

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 4, 2019**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman MacFarland, Supervisors Duffy, Eckman, Neights and Sorgini.
- b. Also in attendance were: Peter Nelson, 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; Chief Stanley Turtle, Lower Providence Police Department; Annie Zhang, Student Representative.
Chairman MacFarland announced that prior to the meeting an executive session was held to discuss real estate and legal matters.

1) Consent Agenda

- A) **Minutes:** The minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting of March 21, 2019 will be reviewed and accepted.
- B) **Escrow Releases**
 - i) St. James Church – releases #1 and #2 in the mount of \$49,980.00
 - ii) WB Homes, Courts at Brynwood – Release #8 in the amount of \$87,530.00
- C) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a) and 1(b), including moving the meeting minutes of March 21, 2019 into the record. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
 - i) No public commentThe motion *passed* 5-0.

2) Presentations

- A) Annual donation to the Methacton High School Post Prom Committee, Dawn Pataki
- B) Police Officer of the year – Officer Zachary Wise
- C) Mike Mrozinski and John Primus – 5-Year Service Awards

3) New Business

- A) Review of land development – St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church.
 - i) Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the proposal.
 - ii) The applicant’s engineers and architects reviewed the plans.
 - iii) Mr. Woodrow said he had no issues with the plan as presented.
 - iv) Supervisor Neights said that any sidewalk connectivity they could install in the future would be of benefit to the Township.
 - v) Dave Crist of St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church discussed the necessity for the renovations.
 - vi) Solicitor Eckman discussed the traffic impact fee.
 - vii) Solicitor Duffy asked if they would be adding more students or church members. Mr. Crist said they were at capacity for the nursery school and did not anticipate a tremendous increase in members. Mr. Woodrow said because there would be no additions to the impact this could trigger a waiver of the traffic impact fee.
- B) Review and consideration of Lighting Ordinance Waiver Request for Car Vision

- i) Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the waiver request.
 - ii) Pablo Martin of Car Vision explained why the lighting does not comply with the new lighting ordinance and how he feels the current lighting is a good compromise.
 - iii) Ronald Smith of Suburban Lighting Consultants said that the ordinance is very clear about the lighting requirements. He explained that despite the measures taken by the applicant, the current lighting does not comply.
 - iv) Chairman MacFarland asked if the required lights could be installed. Mr. Smith said they could.
 - v) Mr. Duffy asked if the complaints received by neighbors were new or if they were previously registered complaints. Mr. Mrozinski said they were new complaints.
 - vi) Supervisor Eckman confirmed that the fixture itself could not comply with the ordinance. Mr. Smith said he did not believe so.
 - vii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to deny the waiver. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
 - (1) No public comment.
 The motion *passed* 5-0.
- C) Consideration of Resolution No. 2019-18 approving the Mascaro Trash/Recycling Contract Extension
- i) Mr. Delamater reviewed the resolution and the request to authorize the two-year extension that was part of the original bid award.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the Masacaro Trash/Recycling Contract Extension. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
 - (1) Supervisor Duffy noted that the \$400.56 designated in the contract is less than residents were paying in 2009.
 - (2) Bill Fox, counsel for Mascaro Trash, discussed the volatility of the cost of recycling.
 - (3) Supervisor Neights commended Mascaro for their recycling program.
 - (4) No public comment
 The motion *passed* 5-0
- D) Consideration of PECO LED municipal building light proposal
- i) Mr. Delamater reviewed the PECO proposal. The proposal would replace all current interior municipal building lights with LED lights to reduce the Township's electric consumption. The project is estimated to cost \$10,000 and PECO will contribute \$4,200 to the project. He said the payback would be less than 2 years in electricity costs.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the PECO LED municipal building light proposal. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
 - (1) Supervisor Duffy asked if any future renovations would impact the proposed lighting fixtures. Mr. Delamater said that any light fixtures can be re-used. He confirmed the saving costs.
 - (2) No public comment
 The motion *passed* 5-0.
- E) Consideration of Resolution No. 2019-19 authorizing sale of vehicles.
- i) Mr. Delamater reviewed the process for selling Township vehicles. He noted the vehicles for sale are:
 - (1) 2003 Ford Coachman
 - (2) 2007 Ford Focus
 - (3) 2011 Ford Crown Victoria

- (4) 2003 Ford Windstar
- (5) 2011 Ford Crown Victoria
- (6) 4 Frontend Loader Tires
- (7) Old snow Blower 1987

- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-19 authorizing the sale of vehicles. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.
 - (1) Supervisor Neights confirmed that this resolution was to only sell vehicles, not purchase new vehicles. Mr. Delamater said all of the vehicles had already been replaced.
 - (2) No public comment
 The motion *passed* 5-0.

4) Student Rep Report

- A) Ms. Zhang reported on Methacton High School's Model UN and Future Business Leaders of America's activities. She also discussed the successful spring sports teams.

5) **Announcements**

- A) The 40th Annual Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Eagleville Park. The rain date is April 13. A ribbon cutting ceremony will also be held for the two new playground structures in the park.
- B) The Sewer Authority will meet April 8 at 6 p.m.
- C) The Library Board of Trustees will meet April 15 at 7 p.m.
 - i) Chairman MacFarland announced that Marija Skoog had been hired as the new Library Director
- D) The Parks and Recreation Board will meet on April 16 at 7 p.m.

6) **Comments and other Business**

- A) Supervisor Neights noted that in response to residents' inquiries he has been looking into sustainability measures that can be adopted by the Township. Discussion was held regarding sustainability resolutions in surrounding municipalities. The Board was in support of sustainability measures but did not feel it was the appropriate governmental body to implement a resolution. Discussion was held regarding the current sustainability measures the Township is currently undertaking.
- B) Supervisor Eckman reported that the Business Development Committee met this month. She reported that billboard art had been created for the electronic billboard on 422. Mr. Roth showed examples of the art.
- C) Mr. Delamater announced that Jane Delaney has been hired as the new Parks and Recreation Director.

7) **Courtesy of the floor**

- A) Pablo Martin, owner of Car Vision, asked if he received written confirmation from each neighbor of Car Vision that they did not have an issue with the lights would he be able to receive a waiver from the lighting ordinance. Chairman MacFarland said that as it had been voted upon he would need to file a new request. Discussion was held regarding options for moving forward.
- B) Cara Colesss, Windsor Drive believes the Township could decide to create a pathway to sustainability with its decisions for Township events and things that the Township has control over. She also inquired about the appearance of transparency relating to decisions involving people who have made large contributions to political campaigns. Discussion was held regarding the impact of campaign contributions and how they are received. Discussion was held regarding the Mascaro bid and the transparency of the contract extension.

8) **Adjournment**

A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2019
May 2, 2019

Respectfully submitted:

Donald D. Delamater, Secretary