

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

The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business meeting on Thursday, March 23, 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.

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

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

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Elgin Akarsoy, Chairman, Mr. Kevin Else, Mr. Tom McFadden 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: Ms. Marsha Peterson

Addition of Items to the Agenda

None

Public Forum

None

Old Business

None

New Business

AQUA Paving – Bent and Twyckenham Roads

Mr. Vymazal advised that AQUA has advised Nether Providence that they will give them \$91,00.00 for re-pavement of the roadways, which fall mostly in Nether and a small portion in Upper Providence. Nether has agreed to put it on their road program for curb-to-curb re-pavement including our portion of the roadway. Upper Providence would be responsible for 25% of the cost of the repaving.

National Opioid Settlement

Mr. Ewald advised that in 2021 the National Opioid Settlement which has been signed onto by the State of Pennsylvania has a provision in it where the number of municipalities that have more than 10,000 residents that sign onto this settlement is how they evaluate how much each state gets and then how much the County gets. Essentially the way it works is

we sign off on this and it increases the amount of money that the County gets but we do not get a direct payment from it. The only way to get a direct payment would be to file your own lawsuit which is not practical.

PlateLogic Proposal

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to approve the proposal from PlateLogic, not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Discussion: The total costs are \$7,100 per year for 5 years with no hidden fees. The amount covers any maintenance and the cloud based services. The funding for this year would come from the revenue from the violations from the cameras on the school busses. The cameras will only scan license plates.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Rexing	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Zoning Officer

Mr. Vymazal advised that Linn Architects has been serving as the Zoning Officer since July of 2022 at a discount, he views it as Community service. He has dedicated a number of staff and time to Zoning and would now like compensation for the services rendered. Mr. Vymazal will work with the Finance Department to provide payments for services.

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 Kimberly Dwyer to the position of part-time Finance Assistant effective March 27, 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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Akarsoy adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 7:48 pm.

COMMITTEES MEETING

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

Administrative Committee:

Mr. Akarsoy advised that the Permit Administrator job has been posted and will be run in the newspaper and on social media.

Community Development Committee:

Ms. Rexing advised that we were awarded \$424,000.00 with no match from the DCED grant for Ray Roche Park improvements. We are continuing to meet and plan for the 2023 Community Day.

Fiscal Committee:

Mr. Else advised that there is a report put out by the Pennsylvania Economy League talking about different ways in which municipalities in PA tax.

Public Safety Committee:

We received the DCED local share grant for a new police vehicle for \$48,000-49,000 with no match. We also received the PCCD grant for the police body cameras in the amount of \$178,000.00 which will also cover some of the software and computer updates - no match.

Public Works Committee:

Mr. McFadden advised that the tree that fell across Sycamore Mills Road was quickly cut up and has been cleaned up. We had to find a new contractor for the electrical PA One Calls as Higgins do not do it anymore.

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 8:01 PM.

Don Vymazal
Township Secretary

Elgin Akarsoy
Council Chairperson