

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2020**

Call to Order: Chairman Sorgini called the hybrid live/virtual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of the passing of James Dougherty on September 9, 2020. Mr. Dougherty served the Township as a supervisor from 2000 to 2005 and was a decorated Marine veteran serving in Vietnam.

Roll Call:

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

1) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor McFarland made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), 1(b), and 1(c), including moving the Board of Supervisors' meeting minutes of August 20, 2020 and September 3, 2020 into the record and approving the payment of bills. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion.
 - i. Supervisor Neights commented that the Sept. 3 minutes made reference to his request that police complaint reports be provided and noted that they will not be provided due to terms in the collective bargaining agreement.
 - ii. There was no public comment.
 - iii. The motion *passed* 5-0.

2) Presentation

- A) Charles Friedlander of Municipal Finance Partners presented the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the township's pension plans.

3) New Business

- A) Consideration of fence waiver request – 2004 Swan Circle
 - i. Mr. Mrozinski and the property owner, Philip Sherman, reviewed the fence waiver request for the property located at 2004 Swan Circle, noting that the property has three frontages and the waiver of fence standards will permit a solid style fence to be installed.
 - ii. **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to approve the fence waiver request for 2004 Swan Circle. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion.
 - iii. There was no public comment.
 - iv. The motion to approve *passed* 5-0.
- B) Review of de minimis land development plan for Eagleville Elementary School
 - i. Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the plan which consists of an extension to the front entrance of the school. The two-story expansion will be used for office space, classrooms and security functions.
 - ii. Kim Kryder, engineer for the project, said there are no waiver requests. Per the McMahon Associates review letter, a determination has to be made if the transportation impact fee is applicable. Mr. Kryder said he also anticipates a revised letter from the township lighting consultant as no new lighting is proposed.
 - iii. There was no public comment.
 - iv. A resolution will be prepared for the board's consideration.

C) Pension distribution authorization

i. Ms. Spotts requested the board's approval of a pension benefit distribution to Carol Strock effective October 1, 2020.

ii. **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the pension benefit distribution to Carol Strock effective October 1, 2020.

iii. There was no public comment.

iv. The motion *passed* 5-0.

4. Announcements

A) The Planning Commission will hold a virtual meeting September 23 at 7:00 p.m.

B) The Zoning Hearing Board's September 24th meeting has been cancelled.

C) A virtual meeting for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan will be held September 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM

5. Comments and other Business

A) Chairman Sorgini introduced Irene Biju, one of the four student representatives to the board. She provided an update on the virtual school year thus far and thanked the teachers and administrators for their efforts.

B) Mr. Delamater provided an explanation of a recent diesel fuel spill near Yerkes Road. The incident is being managed by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

C) Supervisor Neights thanked Chief Jackson for his leadership on community policing and work with the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force.

D) Supervisor Neights commented on Mr. Dougherty's extensive military service, history and honors.

E) **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to set aside a page in the minutes in recognition of James Dougherty. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

F) Mr. Delamater noted that the township has undertaken two important planning initiatives, the Comprehensive Plan Update and the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. He stressed that citizen participation is critical to the success of both plans. Details on the plans and information on how to get involved is posted on the township website.

G) Supervisor Coless said the Comprehensive Plan steering committee is working to make future meetings of the committee more interactive.

6. Courtesy of the Floor

A) No Comments

7. Adjournment

A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor McFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Business Meetings: October 1, 2020
October 3, 2020