

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
BUSINESS MEETING
January 13, 2022

The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at the Upper Providence Township Building. Chairman Elgin Akarsoy called the business meeting to order at 7:40 PM. Mr. Akarsoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Elgin Akarsoy, Chairman, Mr. Kevin Else, Vice Chair, Mr. Tom McFadden and Ms. Marsha Peterson. Also in attendance, Mr. Don Vymazal, Township Manager, Mr. Carl Ewald, Township Solicitor, Mr. J.P. Kelly, Township Engineer, Ms. Kim McCloskey, Adm. Assistant, Police Chief David Montella and Walt Omlor, Constable.

Not Present: Ms. Christen Rexing

Awards, Presentations and Announcements

Mr. Akarsoy announced that Council held an executive session on January 6 and 13, 2022 to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

The Offices will be closed on Monday, January 17th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day; the 2022 yard waste dates have been posted and Delaware County has opened 3 new COVID testing sites.

Public Forum

Jim Goldman, 3316 Chatham Place – questioned the budget and paying off Township debt. Zachary Zavalydriga, 600 Farnum Road; Chris Amaroso, 11 Dyanna Lane and Alex Collo, 351 Farnum Road – were present to discuss speeding on Farnum and more measures that can be taken.

Chief Montella discussed the traffic data that has been collected. He suggested that the Township buy a second speed sign and a data collection device. Signs or speed bumps would require a traffic study.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Else made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the December 9, 2021 Regular Council Business Meeting minutes.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Abstain	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Motion approved 3-0; 1 abstained

Municipal Boards, Authorities, Commissions and Committees

Vacancies on Commission and Boards were discussed.

Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Voucher List for December 2021

Ms. Else made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the voucher list for December 2021 in the amount of \$599,660.02.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Abstain	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Motion approved 3-0; 1 abstained

Ordinance 536 – UPTSA Loan Agreement – 1st Reading

To approve the first reading of Ordinance 536 approving the lease rental debt by the Township pursuant to the execution and delivery of a guaranty agreement for the Upper Providence Township Sewer Authority to the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority in the aggregate amount of \$1,200,000.00.

Ordinance 537 – Police DROP – 1st Reading

To approve the first reading of Ordinance 537 to amend the police pension plan to extend the Act 44 Deferred Retirement Option Program to five years (sixty months).

Resolution 2022-6 – Township Manager

Ms. Else made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve Resolution 2022-6 authorizing the hiring of Don Vymazal to the position of Township Manager effective January 24, 2022, in accordance with the Township’s Home Rule Charter and Codified Ordinances at a salary in accordance with the agreed Township Manager’s Contract.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Abstain	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Motion approved 3-0; 1 abstained

Appointment – Zoning Hearing Board

Ms. Else made a motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to approve re-appointing Ed Bierling of the 4th District to the Zoning Hearing Board to his second full term to expire on January 27, 2027.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Motion approved 4-0

Appointment – Recreation Board

Ms. Else made a motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to approve re-appointing Joseph Sena of the 1st District to the Recreation Board for his second full term to expire on January 1, 2026.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Motion approved 4-0

Purchase – Traffic Calming Devices

Ms. Else made a motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden to approve the purchase of a traffic speed sign in the amount of \$2,959 from Traffic Logix and a traffic data collection device in the amount of \$2,820 from All Traffic Solutions as recommended by Upper Providence Township Police Sergeant Lawrence Baker.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Motion approved 4-0

Dandelions Digital Proposal

Ms. Else made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson to approve the proposal from Dandelions Digital for digital communication services for the fees outlined in the proposal.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Abstain	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Motion approved 3-0; 1 abstained

Resolution 2022-7 – Revised Resolution 2021-19

Ms. Else made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson To approve/not approve Resolution 2022-7 revising Resolution 2021-19 changing that Council authorized Elgin Akarsoy, Township Council Chairperson and Joseph Egan, Finance Director, be approved to execute any and all agreements necessary to administer the grant.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Motion approved 4-0

Act 537 Plan Update

Mr. Kelly advised that Council needs to pass a Resolution by the end of January. The purpose of the Act 537 Plan is to evaluate and select the best alternative for long term sewage needs to evaluate and select the best long term service plan from four options.

Council’s Administrative Reports

None

Engineers Report

JP Kelly advised:

- The 2021 Road Program has been completed
- School crossing flasher contract – all items have been submitted to PennDOT; bids will be solicited and presented to Council for consideration
- Andrews Circle Inlet – a contractor has been issued a notice of Award and work will begin shortly
- Act 537 Plan Update – Resolution needed by the end of January.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Akarsoy made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Joseph Egan
Asst. Township Secretary

Elgin Akarsoy
Council Chairperson