

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 21, 2020**

Call to Order: Chairman Sorgini called the Zoom Virtual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Sorgini, Supervisors Eckman, Coless, Neights, and MacFarland.
- b. Also in attendance were: Donald Delamater, Township Manager; William Roth, Director of Special Projects, and Technology; Peter Nelson, Township Solicitor; and Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer.

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 May 7, 2020 into the record. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
 - i. There was no public comment
 - ii. The motion *passed* 5-0.

2) New Business

- A) Authorization to award 2020 Road Improvement Project Bid.
 - i. Mr. Woodrow reviewed the 2020 Road Improvement Project bids and made the recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Alan Myers Constructions, in the amount of \$416,077.00. Mr. Woodrow noted that the roads to be included are: Parklane Drive, Driftwood Drive, Lee Road, Fox Road, Landis Mill Road, Oakdale Avenue, Oaklyn Avenue, W. Sunset, S. Midland Road, Coppermine Road, Leon Avenue and Kingston Circle.
 - ii. **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to award the 2020 the Road Improvement Project to Alan Myers. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
 - iii. There was no public comment.
 - v. The motion *passed* 5-0.
- B) Consideration of Ordinance No. 669 establishing the office of Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator.
 - i. Mr. Delamater reviewed the Ordinance No. 669 establishing the office of Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator including duties.
 - ii. **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 669 establishing the office of Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
 - iii. There was no public comment.
 - iv. The motion *passed* 5-0.
- C) Consideration of Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan Consultant Appointment
 - i. Ms. Jean Akers reviewed the Park & Recreation Open Space Plan Consultant Appointment and made the recommendation to award the appointment to Simone Collins. Ms. Akers noted that the appointment selection would be forwarded to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for review and approval.
 - ii. The Board of Supervisors had questions regarding the selection process. Ms. Akers responded.
 - iii. **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to accept the proposal by Simone Collins Landscape Architecture. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
 - iv. There was no public comment.
 - v. The motion *passed* 5-0.

3) Announcements

- A) The May 27th Planning Commission Meeting and the May 28th Zoning Hearing Board Meeting have been cancelled.

4) Comments and other Business

- A) Mr. Delamater announced the following:
 - i. Board of Supervisor Student Representative applications are being accepted for 2020-2021, applications are due by June 15th.
 - ii. Board of Supervisors are looking for residents interested in serving on the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). Information has been placed in the paper and on the Township website.
 - iii. State House passed a bill to allow outdoor dining, once we have reached yellow status. Safety precautions are being reviewed by the Fire Marshal and Police Department.
 - iv. Mr. Delamater announced that the Township Building remains closed to the public, but business is still being conducted via telephone and email. Also, a large mailbox has been placed in front of the administration building where permit applications and payments can be dropped off.
- B) Supervisor MacFarland commended Officer Matt Barber for being selected as Officer of the Year.
 - i. Chief Jackson noted that Officer Barber was selected by his peers and the Lower Providence Optimist Club for his excellence in community service.
- C) Supervisor Coless noted that the Police Department has posted that they are collecting for the Daily Bread Food Pantry.
 - i. Chief Jackson noted that the Food Pantry was running low on items and said that they would take donations at the Police Department.
- D) Supervisor Neights thanked Supervisor Eckman, Jean Akers, and Jane Delaney for the work that they have done with the Open Space Plan.
 - i. With the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend, Supervisor Neights would like everyone to take a moment of silence in honor of our service men and women.
- E) Supervisor MacFarland made the following announcements:
 - i. The 422 bridge opening has been delayed due to discovering a falcon's nest. The bridge is scheduled to be open September 2020.
 - ii. The Lower Perkiomen Valley Regional Sewer Authority Middle Interceptor project has been delayed due to the discovery of an eagle's nest on the work site.
 - iii. The Comprehensive Plan is moving a little slower, but a meeting is scheduled for next week.
 - iv. Discussions continue with the Methacton School District regarding the use of the Audubon Elementary School as a community center.
- F) Supervisor Eckman made the following announcements:
 - i. The Park & Recreation Board had a virtual meeting on May 19, 2020.
 - ii. Lower Providence Summer Camp has been cancelled for 2020.
 - iii. Hopeful to still be able to hold the July 4th celebration.
 - iv. May 10-16 is Police Week; May 17-23 is EMS Week and also Public Works Week. Thank you to our Police Department, EMS, and Public Works staff.
 - v. Public Works employees Jim Alexander, John Evans, Kyle Lochner and Fire Marshal Mike Rohlfing were recognized for their efforts as Volunteers with the Lower Providence Fire Company.

5) Courtesy of the Floor

- A) Chairman Sorgini again offered gratitude to all of the first responders of Lower Providence Township; Montgomery County; the state; and the entire country for all the work that they are doing; to all of our healthcare workers who are putting their lives on the line; to all restaurant workers staying open for take-out; and all essential employees who are continuing to work and encourage the Lower Providence Township residents Stay Calm, Stay Home and be Safe.

6) Adjournment

- i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Next Business Meetings: June 4, 2020
June 18, 2020

Respectfully submitted:

Donald D. Delamater, Secretary