

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
DELAWARE COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
April 13, 2023

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The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at the Upper Providence Township Building. Vice Chairperson Christen Rexing called the business meeting to order at 7:40 PM. Ms. Rexing led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**Awards, Presentations and Announcements**

Ms. Peterson described the new fire truck and it's specs and capabilities.

Jim Henry, President of the Rose Tree Fire Company along with over 20 members of the Fire Company were present to bring awareness to the all-volunteer company and to give an update on their new 100' Aerial Quint that has ben ordered and will be in service in 2024. They are always looking for new members and donations from our residents.

Sylvie Mackenzie was present to give a report on the Recreation Board and their budget for 2023. Programs that they are supporting this year are Media Little League, Penncrest High School AM Prom, UPT Community Day and possibly relaunching the UPT Summer Rec Program. They are also interested in joining the PA Recreation and Park Society.

Jane and Robert Ferry, member of the now disbanded UPOS (Upper Providence for Open Space) presented the Township with a check in the amount of \$4,200.00 to be put in an account and used for future Scott Park Projects. Bothe Jane and Bob were given certificates of appreciation for their years of dedicated service to the Township.

Marsha advised that the EMS services are struggling, and they have requested the four townships to look for ways to help with funding.

**Public Forum**

Amanda Cichon, 821 Crum Creek Rd – Riparian Buffer Ordinance – this will be on the Agenda for the April 27, 2023 Committees meeting.

Vincent DeVacchio, 1520 N. Ridley Creek Rd – expressed his ongoing concerns with his neighbor at 1510 N. Ridley Creek Rd and the lack of property maintenance at the property. Mr. Vymazal advised that the property was looked into by Code Enforcement and that he will update Mr. DeVacchio on the status.

Chuck Ferraro, 806 Valley View – Inquired about the status of the empty lot on State Road. The hotel fell through but it is still owned by the developer. No new plans have been submitted. He also advised that there are lots of trailers on Sandy Bank Road from the project at 232 Sandy Bank and there could be an accident.

Eric Goche, 448 Radnor St – was present because he received notice of Ordinance 545 – an Ordinance allowing the construction of a sidewalk in front of his property and two others. This is on the Agenda for adoption/denial on April 27, 2023.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Peterson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve the March 9, 2023 Regular Council Business Meeting minutes.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Ms. Rexing	Yes

Motion approved 4-0

Ms. Peterson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve the March 23, 2023 Council Business and Committees Meeting minutes.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Abstain
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Ms. Rexing	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**

None

**New Business**

**Voucher List for March 2023**

Ms. Peterson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve the voucher list for March 2023 in the amount of \$406,596.22.

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

Motion approved 3-0; 1 abstained

**Traffic Calming – Second Ave**

Tabled for more information

**National Opioid Settlement**

Ms. Peterson made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve Upper Providence Townships participation in the National Opioid Settlement.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Ms. Rexing	Yes

Motion approved 4-0

**Penncrest AM Prom Donation**

Ms. Peterson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to approve the donation request in the amount of \$500.00 payable to the Penncrest AM Prom as recommended by the Recreation Board.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Ms. Rexing	Yes

Motion approved 4-0

**2023 Road Program**

Ms. Peterson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve the 2023 Road Program and to authorize the Township Engineer to advertise for bids to be received at the May 11, 2023 Council meeting.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Ms. Rexing	Yes

Motion approved 4-0

**Resolution 2023-13 – Hiring Asst. Twp. Manager**

Ms. Peterson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve the hiring of Mareile Watson to the position of Assistant Township Manager effective April 17, 2023 in accordance with the Township’s Home Rule Charter and Codified Ordinances at a salary in accordance with the agreed Township Assistant Managers Contract.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Ms. Rexing	Yes

Motion approved 4-0

**Resolution 2023-13 – Hiring Permit Administrator**

Ms. Peterson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to approve the hiring of Kimberly Hill to the position of Permit Administrator effective April 17, 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. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Ms. Rexing	Yes

Motion approved 4-0

**Resolution 2023-15 – Hybrid Meeting Rules**

Mr. Vymazal provided a policy memo regarding conducting hybrid meetings. He is hopeful to get the system up and running in the very near future.

**Council’s Administrative Reports**

Mr. McFadden advised that ECO is doing a fantastic job clearing limbs away from the wires on Sycamore Mills Road. Ms. McCloskey reminded Council of the free electronics and shredding event at Springfield Mall this weekend. You must register. The Townships eWaste event is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> and is on the website.

**Engineers Report**

JP Kelly advised that they have started the storm sewer GIS mapping.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ms. Rexing made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

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Don Vymazal  
Township Secretary

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Elgin Akarsoy  
Council Chairperson