

Council Reorganization Meeting

January 5, 2026

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UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
January 5, 2026
Reorganization Meeting
8:00 P.M.

The Upper Providence Township Council held its Reorganization Meeting on January 5, 2026, at 8:00 P.M. Ms. Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Installation of Elected Officials

Judge Goldberg installed Marsha Peterson as Councilperson for the 1st District to her second term, Maureen Scheuerman as Councilperson for the 5th District to her first term and Joshua Steinberg as Councilperson for the 3rd District to his first term on Council.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Akarsoy, Ms. Meritt, Ms. Peterson, Mr. Steinberg and Ms. Scheuerman. Also in attendance was Mr. Luber Township Manager, Mr. Ewald, Solicitor and Ms. McCloskey, Administrative Liaison.

Election of Temporary Chairman

Ms. Merritt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, for Mr. Akarsoy to serve as temporary Chairperson for the purpose of electing a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Upper Providence Township Council, for 2026.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Ms. Scheuerman	Yes
Ms. Merritt	Yes	Mr. Steinberg	Yes
Ms. Peterson	Yes		

5-0; Motion Carried

Election of Council Chairman

Mr. Akarsoy nominated Ms. Peterson as Council Chairperson of the Upper Providence Township Council for 2026 and made a motion for same. Ms. Merritt seconded.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Ms. Scheuerman	Yes
Ms. Merritt	Yes	Mr. Steinberg	Yes
Ms. Peterson	Yes		

5-0; Motion Carried

Election of Council Vice Chairman

Ms. Merritt nominated Mr. Akarsoy as Vice Chairperson of the Upper Providence Township Council for 2026 and made a motion for same. Ms. Peterson seconded.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Steinberg	Yes
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Ms. Merritt Yes
Ms. Scheuerman Yes

Ms. Peterson Yes

5-0; Motion Carried

Public Forum

None

Resolution No. 2026-1 Meeting Rules and Procedures

Mr. Akarsoy made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to adopt a Resolution 2026-1 outlining rules of procedures for the conduct of business at Council Meetings.

Mr. Akarsoy Yes
Ms. Merritt Yes
Ms. Scheuerman Yes

Mr. Steinberg Yes
Ms. Peterson Yes

5-0; Motion Carried

Resolution No. 2026-2 – Appointment of Finance Director for Bonding

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to adopt Resolution 2026-2 to appoint Amy Organek, as Township Assistant Secretary and Finance Director and to adopt a Resolution providing for bonding thereof.

Mr. Akarsoy Yes
Ms. Merritt Yes
Ms. Scheuerman Yes

Mr. Steinberg Yes
Ms. Peterson Yes

5-0; Motion Carried

Resolution No. 2026-3 – Appointment of Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to adopt Resolution 2026-3 to appoint Barry Luber as Township Treasurer/Secretary and to adopt a Resolution providing for bonding thereof.

Mr. Akarsoy Yes
Ms. Merritt Yes
Ms. Scheuerman Yes

Mr. Steinberg Yes
Ms. Peterson Yes

5-0; Motion Carried

Appointment of Township Solicitor

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to appoint Carl Ewald, Esquire, as Township Solicitor for the year 2026 at the rates set forth in the 2026-2027 Fee Proposal.

Mr. Akarsoy Yes

Mr. Steinberg Yes

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Ms. Merritt Yes
Ms. Scheuerman Yes

Ms. Peterson Yes

5-0; Motion Carried

Resolution No. 2026-4 – Appointment of Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to adopt Resolution 2026-4 to appoint Amy Organek, Finance Director, as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans.

Mr. Akarsoy Yes
Ms. Merritt Yes
Ms. Scheuerman Yes

Mr. Steinberg Yes
Ms. Peterson Yes

5-0; Motion Carried

Resolution No. 2026-5 - Council Administrative Committee Appointments

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to adopt Resolution 2026-5 establishing appointments of Council members for year 2026 Administrative Committees.

Administrative Committee

Chairperson: J. Steinberg
Members: R. Merritt and M. Peterson

Community Development Committee

Chairperson: M. Scheuerman
Members: M. Peterson and E. Akarsoy

Fiscal Committee

Chairperson: M. Peterson
Members – E. Akarsoy, R. Merritt, M. Scheuerman and J. Steinberg

Public Safety Committee

Chairperson: R. Merritt
Members: M. Peterson, M. Scheuerman, J. Steinberg

Public Works Committee

Chairperson: E. Akarsoy
Members: J. Steinberg and M. Scheuerman

Mr. Akarsoy Yes
Ms. Merritt Yes
Ms. Scheuerman Yes

Mr. Steinberg Yes
Ms. Peterson Yes

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Resolution No. 2026-6 Depository for Township Funds for 2026

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Merritt to adopt Resolution 2026-6, setting the holiday schedule for 2026.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Steinberg	Yes
Ms. Merritt	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Ms. Scheuerman	Yes		

5-0; Motion Carried

Resolution 2026-7 – 2026 Depositories

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to adopt Resolution 2026-7 designating Fulton Bank, WSFS Bank, TD Bank, Pennsylvania Local Government Trust (PLGIT), United Savings Bank, Univest and other federally insured mutual fund and depositories approved by Council as depositories for the receipt of funds of Upper Providence Township for the year of 2026.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Steinberg	Yes
Ms. Merritt	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Ms. Scheuerman	Yes		

5-0; Motion Carried

Appointment of Township Engineer

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Merritt, to appoint James P. Kelly, P.E., as Township Engineer at the compensation provided on the year 2026 Engineering Service Fee Schedule as prescribed by Council and other general engineering at the hourly billing rate as set forth therein.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Steinberg	Yes
Ms. Merritt	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Ms. Scheuerman	Yes		

5-0; Motion Carried

Appointment of Code Enforcement

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to appoint Michael Barnhart, Code Enforcement Official, for the year 2026 in accordance with the fixed rates for such services as applicable.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Steinberg	Yes
Ms. Merritt	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Ms. Scheuerman	Yes		

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Appointment of Road Master

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to appoint Vincent Roche, as Road Master for the year 2026.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Steinberg	Yes
Ms. Merritt	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Ms. Scheuerman	Yes		

5-0; Motion Carried

Appointment of Additional Township Officers

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to appoint additional Township Officers:

- a. To appoint Linn Architects, as year 2026 Building, Use and Occupancy, Apartment and SFD Inspections, plumbing, mechanical and Zoning Inspectors and such other qualified persons as may be designated to assist as needed in accordance with the rate for such services.
- b. To appoint Jeff Gentile from Linn Architects as Building Code Official for the year 2026.
- c. To appoint Yerkes Associates, Inc. as the alternate UCC inspection agency for 2026 at the compensation provided in their 2026 Consulting Services Fee Schedule.
- d. To appoint Catania Engineering Associates, as additional alternate UCC inspection agency for 2026 at the compensation provided in their 2026 Consulting Services Fee Schedule.
- e. To appoint United Inspections as the electrical inspector for 2026.
- f. To appoint Alan Mancill as 2026 Township Fire Marshal.
- g. To appoint Alan Mancill as 2026 Emergency Management Coordinator and Barry Luber as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.
- h. To appoint Robert Linn as Zoning Officer and JP Kelly as alternate for the year 2026.
- i. To appoint Allen R. Strickler as Animal Control Officer for the year 2026.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Steinberg	Yes
Ms. Merritt	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Ms. Scheuerman	Yes		

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Appointment of Other Counsel

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Merritt, for the appointment of other Council for 2026.

- a. To appoint Ernest Spiros Angelos as Counsel for the Zoning Hearing Board
- b. To appoint Frank Daly for utilization as needed as Special Counsel for Hearings and Conflict
- c. To appoint Eckert Seamans as needed for Labor Counsel at the rates set forth in the 2026-2027 Fee Proposal.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes
Ms. Merritt	Yes
Ms. Scheuerman	Yes

Mr. Steinberg	Yes
Ms. Peterson	Yes

5-0; Motion Carried

Appointment of Auditor

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to appoint Leitzell & Economidis, PC as 2026 Auditors.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes
Ms. Merritt	Yes
Ms. Scheuerman	Yes

Mr. Steinberg	Yes
Ms. Peterson	Yes

5-0; Motion Carried

Appointment of Actuary – Pension Funds

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion to appoint Thomas J. Anderson as Actuary for the Police and Non-uniformed Pension Plans for the year 2026.

Motion was not seconded and will be placed on the next agenda after receiving rate schedule.

Appointment of Tax Collection Agency

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, to appoint Barsz, Gowie, Amon, & Fultz LLC as tax collection agency for township taxes for 2026.

Motion was not seconded and will be placed on the next agenda after receiving rate schedule

Ordinance 2nd Reading - 567- Debt

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson to approve the second reading of ordinance 567 - an ordinance that authorizes the incurrence of temporary, nonelectoral debt by the Township pursuant to the issuance of the general obligation notes, 2026 series (collectively, the “participant note”) in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes
Ms. Merritt	Yes

Mr. Steinberg	Yes
Ms. Peterson	Yes

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Ms. Scheuerman Yes

5-0; Motion Carried

Ordinance 568 – 2nd Reading - Tax Levy

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 568 authorizing a tax levy on all real estate property within the Township and fixing the tax rate for the fiscal year 2026 at 2.1 mills.

Mr. Akarsoy Yes
Ms. Merritt Yes
Ms. Scheuerman Yes

Mr. Steinberg Yes
Ms. Peterson Yes

5-0; Motion Carried

Ordinance 569- 2nd Reading - Stop Signs

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 559, to amend Chapter 24, Section 428.02 authorizing stop signs at the intersections of Shady Hill Road and Park Avenue and Park Avenue and Rose Hill Road.

Mr. Akarsoy Yes
Ms. Merritt Yes
Ms. Scheuerman Yes

Mr. Steinberg Yes
Ms. Peterson Yes

5-0; Motion Carried

Ordinance 570 – 2nd Reading -Purchase of 1401 N. Providence Road

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Merritt, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 570 authorizing the appropriate Township officials to take any and all action to effectuate the purchase of and acquire the real property known as 1401 N. Providence Road including by either negotiation or by eminent domain.

Discussion: This will be the location for the Public Works Department. They will not go to closing until an environmental study has been completed.

Mr. Akarsoy Yes
Ms. Merritt Yes
Ms. Scheuerman Yes

Mr. Steinberg Yes
Ms. Peterson Yes

5-0; Motion Carried

Appointments – Sewer Authority

Mr. Akarsoy made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Steinberg, to reappoint Dave Daniel of the 1st District to his second 5-year term on the Sewer Authority with said term to expire on December 31, 2030.

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Mr. Akarsoy	Yes
Ms. Merritt	Yes
Ms. Scheuerman	Yes

Mr. Steinberg	Yes
Ms. Peterson	Yes

5-0; Motion Carried

Appointment – Zoning Hearing Board

Mr. Akarsoy made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Merritt, to reappoint Brett Lester of the 1st District to his first full 5-year term and Matt Ryan to his second 5-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board with said terms to expire on December 31, 2030.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes
Ms. Merritt	Yes
Ms. Scheuerman	Yes

Mr. Steinberg	Yes
Ms. Peterson	Yes

5-0; Motion Carried

Appointments – Environmental Commission

Mr. Akarsoy made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Steinberg, to reappoint Pete Quagliariello of the 4th District to his second full 4-year term on the Environmental Commission with said term to expire on December 31, 2029

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes
Ms. Merritt	Yes
Ms. Scheuerman	Yes

Mr. Steinberg	Yes
Ms. Peterson	Yes

5-0; Motion Carried

The next Council meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous voice vote at 9:10 p.m.

Barry Luber
Township Secretary

Marsha Peterson
Council Chairperson