

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
BUSINESS MEETING
January 9, 2020

The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2019 at the Upper Providence Township Building. Chairperson Beth Glassman called the business meeting to order at 7:42 PM. Ms. Glassman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Ms. Beth Glassman, Chairperson, Mr. Elgin Akarsoy, Vice Chair, Mr. Kevin Else, Ms. Kathy Heupler and Mr. Raymond Wilson. Also in attendance, Mr. Gregory Lebold, Township Manager, Mr. Ewald, Township Solicitor, Mr. J.P. Kelly, Township Engineer, Ms. McCloskey, Adm. Assistant and Walt Omlor, Constable.

Awards, Presentations and Announcements

Ms. Glassman presented Mr. McLoughlin with a plaque in recognition for his time on Township Council.

Mary Clinton and Nancy Prindle from the Fair Districts of PA made a presentation on Legislative and Congressional redistricting and answered questions from Council. They requested that we pass Resolution 2020-7 which was tabled by Council for more time to review.

Public Forum

None

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, to approve the December 19, 2020 Regular Council Business Meeting minutes.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Abstain	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 4-0

Municipal Boards, Authorities, Commissions and Committees

The proposed motions to reappoint current members of Boards Commission and Authorities has been tabled in order to announce the vacancies before reappointment. Ms. Glassman announced that there are reappointments in the following:

- 2 - Planning Commission
- 1 - ZHB
- 1 - Recreation Board
- 1 – Environmental Commission
- 1 – Sewer Authority

In addition to 1 expired and 1 vacancy on the Sewer Authority and 1 vacancy on the Environmental Commission.

Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development

None

Unfinished Business

Amend Resolution 2020-3

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to amend Resolution 2020-3 establishing appointments of Council members for the 2020 Administrative Committees which will consist of:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Beth Glassman
Members: Beth Glassman, Elgin Akarsoy & Kevin Else

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Kevin Else
Members: Kevin Else, Ray Wilson and Kathy Heupler

FISCAL COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Kevin Else
Members: Beth Glassman, Kevin Else, Ray Wilson & Elgin Akarsoy

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Elgin Akarsoy
Members: Elgin Akarsoy, Ray Wilson & Beth Glassman

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ray Wilson
Members: Kathy Heupler, Elgin Akarsoy & Ray Wilson

Discussion: Kathy Heupler Requested to remain on the Public Works Committee but step down as Chairperson and would like to nominate Ray Wilson as Chairperson. Mr. Wilson accepted.

Ms. Heupler asked Mr. Ewald about the process for stepping down from the Community Development Committee due to concerns about Mr. Else's willingness to work with Ms. Heupler in a fair and impartial manner, given his abrupt request to remove Ms. Heupler from this Committee at the reorganization meeting. Mr. Ewald said this was possible. Ms. Heupler said she would consider this option and let Ms. Glassman know her final decision.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

New Business

Voucher List for December 2019

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the voucher list for December 2019 in the amount of \$342,578.75.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Ordinance Announcement

Ms. Glassman announced an Ordinance to amend section 220.09 of the Code to make the Fiscal Committee increase to consist of all members of Council. It currently reads that Committee Chairs would make up the Fiscal Committee which is only four Council members and authorizing the Township Solicitor to draft said Ordinance.

Resolution 2020-6 – Farnum Road Reimbursement

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, to approve Resolution 2020-6 which will allow the Township to reimburse expenditures incurred on the Farnum Road stabilization project.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Cherry Street – Tree Removal

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the proposal submitted by O'Brien's Landscaping and Tree Service for the removal of two hazardous trees at Cherry Street Park in the amount of \$1,700.00.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Council's Administrative Reports

Mr. Lebold stated that Rose Tree Optimist Lacrosse submitted a form from PennDOT to him today for signature in order to put a banner up at Route 252 and Rose Tree Road advertising registration for lacrosse. Mr. Kelly advised that the height requirement from PennDOT was more than sufficient. PennDOT requires Municipal approval. Mr. Kelly would like to know which poles they will be attaching it to.

Lacrosse Banner

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve the placement by the Rose Tree Optimist Club proposed signage pending final approval of the location by the Township Engineer.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Mr. Lebold advised that Kristin Seale, the Legislative Director for Senator Tim Kearney has requested to make a presentation to Council regarding Census 2020.

Engineers Report

JP Kelly advised that he has engaged Carney Tree Service to remove the necessary trees in order to facilitate the pole relocation. The utility pole owners have implemented the PA One-Call mark out in order to make the relocation. Additionally, the Commonwealth Financing Authority approved a PADOT Multimodal Grant Application in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the Farnum Road Project.

The West Ridge Road inlet repair has been completed.

The DCNR did not approve a grant application for a stream restoration project for Gayley Run at Thompson Park. He had Discussions with DCNR on how to make Township projects more desirable for grant applications. He suggests that we comply with the suggestions from DCNR if Council wishes to reapply for funding.

He explained what the MS4, PRP and MPDES Permits were.

He is meeting with PennDOT to discuss how best to use the \$100k grant funds for school crossing improvements along Providence Road.

Authorize the Township Engineer to apply for a Grant

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, to authorize the Township Engineer to proceed with an application for the grant money required to take the actions necessary to reapply for the DCNR grant.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Glassman adjourned the meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Gregory C. Lebold
Township Secretary

Beth Glassman
Council Chairperson