

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 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, MacFarland, Neights and Sorgini.
- 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; and Stanley Turtle, Chief of Police

1) Chairman Duffy announced that prior to the meeting an executive session was held to discuss real estate and personnel matters.

2) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), and 1(b), including moving the meeting minutes of September 20, 2018 and the Budget Workshop of September 24, 2018 into the record. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0.*

3) New Business

- A) Conditional Use Hearing – Lower Perkiomen Valley Regional Sewer Authority.

Tim Kurek was present to take a complete record of testimony

- i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the Conditional Use Application and procedure of hearing.
- ii) Mr. Dingman for the Regional Sewer Authority was sworn into testimony. Mr. Brandt, solicitor for the Sewer Authority gave an overview of the project.
- iii) Mr. Dingman explained the location of the project as well as the physical aspects of the property.
- iv) Solicitor Rice clarified the total easement dimensions, the heritage trees on the property, the permit status and the construction timeline
- v) Supervisor Eckman clarified how long the construction would impact Lower Providence Township. Mr. Dingman estimated about six months.
- vi) Supervisor Sorgini asked what the maintenance in the easement would look like. Mr. Dingman said it would be minimal with brush hogging, on average, every three years.
- vii) Supervisor Neights asked what the traffic impact would be during the six months of work. Mr. Dingman explained the scope of work as well as where the construction access would be.
- viii) **Public Comment**
 - (1) Preston Luitweiler, Limerick Township, asked for clarification of the status of the lower portion of the pipe in relation to this project as well as where the Yerkes Road bridge piers are located in reference to this project. Solicitor Rice said that the lower portion of the pipe will stay in Upper Providence and will not be moved. Mr. Dingman showed the location of the bridge piers.
 - (2) Fred Walker, Cold Spring Dr., expressed concerns about abandoning the existing sewer and the safety issues it could cause.

ix) Solicitor Rice called the hearing to a close and said a decision will be rendered within 45 days.

B) Discussion of S-18-01/3531 Arcola Road minor subdivision.

- i) Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the proposal.
- ii) Joe Clement, on behalf of the applicant, explained the scope of the project.
 - (1) Solicitor Rice asked for a complete waiver letter from the applicant. He discussed the timing of the tree replacement issue.
 - (2) Supervisor Neights asked for consideration to attach a condition of requiring a sidewalk should the house be removed in the future. He asked if a mirror could be installed to help with potential site lines. Mr. Clement said that they would comply with any mitigation suggested by the traffic engineer
 - (3) Supervisor Sorgini discussed the archway in the basement and the historical significance of the home.
 - (4) Supervisor MacFarland clarified the suggested condition that sidewalks would be required should the house and wall be removed, noting that this had been requested by the Planning Commission.
 - (5) Chairman Duffy asked if any renovations were being done to the existing house. Mr. Clement said there were but they were only cosmetic. Chairman Duffy clarified that a new house would be built and two houses would be for sale.
 - (6) Chairman Duffy said that the applicant would be back in two weeks for a resolution and public comment

C) Appointment of Student Representatives to the Board of Supervisors

- i) Mr. Delamater reviewed the Student Representative applications and said that Matt Matour and Annie Zhang would be nominated.
- ii) Supervisor MacFarland said that 10 students applied for the position. He reviewed the interview process.
- iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to nominate and appoint Annie Zhang to represent Methacton High School as a Student Representative to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
- iv) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to nominate and appoint Matt Matour to represent Methacton High School as a Student Representative to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

D) Pension Distribution Authorization.

- i) Geri Golas reviewed the request for Pension Distribution for Reginald Nealy.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the Pension Distribution for Reginald Nealy. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

4) Announcements

- A) 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.
- B) The Sewer Authority meeting will be held October 8 at 6 p.m.
- C) The Parks & Recreation Board Meeting will be held on October 9 at 7 p.m.
- D) The Library Board meeting will be held October 15 at 7 p.m.

5) Comments and other Business

- A) Don Delamater announced there will be a follow-up budget workshop on Tuesday, October 16 at 5 p.m. at the Township Building.

B) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: October 18, 2018
 November 1, 2018

Respectfully submitted:

Donald D. Delamater, Secretary