

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2020**

Call to Order: Chairman Sorgini called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Sorgini, Supervisors Eckman, Coless, MacFarland, and Neights.
- b. Also in attendance were: John Rice, Township Solicitor; Don Delamater, Township Manager; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer; Casey Moore, Traffic Engineer; Geri Spotts, Assistant Township Manager; John Primus, Director of Public Works; and Michael Jackson, Chief of Police.

Chairman Sorgini announced that prior to the meeting an executive session was held to discuss legal and personnel matters.

1) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), 1(b), and 1(c), including moving the meeting minutes of January 16, 2020 into the record. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0*.

2) Presentations

- A) Supervisor MacFarland made a presentation to outgoing Library Board of Trustees Members, David Nawrocki and Ben Simkin.

Chairman Sorgini made a motion to close the regular Board of Supervisors Meeting in order to proceed with the Conditional Use Hearing. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0*.

3) New Business

- A) Conditional Use Hearing – 420, 426, and 428 Church Road and Parcel #43-00-2308-00-7 Church Road
Court Reporter Tim Kurek was present to take a complete record of testimony.

Chairman Sorgini made a motion to exit the conditional use hearing and re-enter the Public Meeting. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0*.

Chairman Sorgini made a motion to go out of order to item 3C and then back to public comment on the conditional use hearing. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0*.

C) Appointment(s) to Library Board of Trustees

- i) Marija Skoog, Library Director noted that the Library Board was looking for someone with a financial background to move into the Treasurer's position and would like people that use the library. The first position is a 3-year term and the second position fills the remainder of a term expiring in 2020.
- ii) Supervisor Neights nominated Tejal Mehta to the 3-year term position. Supervisor Coless seconded the nomination.

- iii) Supervisor MacFarland nominated Anna O' Malley to the 3-year term position. No second to the nomination.
- iv) **MOTION:** A motion was made by Supervisor Neights to appoint Tejal Mehta to the 3-year term on the Library Board. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion.
- v) There was no public comment.
- vi) The motion *passed* 5-0 to appoint Tejal Mehta to the 3-year term.
- vii) Supervisor Neights nominated Shannon Chase to fill the term expiring in 2020. Supervisor Coless seconded the nomination.
- viii) Supervisor Eckman nominated Carla Skuchas to fill the term expiring in 2020. No second to the nomination.
- ix) **MOTION:** A motion was made by Supervisor Neights to appoint Shannon Chase to fill the term expiring in 2020. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion.
- x) There was no public comment.
- xi) The motion *passed* 5-0 to appoint Shannon Chase to fill the term expiring in 2020.
- xii) Ms. Skoog also made an announcement that the Library's 20th Annual Wine Tasting event will be held on March 14, 2020.

A) Public Comment- Conditional Use Hearing CU-19-03: The following individuals commented on the Branca Conditional Use Hearing:

- i) Jill Barbera – 5020 Prescott Circle
- ii) Dave Laganelli – 400 Church Road
- iii) Michael Walchonski – 537 Church Road
- iv) Kevin Remak – 516 Church Road
- v) Holly Costello – 13 Circle Drive
- vi) Brian Stagliano – 376 Church Road
- vii) Rich Pachella – 3029 Walker Lane
- viii) Robert Dodds – 3037 Walker Lane

B) Consideration of Ordinance No. 664 amending Chapter 129, Stormwater Management by providing design and location standards for stormwater management facilities in new subdivisions and land developments.

- i. Solicitor Rice reviewed Ordinance No. 664 addressing stormwater management.
- ii. **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 664. Chairman Sorgini seconded the motion.
- iii. There was no public comment.
- iv. The motion *passed* 4-1 with Supervisor MacFarland opposing.

D) Blue Teel Bridge Repair

- i. Mr. Woodrow gave an update regarding the PennDOT inspection report for the Blue Teel Bridge repair.
- ii. Mr. Delamater noted that PennDOT may restrict the weight limitations to 15 tons, which would restrict trash trucks and school buses and possibly impact fire trucks. However, Mr. Delamater noted that there is a meeting scheduled for next week with PennDOT to determine if this repair is classified as an emergency. If so, then the Township can move forward with the repairs without having to bid.
- iii. **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to authorize the Township to proceed with either bidding the project or performing the repairs immediately if classified by PennDOT as an emergency. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
- iv. There was no public comment.

- v. The motion *passed* 5-0.

E) Green Light-Go Grant update

- i. Mr. Delamater gave an update on the Green Light-Go grant for automated traffic signal performance measures at three intersections along Egypt Road, noting that the Township had received the fully executed grant agreement. The Township will issue an RFP for traffic engineering services which will be based solely on qualifications since the cost has already been determined as part of the grant agreement. A review committee will be comprised of Mr. Delamater, Ms. Spotts, Mr. Primus, and Chief Jackson.

F) African American History Month Proclamation

- i. Chairman Sorgini read into record a Proclamation proclaiming February 2020 to be African American History Month.

4. Announcements

- Planning Commission meeting on February 26th has been cancelled
- Zoning Hearing Board will meet on February 27th at 7:00 p.m.

5. Comments and other Business

- Mr. Delamater announced that the 422 Bridge will open and officially be operational on May 14th.
- Supervisor Coless noted that Earth Day is coming up in April and Supervisor Eckman said that the Park & Recreation Department is planning on hosting an Earth Day Event.
- Mr. Primus noted that the 2020 paving program is ready to go out for bid.
 - ii. **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to move forward with the bidding process for the 2020 paving program. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
 - iii. There was no public comment.
 - iv. The motion *passed* 5-0.

6. Courtesy of the Floor

- James Watters – The West Norriton Township resident offered to share the Environmental Advisory Council information he has gained as being the past Chairman of West Norriton Township's EAC.
- David Doeblen – 1 Ashwood Lane reported that he is in his fifth year of no electric bills and second year of no heating bills because of his solar panels.

7. Adjournment

- i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:26 p.m.

Next Business Meetings: March 5, 2020
March 19, 2020