

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 16, 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: 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; Police Chief Stan Turtle, and Matthew Matour, Student Representative.

Chairman MacFarland announced that prior to the meeting an executive session was held to discuss real estate and 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 May 2, 2019 into the record. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion.

i) No public comment

The motion *passed* 5-0.

2) Presentations

- A) Update on MS4 Skippack Creek Watershed Consortium
 - i) Mr. Woodrow gave an update including the concerns of Lower Salford Township and monies that may be available.
 - ii) There was discussion about when the Township could expect to see some concrete cost analysis for Lower Providence Township's costs and the obligations of reducing TMDL. Mr. Woodrow said they hope to offset most of costs through grants but should have cost estimates in approximately 60 days
 - iii) Discussion was held regarding the updated costs the Township would be liable for compared to previous estimates that were provided.
 - iv) Mr. Woodrow said that the outlook with Lower Salford is more optimistic and they are looking to finalize this arrangement with the six municipalities within the next few months.

3) New Business

A) Public Hearing – Verizon Franchise renewal

- i) Mr. Delamater gave a history of the original franchise agreement. He reviewed where the renewal information was posted for the public. Mr. Delamater read the opening remarks for the public hearing on Verizon Cable Franchise Renewal.
- ii) Mr. Delamater opened the floor to public comments.
 - (1) Supervisor Eckman asked if there would be the same process for Comcast. Mr. Delamater said there would.
 - (2) Supervisor Neights stated that he found the pricing to be confusing.
 - (3) Cara Coless, Windsor Drive, asked if the line item franchise fee will go up, Mr. Delamater said that it will not go up as it is already at the maximum 5% allowed by law.

- (4) There being no further comments, the hearing closed.
- B) Consideration of Resolution 2019-22, approving the final land development plan for Courts at Brynwood Phase II
- i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the Resolution.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-22 approving the final land development plan for Courts at Brynwood Phase II. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
 - (1) No public commentThe motion *passed* 5-0.
- C) Consideration of Resolution 2019-23, approving submission of sewage facilities planning module for 805 N. Park Avenue.
- i) Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the Resolution.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-23 approving submission of sewage facilities planning module for 805 N. Park Avenue. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
 - (1) No public commentThe motion *passed* 5-0.
- D) Consideration of request from the Lower Providence Fire Department for extension of operating hours for the annual Fireman's Fair.
- i) Chief Turtle reviewed the request saying that this has been approved in the past with no issues.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to approve the request from the Lower Providence Fire Department for extension of operating hours for the annual Fireman's Fair. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
 - (1) No public commentThe motion *passed* 5-0
- E) Pension distribution authorization
- i) Ms. Golas reviewed the pension distribution authorization request for William Wilfong
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the pension distribution for William Wilfong. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
 - (1) No public commentThe motion *passed* 5-0.
- F) Proclamation recognizing Older Americans Month
- i) Chairman MacFarland read the Proclamation into the record.
- G) Discussion of sustainability resolution.
- i) Supervisor Duffy said he had circulated a new draft Resolution. He said he and Supervisor Neights worked together on the new draft and thanked Supervisor Neights for his efforts. He said they feel this effort is a good compromise.
 - ii) Supervisor Neights said he and Supervisor Duffy created a bipartisan resolution that will benefit the Township and feels it is important that the Township is taking these steps. He noted that all Board members contributed to the document.
 - iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-24. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion.
 - (1) Erin McCool, thanked the Board for all of the work and conversations that went into the Resolution.

- (2) Marsha Atkins, Vaux Lane, asked for clarification regarding the subdivision and land development requirements for staff review. She expressed concern that the Township does not have more stringent requirements than other townships. She wants the township to be welcoming. Supervisor Duffy said they are not requiring developers to go beyond the existing ordinances but will suggest steps that will help projects be more environmentally friendly.

The motion *passed* 5-0.

4) Announcements

- A) Planning Commission will meet on May 22 at 7 p.m.
- B) Zoning Hearing Board will meet on May 23 at 7 p.m.
- C) The Lower Providence Fire Department's annual Fireman's Fair will be held June 6 through June 15 on the Fire Department grounds, 3199 Ridge Pike, in Eagleville. Information is available at www.lpfire.com.
- D) The next Township Open House will be held on September 24 at the Arcola Middle School.

5) Comments and other Business

- A) Supervisor Duffy said that the Parks and Recreation Board will meet on May 20 due to the the Township Building being used as a polling site. He also asked that residents be patient during the voting process as Montgomery County is using a new system.
- B) Supervisor Duffy said that there is a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Board which has been advertised and for which they have received applications for the position. He recommended Amy Johnston-Smith for the position.
 - i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to appoint Amy Johnston-Smith to the Park and Recreation Board. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
 - (1) No public comment
 - ii) The motion *passed* 5-0.

6) Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: June 6, 2019
June 20, 2019