

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 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 MacFarland, Neights and Sorgini. Supervisor Eckman was absent.
- b. Also in attendance were: John Rice, Township Solicitor; Don Delamater, Township Manager; 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, Matthew Matour, Student Representative.

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

2) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), 1(b), 1(c) and 1(d), including moving the meeting minutes of December 6, 2018 into the record. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-0.

3) Presentations

A) Annual donation presentations:

- i) Lower Providence Senior Center
- ii) Lower Providence Community Center Ambulance
- iii) Visiting Nurse Association
- iv) Victim Services Center of Montgomery County
- v) Lower Providence Volunteer Fire Company – Matt Sibley of the Lower Providence Volunteer Fire Company gave a year-end review presentation.

B) 2018 Award presentations

- i) Business of the Year – Presented to Metropolitan Veterinary Association, accepted by James Dougherty and A. Jon Nannos
- ii) Volunteer of the Year – Presented to John Zollers for his initiative against invasive species in Eagleville Park
- iii) Citizen of the Year – Presented to Pasquale “Pat” Mascaro

C) Review of 2018 Board goals

- i) Chairman Duffy reviewed the intent of the Board of Supervisor Goals
 - (1) Mr. Delamater, for Supervisor Eckman, reported on the Open Space/Trails/Sidewalks Steering Committee
 - (2) Supervisor MacFarland and Supervisor Neights reported on the status of the study of the potential of the Audubon School property for Community use.
 - (3) Supervisor Sorgini reported that, should the Board pass the Police Contract this evening, the committee successfully and fairly negotiated new contracts with Police and non-uniformed workers, the committee successfully met their goal.
 - (4) Supervisor Sorgini reported that they successfully met the goal of making sure the fire company will be properly funded and that the Fire Company and EMS companies will continue to have a close relationship with the Township moving forward.

- (5) Supervisor MacFarland reported on the efforts and successes of the Economic Development Committee in 2018.
- (6) Mr. Delamater reported that his task of working with the police traffic unit and public works resulted in identifying three areas of concern in the Township and remediated the issues.
- (7) Chairman Duffy reported that his effort to increase Civic involvement by partnering with various Township groups to recognize excellence in the Township to recognize a business, volunteer and citizen of the year. He stated this initiative was a success and will carry into next year.
- (8) Solicitor Rice reported on the efforts to review the Township Codes so they may be updated to become more uniform and consistent.

4) New Business

A) Police Contract Ratification

- i) Mr. Delamater reviewed the proposed five-year police contract that was approved by the Police Association and its members.
- ii) Chairman Duffy said that contract meets many of the Township's goals with regard to healthcare costs while being able to pass those savings on to the officers.
- iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve the police contract as presented. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-0.

5) Announcements

- A) The Parks and Recreation Board will meet on January 8 at 7:00 p.m.
- B) The Sewer Authority will meet on January 14 at 6:00 p.m.
- C) The Township Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 7 at 6:00 p.m.

6) Comments and other Business

- A) Supervisor Neights wished all residents a Merry Christmas and happy holidays.
- B) Supervisor MacFarland reminded residents that the fire company will be escorting Santa Claus throughout the Township on Saturday, December 22. He thanked the fire company for this beloved Township tradition.
- C) Mr. Matour announced that many clubs and activity organizations at Methacton High School have participated in an adopt-a-family program for the holidays with teachers and students volunteering their time to collect funds, shop and wrap gifts for a family in the school district.
- D) Chairman Duffy announced that Chief Turtle and Sgt. Sgt. Kuhnert received the Police Department's accreditation certificate and he commended them on the effort required to achieve that goal. He also thanked the Board and staff for their efforts during his year of service as Chairman of the Board toward making Lower Providence Township as successful and effective as it could be.

7) Courtesy of the Floor

- A) Calvin Carolina, Kriebel Mill Rd., expressed concern about the Grange and Germantown Pike intersection. Chief Turtle said that the issues at this intersection were already known to the Police Department and they were working on solutions.
- B) Jennifer Maslow, Grange Ave., asked for clarification as to where the Senior Center was located.
- C) Joe Ferrera, Pine Tree Drive, asked the Board to take into consideration the possibility of the Township moving from a second-class Township classification to a first-class Township classification. He said this move would be possible due to the size of the Township and would allow for the Township to be divided into zones with shorter terms of service for the Supervisors, which may entice more residents to volunteer to serve.

8) Adjournment

A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed 4-0*. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Reorganization Meeting: January 7, 2019 @ *to be determined*

Next Business Meeting: January 17, 2019