

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

The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business meeting on Thursday, February 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.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Elgin Akarsoy, Chairman, Mr. Kevin Else, Vice Chair, 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.

Not Present: Mr. Tom McFadden

Awards, Presentations and Announcements

Mr. Akarsoy announced that the Township is moving to Digital Newsletters and is now on social media. The eWaste event the Township is co-hosting is tentatively scheduled for April 30, 2022.

Public Forum

Chris Amaroso, 11 Dyanna Lane was present to discuss any updates on the traffic study for Farnum Road.

Kristin Giambra from Rot Star was present to discuss composting.

Addition of Items

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to add a Motion to appoint a member to the Sewer Authority.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Else made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rexing, to approve the January 3, 2022 Reorganization Meeting minutes.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Mr. Else made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the January 13, 2022 Regular Council Business Meeting minutes.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Mr. Else made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rexing, to approve the January 7, 2022 Council Committees Meeting minutes.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Municipal Boards, Authorities, Commissions and Committees

Vacancies on Commission and Boards were discussed.

Mr. Else made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to appoint Vince DeVacchio of the 5th District to his first full term on the Sewer Authority with said term to end on January 1, 2027.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development

A SDLD application has been received for a property between Kirk Lane and Highland Avenue and will be heard by the Planning Commission on January 28, 2022.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 536 – UPTSA Loan Agreement

Russell McIntosh from HRG, Financial Services Analyst for the Sewer Authority was present to answer questions related to the proposed co-signing of the UPTSA loan to replace the Bortondale Pump Station.

Mr. Else made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rexing, to adopt 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.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Ordinance 537 – DROP

Mr. Else made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rexing to adopt Ordinance 537 to amend the police pension plan to extend the Act 44 Deferred Retirement Option Program to five years (sixty months).

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

Motion approved 4-0

School Crossing

Mr. Else made a motion, seconded by Mr. Akarsoy to award the school crossing improvements at Maple Ave and Providence Road to Charles Higgins in the amount of \$75,152.00.

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

Motion approved 4-0

New Business

Voucher List for January 2022

Ms. Else made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the voucher list for January 2022 in the amount of \$351,107.93.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Kravatz v. UPT

Ms. Else made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rexing, to approve a Stipulation Dismissing the Township as Defendant in Kravatz vs. Upper Providence Township.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution 2022-9 – 2022 Road Improvements

Ms. Else made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rexing, to approve Resolution 2022-9 making application to the Council of Delaware County for an allocation of County Liquid Fuels Tax Funds in the amount of \$14, 245.00 to be used toward the 2022 Road Improvement Program.

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

Motion approved 4-0

AV Upgrades

This matter was tabled until the Committees Meeting in order to get more information.

Replace School Crossing Signal

Ms. Else made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to accept the proposal from Higgins Electric to replace the outdated school crossing signal for St. Mary Magdalen’s in the amount of \$3,642.90.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Ordinances and Policy Updates

Ms. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve directing the solicitor and staff to develop Proposed Ordinance Amendments regarding Accessory Structures, Marijuana Zoning, She Shed, Signs and Electric Vehicles; and review/update/eliminate the email policy, Manager endurance test requirements and the Property Maintenance Code.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Council's Administrative Reports

None

Engineers Report

JP Kelly issued his report:

- The 2022 Road Program – will begin to develop a preliminary scope of work for consideration
- School crossing flasher contract – Charles Higgins was low bidder
- Andrews Circle Inlet should be completed within the next two weeks
- Act 537 Plan Update

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 9:10 PM.

Don Vymazal
Township Secretary

Elgin Akarsoy
Council Chairperson