

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 10, 2022

The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at the Upper Providence Township Building. Chairman Elgin Akarsoy called the business meeting to order at 7:33 PM. Mr. Akarsoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

An executive session was held prior to the meeting and one will be held after the meeting.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Elgin Akarsoy, Chairman, Mr. Kevin Else, Vice Chair, Mr. Tom McFadden, Ms. Marsha Peterson and Ms. Christen Rexing. Also in attendance, Mr. Don Vymazal, 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

District Justice Andrew Goldberg was present to swear give the Loyalty Oath to Officers that successfully completed their probationary periods. Mr. Akarsoy presented those recipients with a Certificate of Appreciation for their promotions.

Resolution 2-22-10 – Patrol Officers

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to adopt Resolution 2022-10 recognizing successful completion of probation and the designation of patrol Officers Christopher Love, Eric Girill and Karallus Dietrich to the position of full-time patrol officers.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution 2022-11 - Corporals

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to adopt Rsolution 2022-11 recognizing the successful completion of probation and authorizing that Frances Ely and Michael Habel be designated as Corporals.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Rexing	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Ms. Peterson Yes

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution 2022-12 - Sergeants

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to adopt adopt Resolution 2022-12 recognizing successful completion of probation and authorizing that Lawrence Baker and George Moore be designated as Sergeants.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Public Forum

None

Addition of Items

Ms. Rexing introduced Brad Pappel, 121 Leedom Drive and Todd Farally, 681 Berry Lane, both of the 3rd District as two applicants for the Sewer Authority position. They both gave a brief description of their backgrounds.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Else made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rexing, to approve the February 10, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes.

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

Motion approved 4-0; 1 abstained

Mr. Else made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rexing, to approve the February 24, 2022 Council Committees Meeting minutes.

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

Motion approved 4-0; 1 Abstained

Municipal Boards, Authorities, Commissions and Committees

Vacancies were discussed.

Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development

None

Unfinished Business

Mr. McFadden advised that he attended the School Board Meeting on February 24th to show Council's support for the proposed lighting installation at one Little League field on the Springton Lake Middle School Property. He also went to most of the homes in his District that could be affected by the lights. No one was opposed. The School Board approved it that night. Mr. Kelly advised that the applicant should submit an isometric footprint plan to show that it won't have any adverse effect of the neighboring properties.

New Business

Voucher List for February 2022

Ms. Else made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the voucher list for January 2022 in the amount of \$450,750.29.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution 2022-14 - Bonding

Ms. Else made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rexing, to adopt Resolution 2022-14 to appointing Don Vymazal as Township Secretary and Treasurer and to provide a bond in the amount of \$307,945.00 with a surety company chosen by Council.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution 2022-15 - Bonding

Ms. Else made a motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to adopt Resolution 2022-15 Amending Resolution 2022-2, to appointing Joseph Egan, Finance Director as Assistant Township Secretary and Treasurer and to provide a bond in the amount of \$4,000,000.00 with a surety company chosen by Council.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution 2022-16 – Grant Application - Parks

Ms. Else made a motion, seconded by Mr. Akarsoy, to adopt Resolution 2022-16 approving the grant application for the Local Share Account Fund Statewide from Upper Providence Township to fund improvements to Ray Roche Park.

Discussion: There is no match for this grant, just a \$100 application fee.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution 2022-17 – Grant Application – Police Vehicle

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to adopt/not adopt Resolution 2022-17 approving the grant application for the Local Share Account Fund Statewide from Upper Providence Township to fund the police vehicle purchase.

Discussion: There is no match for this grant, just a \$100 application fee.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Cherry Street Field Use - RTSC

Mr. Else made a Motion, Seconded by Mr. McFadden, to approve Cherry Street Field use by Rose Tree Soccer Club for the Spring Season only, as recommended by the Township Recreation Board; and to approve the field use applications from Media Providence Friends School and St. Mary Magdalen’s or field use when they are received.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Cherry Street Field Use - SMM

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Akarsoy, to approve Cherry Street Field use by St. Mary Magdalen (Received on 3/7/22) for the Spring Season, as recommended by the Township Recreation Board;

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

Motion approved 5-0

Sale of police Vehicles

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to approve the sale of the Dodge Charger police vehicle to Antonio Rodrigues in the amount of \$19,300.00.

Discussion: This is the high bidder from Municibid.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Mr. Vymazal advised that the CRC Watersheds Association is having its annual spring cleanup and was asking for a donation from the Township. The cleanup is scheduled for March 26, 2022. This is something the Township has supported in the past. Council discussed what would be a good amount.

Addition to the Agenda

Mr. Akarsoy made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to add an additional item due to the short deadline for the Agenda to approve the sponsorship of the Township to the CRC Watersheds cleanup.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Donation to the CRC Watersheds Spring Cleanup

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to approve the donation of \$750 for the 24th annual Spring CRC Watersheds cleanup which will get the Township a logo on t-shirts and flyers, name at check in location and listing on the CRC website and social media listings.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Council's Administrative Reports

None

Engineers Report

JP Kelly issued his report:

- 2022 Road Program – the preliminary scope has been started
- School crossing flasher contract – a notice of award has been sent to Higgins; there was a question of whether we could use the addition funds for additional signage – he has reached out to the grantor who said maybe, they need more details
- Andrews Circle Inlet – the contractor s substantially complete and will be closed out shortly
- Aqua has agreed to provide funds for the restoration of the work that they are doing in the three areas.

There was a discussion of how the roads get paved. Aqua provides funding for curb to center line. They would like to incorporate that with the road program so they can pave curb to curb. This would be over several years.

Mr. Vymazal the traffic lights on Providence Road are scheduled to go on Friday the 11th. There will be a study for 30 days to establish the timing. Reminder to sign up for the newsletter

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 8:34 PM.

Don Vymazal
Township Secretary

Elgin Akarsoy
Council Chairperson