

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

Call to Order: Chairman Sorgini called the hybrid live/virtual meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Sorgini, Vice Chairwomen Eckman, Supervisors Coless, and Neights. Supervisor MacFarland was absent.
- b. Also, in attendance were: Peter Nelson, Township Solicitor; Don Delamater, Township Manager; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer and Michael Jackson, Chief of Police, Bill Roth, Director of Special Projects.

Chairman's Comments: Chairman Sorgini noted that an executive session was held on December 14th 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), 1(c) and 1(d), including moving the meeting minutes of December 3, 2020 into the record. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-0.

2) Presentations

- A) 2020 Community award presentations – Chairman Sorgini recognized the following:
 - i) Business of the Year –The Collegeville Italian Bakery
 - ii) Volunteer of the Year – Chris Carbornara
 - iii) Citizen of the Year – The Darby Family, Janine Darby attended via Zoom and thanked the Board of Supervisor for this recognition.

3) New Business

- A) Consideration of Resolution 2020-25 approving a lot line change for DFD properties, 3848 Germantown Pike
 - i) Solicitor Nelson reviewed Resolution 2020-25 approving a lot line change for DFD properties to create two unique shaped lots into two standardize lots.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Coless made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-25 approving a lot-line change for DFD properties, 3848 Germantown Pike. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
 - iii) There was no public comment.
 - iv) The motion *passed* 4-0.
- B) Consideration of Resolution 2020-26 approving two-lot minor subdivision at 2825 Egypt Road
 - i) Solicitor Nelson reviewed Resolution 2020-26 approving two-lot minor subdivision at 2825 Egypt Road. The Board of Supervisors discussed fee in lieu of for waivers requested for the sidewalks. Due to the slope of the road frontage, it is not conducive to installing sidewalks.
 - ii) Tim Woodrow prepared an estimate of the fee in lieu.
 - iii) Supervisor Eckman questioned the breakdown of the estimate of fee in lieu, and the waivers.
 - iv) Tim Woodrow explained the breakdown of the estimate of the waivers. The cost of installing sidewalks, curbing and possibly a retaining wall.
 - v) Supervisor Neights pointed out the savings with the waivers.
 - vi) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-26 approving two-lot minor subdivision at 2825 Egypt Road. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion.
 - vii) There was no initial public comment. However, property owner commented after it was approved.
 - viii) The motion passed 3-1. With Vice Chairman Eckman opposing.

- C) Consideration of Ordinance No. 671 adopting the 2015 edition of the International Fire Code Ordinance as the fire code for Lower Providence Township
- i) Donald Delamater, Township Manager reviewed Ordinance 671 adopting the 2015 edition of the International Fire Code Ordinance as the fire code for Lower Providence Township
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve Ordinance 671 adopting the 2015 edition of the International Fire Code Ordinance as the fire code for Lower Providence Township. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
 - iii) No public comments.
 - iv) The motion passed 4-0.
- D) Consideration Resolution 2020-27 approving the disposal of Township property
- i) Chief Jackson reviewed the Resolution 2020-27 approving the disposal of 20-year-old speed trailer. Received Grant money and we are purchasing an updated model.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the Resolution 2020-27 approving the disposal of Township property. Chairman Sorgini seconded the motion.
 - iii) No public comments
 - iv) The motion passed 4-0.

4) Announcements

- A) Student representative Josephine James reports that today was a snow day, no school. Wishes a safe and happy holiday.
- B) Annual contributions – Chairman Sorgini, announced that the Township made contributions to the following entities: Lower Providence Fire Department, Lower Providence Senior Center & Ambulance, Montgomery County Visiting Nurse Association, Victims' Services of Montgomery County, and Family Services of Montgomery County.
- C) Environmental Advisory Council virtual meeting – Dec 21 at 6:00 p.m.
- D) Library Board – Dec 21 at 6:00 p.m.

5) Comments and other Business

- A) Supervisor Neights wishes a happy holiday. COVID is coming back, stay in your pod.
- B) Donald Delamater reviewed that the Lower Providence Township Fire Company would like to purchase a LED sign and is requesting a waiver of the Zoning Hearing Board fee and permit fees.
 - i) **MOTION:** Chairman Sorgini made a motion to approve a waiver of fees. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
 - ii) No public comments.
 - iii) The motion passes 4-0.

6) Courtesy of the Floor

7) Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:47p.m.

Reorganization Meeting: January 4, 2021 at 5:30

Next Business Meeting: January 21, 2021