

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
DELAWARE COUNTY  
BUSINESS & COMMITTEES MEETING  
February 23, 2023

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The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business meeting on Thursday, January 24, 2022, 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.

Council held an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

The meeting was recorded as a test for the first time.

**Roll Call**

Present: Mr. Elgin Akarsoy, Chairman, Mr. Tom McFadden, Ms. Marsha Peterson, and Ms. Christen Rexing, Vice Chair. Also in attendance, Mr. Don Vymazal, Township Manager, Mr. Carl Ewald, Township Solicitor, Ms. Kim McCloskey, Administrative Assistant and Walt Omlor, Constable.

No Present: Mr. Kevin Else

**Addition of Items to the Agenda**

None

**Public Forum**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Resolution 2023-10 – Liquid Fuels – 2023 Road Program**

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to approve Resolution 2023-10 making application to the Council of Delaware County for an allocation of County Liquid Fuels Tax Funds in the amount of \$11,394 to be used toward the 2023 Road Improvement Program.

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

Motion approved 4-0

**Resolution 2023-11- Part-Time Finance Assistant**

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to approve Resolution 2023-11 to authorize the hiring of Kristen Marder to the position of part-time Finance Assistant effective February 23, 2023 in accordance with the Township’s Home Rule Charter and Codified Ordinances and Non-Uniformed Contract at a salary in accordance with said contract.

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

Motion approved 4-0

**Rose Tree Fire Company – New Truck Funding**

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve submitting a letter to the State Fire Commissioner verifying that Upper Providence Township will provide funding in the amount of \$650,000.00 for the purchase of an E-One 100’ Aerial by the Rose Tree Fire Company. *Payment I not required until the acceptance of the new apparatus.*

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

Motion approved 4-0

**600 Park Avenue**

Council discussed the permitted use of this property. The owner has asked if it would be permitted to use this as a “doggy daycare” for over 50 dogs and also provide overnight boarding for over 50 dogs. A doggy daycare would fit in the services for the location per the Code. Kennels are defined as a permitted use under special exception. Would this be something that should go to the Zoning Hearing Board for special exception. They would need to request several variances. The zoning officer wanted Council to weigh in. Council discussed the traffic and the noise that this would create and agreed that this would not be a good use for that property.

**Ordinance 548 – Announcement**

Announce Ordinance 548 - An ordinance of the Township of Upper Providence, County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Zoning Ordinance by establishing certain definitions and further regulating the location of medical marijuana dispensaries, medical marijuana growers/processors, significant tobacco retailers and vape shops.

**Tax Assessment Appeals**

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, To accept/not accept the tax assessment settlements for:

- Joseph and Karen Pluta - 0 Crum Creek Road (2 parcels);
- Michael Boetter - 1140 1st Avenue;
- Robert and Amy Zeiger - 102 Cove Lane; and
- Angelo and Lisa Karakasis -45 Kingston Rd

as recommended by the School District.

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

Motion approved 4-0

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Akarsoy adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 8:02 pm.

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### **COMMITTEES MEETING**

Committees' discussions commenced immediately following adjournment of the business portion of the meeting.

#### **Administrative Committee:**

Mr. Akarsoy advised that The Finance Assistant will start on Monday and they will be starting interviews for the Assistant Township Manager.

#### **Community Development Committee:**

Ms. Rexing asked if we would sponsor the streams cleanup event again this year and for how much. Our logo will be on the shirts.

#### **CRC Watershed Donation**

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to be a sponsor of the CRC Watersheds for the Streams Cleanup event with a donation of \$1,000.00.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Ms. Rexing also advised that she met with Bob Linn and he is going to start up the UPT Business Association in the hopes of getting the businesses together along Providence Road.

They had their first meeting for Community Day. It will be on September 16<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Council discussed signage and creating identity along 252. Ms. Rexing, Mr. McFadden and Mr. Vymazal met with PennDOT to discuss safety and road improvements.

**Fiscal Committee:**

There will be monthly budget updates for Council.

**Public Safety Committee:**

Ms. Peterson got the go ahead from the County to do a legally owned gun turn in. Council just needs to pick a date and the County will run it and staff it. October 10<sup>th</sup> was discussed to do it on the mental health day.

Mr. Akarsoy said Mr. Kelly is looking into the possibility of sidewalks along Maple and First Avenue as kids have to walk in the street to get to school.

**Public Works Committee:**

Mr. McFadden talked about the meeting with representatives from PennDOT about N. Providence Road and Palmers Mill Road. He said the new traffic lights need to be timed better. The speed limit has been lowered to 30 mph and they will be painting the road with the speed limit also. Benchmark has submitted to PennDOT for a traffic study.

Mr. McFadden also brought up the fact that Media Little League did not get the grant for the lighting of the field at Springton Lake. They are doing independent fundraising. Council will consider sponsoring a team and look into other ways to help them.

**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 8:25 PM.

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Don Vymazal  
Township Secretary

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Elgin Akarsoy  
Council Chairperson