

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
DELAWARE COUNTY  
BUSINESS MEETING  
February 13, 2020

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The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at the Upper Providence Township Building. Chairperson Beth Glassman called the business meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Ms. Glassman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Glassman announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Ms. Glassman addressed the large crowd that was present to speak about the proposed Clark's Manor and the Conditional Use application. Ms. Glassman informed the audience that the Conditional Use hearing is not on the Agenda and that representatives for the home were not present; therefore, Council cannot comment on the application. She further informed the audience on the procedures the Township is required to adhere to and informed the audience that the hearing is tentatively scheduled for April 9, 2020. She stated that the meeting location may be changed to be held at the Rose Tree fire house.

**Roll Call**

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

**Awards, Presentations and Announcements**

None

**Public Forum**

The following residents spoke about the proposed group home to be located at 2978 N. Providence Road:

Greg Karamitupoulos, 9 Pine View Dr.  
Dennis Siravo, 12 Pine View Dr.  
Abby Sacunas, 16 Pineview Dr.  
Steve Moppert, owner of several homes in the Township  
Donna Miller, 50 Indian Spring Rd.

Mr. Ewald informed the audience that nothing has been done yet and residents would have an opportunity to get their questions answered at the Public Hearing. Audience members expressed concern with the April 9<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing date and asked if it could be scheduled at another date. Mr. Ewald noted that he would check with the applicant about agreeing to change the date.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve the January 6, 2020 Reorganization and Business Meeting minutes.

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

Motion approved 5-0

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the January 9, 2020 Regular Council Business Meeting minutes.

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

Motion approved 5-0

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, to approve the January 23, 2020 Committee Meeting minutes.

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

Motion approved 5-0

**Municipal Boards, Authorities, Commissions and Committees**

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to appoint Matthew Hayes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District to the Sewer Authority for his first full term that will expire on January 1, 2025.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to appoint Mark Vakil of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District to the Zoning Hearing Board for his first full term that will expire on January 1, 2025.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to appoint Jackie Larkin of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District to the Planning Commission for her first full term that will expire on January 1, 2024 and Brian Carr of the 1<sup>st</sup> District to the Planning Commission for his second term which will expire on January 1, 2024.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, to appoint George Plotts of the 4<sup>th</sup> District to the Recreation Board for his second term to expire January 1, 2024.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to appoint J.R. Godwin of the 5<sup>th</sup> District to the Environmental Commission for his first full term that will expire on January 1, 2024.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, to appoint Lars Seufert of the 1<sup>st</sup> District to the Environmental Commission for his first full term to expire January 1, 2024.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Term appointments on the Ethics Commission were discussed. Mr. Ewald will clarify the terms of the appointments at a future meeting.

**Resolution 2020-10 – Fair Redistricting**

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve Resolution 2020-10 in Support of a Citizens Commission for Legislative and Congressional redistricting.

Mary Clinton and Harold Floyd answered Council’s questions and concerns regarding the proposed Resolution.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	No
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	No		

Motion approved 3-0, with 2 opposed

**Voucher List - January 2020**

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the voucher list for January 2020 in the amount of \$622,157.18.

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

Motion approved 5-0

**Ordinance 524 – Amending Fiscal Committee Membership**

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve Ordinance 524, amending the Fiscal Committee membership to include all members of Council.

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

Motion approved 5-0

**Ordinance 525 – Establishing Speed Limits – Yarmouth and Well Fleet**

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 525, establishing the speed limit on Yarmouth Lane and Well Fleet Drive to 25 MPH.

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

Motion approved 5-0

**Ordinance 526 – Elimination of Per Capita Tax – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 526, eliminating the per capita tax.

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

Motion approved 5-0

**Resolution 2020-7 – DCNR Grant**

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve Resolution 2020-7, requesting funding for the 2020 DCNR Park Rehabilitation and Development Grant in the amount of \$161,115.00 from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) – Community Parks & Recreation.

Mr. Kelly explained that this is for a grant to improve Thompson Park, which is along Park Avenue.

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

Motion approved 5-0

**Final Payment – Ridge Rd Stormwater Inlet**

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, to approve the payment request #1 – final payment to Trainor Concrete and Paving in the amount of \$15,453.57 for stormwater inlet improvements at W. Ridge Road and Woodview Lane, as recommended by the Township Engineer.

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

Motion approved 5-0

**Ordinance 527 – Funding – Farnum Road Project**

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve enacting Ordinance 527, authorizing the incurrence of non-electoral, general obligation debt by the issuance of General Obligation Notes in the amount of \$400,000.00 to fund the Farnum Road Project.

Mr. Kelly described the Farnum Road project. The estimated cost for the repairs is \$500,000.00. Mr. Kelly further noted that the Township has obtained a grant for \$100,000.00.

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

Motion approved 5-0

**Donation – AM Prom**

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, to approve the donation request recommended by the Recreation Board to the Penncrest AM Prom Committee in the amount of \$250.00.

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

Motion approved 5-0

**Summer Street**

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, to authorize the Township Engineer to prepare and advertise the bid documentation for the demolition of 613 Summer Street.

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

Motion approved 5-0

**Action to Order 613 Summer Street**

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare and file the necessary legal documentation regarding the demolition of the structure at 613 Summer Street.

Mr. Lebold stated that the Township obtained a \$22,000.00 grant to cover the demolition costs of that building.

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

Motion approved 5-0

**Resolution 2020-8 – County Aid**

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, to approve Resolution 2020-8, authorizing the Township Engineer to submit our application for County Aid for 2020.

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

Motion approved 5-0

**Resolution 2020-9 - Loan**

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve Resolution 2020-9 which is a conversion all general obligation notes which are currently variable rates to a fixed rate loan by the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority.

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

Motion approved 5-0

**Administrative Reports**

Mr. Ewald noted that the demolition grants that we obtained are very hard to come by and credit should be given to Mr. Lebold, as these types of grants are very rare to obtain.

**Engineers Report**

Mr. Kelly will submit PennDOT reports for the 2020 County Aid.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ms. Glassman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

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Gregory C. Lebold  
Township Secretary

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Beth Glassman  
Council Chairperson