

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
DELAWARE COUNTY  
BUSINESS MEETING  
January 12, 2023

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The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at the Upper Providence Township Building. Chairman Elgin Akarsoy called the business meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Mr. Akarsoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was an executive session held immediately prior to this meeting to discuss personnel issues.

**Roll Call**

Present: Mr. Elgin Akarsoy, Chairman, Ms. Christen Rexing, Vice Chair, Mr. Kevin Else 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 and Walt Omlor, Constable.

Not Present: Mr. Tom McFadden

**Awards, Presentations and Announcements**

Jim Clark from AJ Blosenski was present to discuss the recent merger with another company, the services and the increase to the bill in the new contract. They will be sending an explanation letter out to all residents. We are still being serviced by the Blosenski team both in their office and on the trucks.

**Public Forum**

Cynthia Sabatini, 220 Bobbin Mill Road - trash and taxes

Bob Ferry, 1071 N. Ridley Creek Road - riparian buffer and council chambers tech

Chuck Ferraro, 806 Valley View – trash

Todd DiGuseppe, 2341 Martingale – AQUA road patch work

Fred Reid, 28 Toft Woods – Assistant Manager position, Sewer Authority advertising and trash;

Mary Clinton, 440 Osage – Thank you

Trevor Serine, 841 Crum Creek – riparian buffer

Residents concerns about the trash were mainly about the notification process and lack thereof; reduction of services and days picked up; other options should have been sought; billing.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the December 19, 2022

Regular Council Business Meeting minutes.

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

Motion approved 4-0

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

There is one vacancy on the Ethics Commission in the 4<sup>th</sup> District.

**Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development**

None

**Unfinished Business**

**Ordinance 544 - 2023 Tax Levy**

Ms. Rexing made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 544, the 2023 tax levy.

Discussion: A question was raised as to whether the volunteer firefighters could get a tax break like in other Towns. This will be looked into.

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

Motion approved 4-0

**Ordinance 545 – Radnor Street/Manchester Ave Sidewalk**

Ms. Rexing made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 545, the Radnor Street/Manchester Avenue sidewalk construction.

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

Motion approved 4-0

**New Business**

**Voucher List for December 2022**

Ms. Else made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve the voucher list for December 2021 in the amount of \$592,174.56.

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

Motion approved 4-0

**Dandelions Digital Contract**

Ms. Rexing made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the proposal from Dandelions Digital for digital communication services for 2023 for the fees outline in the proposal.

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

Motion approved 4-0

**Ordinance Announcement – Handicap Parking – Valley View Road**

Ms. Rexing announced an Ordinance for a handicap parking space to be marked at 232 Valley View Road.

**Ordinance Announcement – Wetland Buffer, Riparian Buffer, Stormwater Management**

Ms. Rexing announced an Ordinance for regarding the wetland buffer, riparian buffer and stormwater management requirements.

Discussion: Mr. Kelly explained the riparian buffer distance and definition. The County came out with a new set of Stormwater Ordinances. Council cleaned up and simplified the approach for the riparian buffer and cleaned up the two SWM ordinances. Riparian buffer was removed from zoning and added to the SWM ordinances. This does not change the wetlands delineation or steep slopes. The change was from 100 feet to 50 feet. The Environmental Commission can review the proposed Ordinance and make recommendations to Council.

**Council’s Administrative Reports**

Public forum comments were addressed:

- Trash This was the lowest bid and great service; they will look into alternatives for the next contract; Blosenski will send a letter to all residents;
- Taxes; Council, the Township Manager and the Finance Director were able to come back with a minimal tax in crease after going line by line on the budget items;
- Riparian Buffer; this Ordinance will be drafted and sent top the Environmental Commission, our engineer and solicitor, to create the best solution;
- AQUA road work; the Township came to an agreement with AQUA that roads that are getting the water mains replaced will be paved curb to curb as part of the annual roads program.

- We should be going live with the AV equipment very soon; staff will have training in the next few weeks.

### **Engineers Report**

JP Kelly advised:

- The 2022 Road Program documents have been submitted and the Township should receive County aid funds by March;
- The pedestrian crossing improvements has been completed and he will seek reimbursement as this was completed under the Multimodal Grant.

### **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.

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Joseph Egan  
Asst. Township Secretary

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Elgin Akarsoy  
Council Chairperson