

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 9, 2023

The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at the Upper Providence Township Building. Chairman Elgin Akarsoy called the business meeting to order at 7:34 PM. Mr. Akarsoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

An executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Elgin Akarsoy, Chairman, Ms. Christen Rexing, Vice Chair, Mr. Tom McFadden 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. Kevin Else

Awards, Presentations and Announcements

Mr. Akarsoy led a moment of silence for the victims and families affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Bob Anderson from the company Retrievr was present to explain how this company could benefit the residents of UPT. Retrievr has collected over 1.5 million pounds of clothing and electronics and have contracts with many other communities.

There is still no fee to Upper Providence. They ask the Township to promote the service through your website and social media outreach. We provide social media posts at least 3 times per year. They also offer a revenue share of 10% to the Township.

Residents schedule through their phone or our web site and they collect in most communities each week. There are convenience fees for collection. Pick up fee: \$10.00 for a collection of clothing or electronics that are not on our fee schedule. If a resident is paying for an item on our fee schedule, then the \$10.00 pick up fee is waived. Their fees are in line with what has to be paid at a drop of ewaste event.

Public Forum

Chuck Ferrero, 806 Valley View Road – wanted to know if our UPT police goes to 911 calls in other Townships that don't have police. There are mutual aid agreements/understandings.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the January 3, 2023 Reorganization Meeting minutes.

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

Motion approved 3-0; 1 abstained

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Mr. Akarsoy, to approve the January 12, 2023 Regular Council Business Meeting minutes.

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

Motion approved 3-0; 1 abstained

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rexing, to approve the January 26, 2023 Council Committees Meeting minutes.

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

Motion approved 3-0; 1 abstained

Municipal Boards, Authorities, Commissions and Committees

Vacancies on Commission and Boards were discussed.

Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development

None

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 546 – Handicap Parking

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Mr. Akarsoy, to adopt Ordinance 546 – the installation of a handicap parking spot at 232 Valley View Road.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Ordinance 547 – Wetland Buffer, Riparian Buffer & SWM – 1st Reading

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 547 amending the Riparian Buffers in the Zoning Ordinance and the Stormwater Ordinance to expand the Riparian Buffer.

Discussion: Mr. Ewald explained the Council has to decide on a number of feet for the Ordinance. The Environmental Commission wants 100 feet. This then has to go to County and UPT Planning .

Mr. McFadden	No	Ms. Rexing	Yes
Ms. Peterson	Yes	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Motion approved 3-1

New Business

Voucher List for January 2023

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the voucher list for January 2023 in the amount of \$357,085.32.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution 2023-7 – 2022 Updated Emergency Operations Plan

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve Resolution 2023-7, updating the Emergency Operations Plan for Upper Providence Township

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

Motion approved 4-0

E-Waste Event

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Mr. Akarsoy, to approve participating in an e-waste event with Middletown Township on April 29, 2023 at a cost of \$1,750.00

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

Motion approved 4-0

Field Use

Ms. Akarsoy 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 the Recreation Board.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution 2023-8 – Hiring Part-Time Police Officer

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve Resolution 2023-8, the conditional hiring of Part-Time Police Officer Christian Walker, conditioned on the successful completion of all requirements contained in Act 57; and the employment of Christian Walker is made pursuant to the Arbitration Award and Contracts between Upper Providence Township and the Fraternal Order of Police.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Appointment to Ethic Commission

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Mr. A Akarsoy, to appoint Julie McVoy of the 4th District to a two-year term on the Ethics commission with said term to expire on 12/31/2024.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution 2023-9 – Supporting RTMSD – New Elementary School

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Mr. Akarsoy, to approve Resolution 2023-9, a Resolution of Upper Providence Township in support of continued efforts to ensure educational standards are met now and for students attending Rose Tree Media Elementary School well into the foreseeable future.

Discussion: Mr. Akarsoy advised that Edgmont Township is voting on a location for the new school. All of the elementary schools are completely full.

Mr. McFadden	Yes	Ms. Rexing	Yes
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Ms. Peterson

Yes

Mr. Akarsoy

Yes

Motion approved 4-0

Council's Administrative Reports

Mr. Vymazal reported that they did a test run for the AV equipment and there were still some issues. IMS will be in next week to address them. He will get a policy and training in place. The new track lighting will be installed soon.

Engineers Report

JP Kelly issued his report:

- The 2022 Road Program – they are developing a preliminary scope of work for consideration
- DCED will be accepting applications beginning March 1st for school crossing improvements. A match waiver can be requested so that no match is needed.

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 8:11 PM.

Don Vymazal
Township Secretary

Elgin Akarsoy
Council Chairperson