

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
JULY 18, 2019**

Call to Order: Chairman MacFarland called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman MacFarland, Supervisors Duffy, Eckman, Neights, and Supervisor Sorgini via telephone. Also, in attendance were: John Rice, Township Solicitor; Donald Delamater, Township Manager, William Roth, Director of Special Projects and Technology; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer; John Primus, Director of Public Works; Police Chief Stan Turtle, and Annie Zhang, Student Representative.

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

1) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), 1(b) and 1(c) including moving the meeting minutes of June 20, 2019 into the record. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.

i) No public comment

The motion *passed* 4-0-1 with Supervisor Neights abstaining due to absence.

2) Presentations

- A) Presentations by Supervisor Duffy; Beth Mazza, Parks and Recreation Chair; and Jane Delaney, Parks & Recreation Director to Reilly Smith, Kendall Ozorowski, and Dylan Pompe recognizing their service to the Lower Providence Parks and Recreation Board.

- B) Recognition by the Board of Supervisors to the retirement of Chief Turtle.

- C) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to appoint Lt. Michael Jackson as the new Lower Providence Chief of Police. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.

(1) No public comment.

The motion *passed* 5-0.

Chief Jackson was then sworn in by District Justice Rebar.

- D) Chief Jackson introduced Lance Cannon as a new Lower Providence Police Officer.

Supervisor Sorgini excused himself from the meeting.

3) New Business

- A) Consideration of a request for waiver of land development at 64 Sandown Road

i) Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the request.

ii) Mr. Macy (Representing the Property Owner) was in attendance to answer any questions

iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the request for waiver of land development involving a lot line change at 64 Sandown Road with the conditions of the Woodrow Letter and clarifying the encroachment of existing concrete and the dedication of land along Wedgewood Way. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.

(1) No public comment.

The motion *passed* 4-0.

- B) Consideration of request for waiver of a provision of the land development ordinance – 517 Elizabeth Drive

- i) Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the request.
 - ii) Mrs. Kenney (Owner/Applicant) stated that her request was for second curb cut for driveway to the in-law quarters that is currently being constructed.
 - (1) Mr. Rice recommended that a standard deed restriction concerning in-law suites to be a condition of the approval of this request.
 - iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to approve the request for waiver of the land development to allow the second curb cut. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
 - (1) No public comment.The motion *passed* 4-0.
- C) Consideration of a request for a waiver of land development – 9 S. Park Avenue
- i) Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the request to keep the existing building with the addition of a new 3,000 square foot storage building and has filed a Conditional Use Application for a secondary use to allow a residential use above the business use.
 - ii) Mr. Gambone (Owner/Applicant) and his attorney Mr. Coval were in attendance to answer any questions.
 - iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to deny the request for waiver of land development and ask for preliminary final land development plan for this property. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion.
 - (1) No public commentThe motion *passed* 4-0.
- D) Consideration of request for a waiver of fence standards at 401 Hillside Avenue.
- i) Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the request.
 - ii) Dean and Linda Allebach (Owner/Applicant) were in attendance to answer any questions.
 - iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to approve the waiver to allow for the replacement of the existing solid wood fence with a solid-style vinyl fence. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
 - (1) No public commentThe motion *passed* 4-0
- E) Consideration of Resolution #2019-25 establishing fixed rates for 2008 Notes B and C.
- i) Mr. Delamater reviewed the request to lock into a fixed rate for the remainder of the borrowing of the 2008 Notes.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to authorize Mr. Delamater and DelVal to lock into a fixed rate that is no higher than the current variable rate. Mrs. Eckman seconded the motion.
 - (1) No public commentThe motion *passed* 4-0.
- F) Park Pointe at Lower Providence Sidewalk Project Bid Award.
- i) Mr. Woodrow reviewed the Park Pointe Sidewalk project, the bid results and his recommendation to award.
 - ii) Mr. Delamater noted that the grant funds received for this project is \$165,445.
 - iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to award the Lower Providence Sidewalk Project Bid to Drumheller Construction Company in the amount of \$219,911.50. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
 - (1) No public commentThe motion *passed* 4-0.

G) Student Representative update

- i) Annie Zhang thanked Chief Turtle for his service and contributions to the community.

H) Montgomery County Prison Board Recommendation

- i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to recommend Supervisor Duffy to fill the vacancy position due to Chief Turtle's retirement to the Montgomery County Prison Board. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.

- ii) No public comment

The motion passed 3-0-1 with Supervisor Duffy abstaining.

4) **Announcements**

- A) Planning Commission will meet on July 24 at 7 p.m.
- B) Zoning Hearing Board will meet on July 25 at 7 p.m.
- C) Sewer Authority will meet on August 12 at 6:00 p.m.

5) **Comments and other Business**

- A) Supervisor MacFarland thanked the Police, EMS, and Fire Service for a job well done during the week with serious weather conditions. Chief Turtle noted that all the bridges in the Township were closed during these weather conditions.
- B) Supervisor MacFarland announced that the Township made a presentation at the Methacton School Board meeting on June 25th describing the Townships interest for the use of the Audubon School for a Community Center and Open Space.
- C) Mr. Primus gave an update on the status of the current paving projects.
- D) Supervisor MacFarland and Duffy recognized the new format and success of July 4th Event.
- E) Supervisor Eckman announced that the Business Development Committee and Board of Supervisors held a small Meet & Greet with Business Owners on the central section of Ridge Pike. There will be a Public Open House at Arcola Middle School on September 24th.
- F) Supervisor Neights noted that he has received favorable comments about the board passing the sustainability resolution.

6) **Courtesy of Floor**

- A) Supervisor MacFarland again thanked Retired Police Chief Turtle for his service.

7) **Adjournment**

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: August 15, 2019
September 5, 2019