

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2018**

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**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, MacFarland, Neights and Sorgini.
- b. Also in attendance were: Colby Grimm, Township Solicitor; Don Delamater, Township Manager; William Roth, Director of Special Projects and Technology; Karl Lukens, Parks and Recreation Director; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Lonnie Manai, Township Engineer; Geri Golas, Assistant Township Manager; John Primus, Director of Public Works; and Stanley Turtle, Chief of Police
- c. Chairman Duffy announced that prior to the meeting an executive session was held to discuss real estate and personnel matters. He also announced that after the meeting the Board will return to executive session to discuss personnel matters.

**1) Consent Agenda**

- A) **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 September 6, 2018 into the record. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
  - i) Supervisor Neights commented on the Community Development Report, noting that the Township should be forward thinking on how to handle increased stormwater and flooding issues in the future.The motion *passed* 5-0.

**2) Presentations**

- A) Presentation by Charles Friedlander of Municipal Finance Partners on the 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation. (attached.)
  - i) In response to Supervisor Neights, Mr. Friedlander explained the cost differential for Administrative Expenses.
  - ii) Supervisor MacFarland asked for clarification on the realistic expectation of growth and how it may improve in the next five years.
  - iii) Supervisor Neights asked for information regarding how the Township is positioned for significant market correction.

**3) New Business**

- A) Consideration of Ordinance No. 656 establishing regulations for the use of consumer and display fireworks.
  - i) Solicitor Grim reviewed the Ordinance. Supervisor Neights asked for clarification of the term "repeal" in the instance of the ordinance.
  - ii) Chairman Duffy explained that the ordinance was being considered as fireworks are becoming more of an issue in the Township and this allows residents to enjoy fireworks, as permitted by state law, without becoming a nuisance. Police Chief Turtle explained the complaints that were receiving about the use of fireworks and said the ordinance will give the Police Department the ability to investigate and limit the use of fireworks if necessary.

- iii) Supervisor MacFarland said that features of the ordinance are compliant with state law while, at the same time, limiting when and where they can be used which gives the police a bit more refinement than what was issued by the state.
- iv) Chairman Duffy reviewed the limitations of fireworks in the ordinance
- v) Chief Turtle said they will use discretion, but this gives them a starting point to handle firework usage in the township
- vi) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 656 establishing regulations for the use of consumer and display fireworks. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
- (1) Jennifer Maslow, Grange Ave., asked for clarification of the once per week rule for setting off fireworks as well as the quantity that can be lit. Chairman Duffy said that the ordinance allows for firework use once per week until 10 p.m. Chief Turtle said that without the ordinance residents can light fireworks every night but by adopting the ordinance they now have a way to impose limits. Chairman Duffy said they are trying to strike a balance.

The motion *passed* 5-0

**B) Consideration of the Parks & Recreation Department's 5-year Capital Plan.**

- i) Karl Lukens reviewed the Capital Plan.
- ii) Supervisor Sorgini asked if any community organizations are utilizing the fields at Eskie park now that the Mascaro fields are operational and suggested if they are underutilized that the Parks & Recreation Board consider replacing them with tournament soccer fields.
- iii) Supervisor Neights requested the Board look into the possibility of incorporating exercise stations in the park.
- iv) Supervisor Eckman asked for a timeline of the work in Eagleville Park based on current usage. Mr. Lukens said that work could begin in October.
- v) Supervisor MacFarland reviewed the investments in Eagleville Park, noting purchases made in 2018 in order to take advantage of savings and to not delay repairs. Mr. Lukens clarified how the Open Space plan fit in the budget and gave an update on the Methacton United Soccer Club status as to renovations at Redtail Park.
- vi) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the Parks & Recreation Department's 5-year Capital Plan. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

**C) Pension distribution authorization.**

- i) Ms. Golas reviewed the DROP Pension Benefit Distribution for Terrence Kennedy.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the pension distribution authorization. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

**4) Announcements**

- A) The Planning Commission meeting will be held September 26 at 7 p.m.
- B) The Zoning Hearing Board meeting will be held September 27 at 7 p.m.
- C) The Township's Fall Festival will be held Saturday October 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Eagleville Park. More information can be found at [Iptrec.com](http://Iptrec.com).

**5) Comments and other Business**

- A) Supervisor Neights discussed the Lower Providence Library's fundraiser "Vegas Night Out" to be held November 10. Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$55 at the door. Information can be found at [lowerprovidencelibrary.org](http://lowerprovidencelibrary.org).

- B) Supervisor Neights also requested that a historical plaque be considered for a property for which the Township received a subdivision request on Arcola Road that people claim was once part of the Underground Railroad. Chairman Duffy said the request can be added to the development plan and agreed that noting historical properties was a worthwhile effort.
- C) Supervisor MacFarland said the Business Development Committee met and discussed business openings in the Township. He also said the committee continues to discuss notable properties in the Township and continues to look for opportunities. Supervisor MacFarland also announced an open house for business owners and operators in Park Pointe to let them know about sidewalk project and activities in and around the area.
- D) Public Works Director John Primus gave a report on the effect the weather has had on the paving and service projects in the Township. Mr. Delamater said that the Township provides updates on its website and Facebook page on all improvement projects in the Township.

**6) Courtesy of the Floor**

- A) Mike Spicer, Pechins Mill Road, expressed concern about lead in his well water, stating he'd had it tested and it showed chronic levels of lead. He is afraid that the highway project will lead to more contamination. Chairman Duffy clarified that the water main was installed with assistance of a DEP grant with additional funding from Superior Tube as a result of contamination. Chairman Duffy asked that Mr. Spicer contact Mr. Delamater to set up a meeting and bring the reports. Supervisor Eckman said that the DEP should be notified as well as they are the regulatory agency.
- B) Jennifer Maslow, Grange Ave., asked the police Chief if he found residents were acting responsibly with fireworks. He said there were complaints but there were no accidents to his knowledge.

**7) Adjournment**

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Budget Workshop:            September 24, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Next Business Meeting:    October 4, 2018  
   October 18, 2018