposal for a beer garden to be located inside the Giant Food Store located at 2670 Egypt Road, Norristown, PA.

- (1) Mr. Heap said that, if approved, construction would begin in September and be finished by November.
- (2) Supervisor Eckman asked how much inventory would be kept on site. Mr. Heap said it would be limited due to the size and configuration of the store and would be less than the 500 SKUs of beer and the 400-600 SKUs of wine that is typically carried.
- (3) Supervisor McFarland clarified how food sales in the beer garden would work and confirmed that the inventory would be in a lockable storage area.
- (4) Solicitor Rice confirmed the maximum purchase amounts and hours of operation. Discussion was held regarding concerns about the lighting outside the facility. Mr. Heap said he would address all lighting concerns and follow-up with the landlord of the facility.

iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-12 approving the transfer of a restaurant liquor license into the township. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.

- (1) Heather Hyvarinen, Second Street, asked how a liquor license can be purchased.

Chairman Duffy said it was bought in auction in the county, but outside of the Township. The motion *passed* 5-0.

B) Consideration of Resolution No. 2018-13 approving the submission of an application to the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program.

- i) Mr. Delamater reviewed the resolution, stating that the application had been submitted and a resolution must be approved as part of the application process.
 - (1) Chairman Duffy said this was for sidewalks in the Park Point Business community.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-13 approving the submission of an application to the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

C) Multimodal Transportation Fund grant acceptance.

- i) Mr. Delamater announced that the Township has been awarded a \$2 million grant that will be used towards the construction of the Eagleville, Park and Crawford Intersection re-alignment. He said this is currently under design by the traffic engineer as a result of a previous grant of \$1 million, with a final plan to be complete in 2020.
 - (1) Supervisor Sorgini explained the process of applying for the grant and the impact the project will have on the Township.
 - (2) Supervisor MacFarland said that the Township will be applying for more grant money to complete this project.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to accept the multimodal transportation fund grant. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

4) Announcements

- A) The Sewer Authority Meeting will be held March 12 at 6 p.m.
- B) The Parks & Recreation Board Meeting will be held March 13 at 7 p.m.
- C) The Library Board will meet March 19 at 7 p.m.
- D) Chairman Duffy announced that the Library fundraiser "Grape Expectations" will be held on March 24. Tickets may be purchased at the Library or online at lowerprovidencelibrary.org.
- E) Supervisor Neights said he attended the Library Board of Trustees meeting and reported that the Board would like to work with the Board of Supervisors to improve library signage. He said they would also like to engage more with Shannondell to help residents better utilize library services.

- F) Supervisor Sorgini reported that he and Mr. Delamater met with representatives from the Fire Department in the first of many planning meetings of a joint committee created to foster ongoing cooperation and engage in long-term planning.
- G) Ms. Reed reported that the Methacton High School Science Team received the most perfect scores of the event at their recent competition, the third most awards and had the third most participants. She also reported that the Mr. Methacton contest will be held on March 2. Ms. Reed said that many students will be participating in National School Walkout day and will observe 17 minutes of silence in honor of the students killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

5) Comments and Other Business

- A) Mr. Primus reported that they have been working on the bid book for road paving. He said after working extensively with staff it is ready to be sent out and asked for approval to advertise it in the newspaper so bids can be awarded in April.
 - i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion authorize advertising the opening of bids for road paving in the Township. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
 - (1) Mr. Primus reviewed the roads that would be repaved based on the bids received.
- The motion *passed* 5-0

6) Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: March 15, 2018
April 5, 2018