

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019**

Call to Order: Chairman MacFarland called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman MacFarland, Vice Chair Eckman, Supervisors Duffy, Neights and Sorgini. Also, in attendance were: John Rice, Township Solicitor; Donald Delamater, Township Manager, Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer; Geri Golas, Assistant Township Manager; John Primus, Director of Public Works; and Police Chief Michael Jackson.
- b. Chairman MacFarland announced that prior to the September 5 meeting, tonight's meetings, and on September 9 executive sessions were held to discuss 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 September 5, 2019 into the record. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
 - i) No public commentThe motion *passed* 5-0.

2) Presentations

- A) Presentation by Charles Friedland of Municipal Finance Partners on the 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation.

3) New Business

- A) Conditional Use Decision – 420, 426, and 428 Church Road and Parcel #43-00-2308-00-7 Church Road
 - i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the Conditional Use for 420, 426 and 428 Church Road and Parcel 43-00-2308-00-7. Solicitor Rice explained that only the three board members who heard the Conditional Use hearing can vote on the decision and the vote would need to be unanimous in order to pass.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Vice-Chair Eckman made a motion to have Solicitor Rice prepare a Conditional Use Decision denying this application. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion.
 - (1) No public commentThe motion *passed* 3-0, with Supervisors MacFarland and Neights not voting.
- B) Discussion of the Earned Income Tax Sterling Act.
 - i) Mr. Delamater reviewed the information regarding the Sterling Act pertaining to the 1% Earned Income Tax. He stated that the Sterling Act does not require Philadelphia to remit any portion of the wage tax collected to the municipality of the non-resident employed in Philadelphia. With approximately 696 Lower Providence residents who work in Philadelphia, that equates to \$370,000 a year that we do not receive for Earned Income Tax and the same for the Methacton School District.
 - (1) The Board authorized Mr. Delamater to prepare the resolution requesting an amendment to the Sterling Act for the next meeting.

4) Announcements

- A) Planning Commission meeting – Sept. 25 at 7:00 p.m.
- B) Zoning Hearing Board meeting – Sept. 26 at 7:00 p.m.
- C) The Board of Supervisors will hold an Open House on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at Arcola Intermediate School. The Supervisors will provide information current on projects and activity in the Township. More than a dozen exhibitors will be on hand to answer questions. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with a presentation at 7 p.m.
- E) The Township's annual Fall Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 5th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Eagleville Park. Details at lptrec.com.
- F) The Library will hold be holding a fundraiser on Tuesday, Oct. 19th
- G) Student Representative Update: Will Cavello noted that the classes of 2020 & 2021 were preparing for the Homecoming Game, Dance, and early talks for Prom.

5) Comments and other Business

- A) Supervisor Sorgini thanked the Emergency Response Services including the Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Service for their continued cooperation and collaboration with the Township.
- B) Supervisor Neights spoke about attending and speaking at the Southeast PA Municipality Workshop-EAC and presented the good work that the Township did with the Sustainability Resolution. Also, he asked the Board to take into consideration of changing the Heritage Tree Resolution from 40" to 30".
- C) Chairman MacFarland offered a brief comment with regard to the Conditional Use, he noted that he does support the concept of Village Housing.
- D) Supervisor Duffy thanked Lidl, CertaPro, and Providence Place for inviting the Board to their Grand Openings this week.
- E) Supervisor Neights spoke to the of areas that need redevelopment.

6) Courtesy of Floor

- A) Cara Coless, 2015 Windsor Drive, spoke to the Board regarding Village Housing and also the collection of taxes from longstanding lawsuits.
- B) Jenny Reimenschneider, 103 Church Road, spoke to the Board about the Church Road development and keeping in mind the number of houses to be built, keeping the wildlife and less concrete.
- C) Erin McCool, 5008 Coldspring Drive, spoke to the Board about sustainability and establishing an Environmental Advisory Committee.
- D) Jennifer Maslow, 987 N. Grange Avenue asked the Board about Halfway Houses and/or Group Homes.
- E) Nick Mancini, 26 Dorchester Road spoke to the Board about hearing gunfire on the eves of holidays.

7) Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Budget Workshop: September 23, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: October 3, 2019
 October 17, 2019