

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 9, 2022

The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at the Upper Providence Township Building. Chairman Elgin Akarsoy called the business meeting to order at 7:30PM. Mr. Akarsoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Elgin Akarsoy, Chairman, 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: Ms. Christen Rexing

Awards, Presentations and Announcements

Mr. Vymazal advised that the County's second Household Hazardous Waste event will be on Saturday, June 11th at Rose Tree Park – registration for that event is completely full; Community Day donations are starting to come in, vendor letters are going to be going out Soon and the race registration is now live. Juliette – the dog that we have been hosting has been taken by the Brandywine Valley SPCA. Newsletter will go out early next week.

Public Forum

Addition of Items

None

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Else made a motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to approve the May 12, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Motion approved 4-0

Mr. Else made a motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to approve the May 26, 2022 Council Committees Meeting minutes.

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

Motion approved 3-0; 1 abstained

Municipal Boards, Authorities, Commissions and Committees

No vacancies.

Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development

None

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 538 – Property Maintenance Code

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden to approve the Adoption of Ordinance 538 to amend Chapter 1460, of the Code of the Township of Upper Providence to update the Township’s adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code to adopt the 2021 Edition and to amend the Township’s insertions and amendments to the International Property Maintenance Code.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Motion approved 4-0

Ordinance 540 – First Reading

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Akarsoy to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 540 an Ordinance of the Township of Upper Providence, County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amending part 12, Title 6 of the Code of the Township of Upper Providence to establish regulations providing for the enhancement of accessory structures and the regulation thereof and amend the definitions section of the Zoning Ordinance to confirm regulation of non-compliant uses, and creating an exception for tree houses and swing sets in front yards.

Discussion: Council gave input on square footage requirements. This has to go to the County and the Township Planning Commissions before final approval.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Motion approved 4-0

New Business

Voucher List for May 2022

Ms. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to approve the voucher list for May 2022 in the amount of \$450,153.47.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Motion approved 4-0

Settlement – 112 Mansion Drive

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the settlement for 112 Mansion Drive.

Discussion: The Township’s insurance company has come to an agreement with the landowner and this will give the Township a waiver of any future issues at said property. The homeowner will have the repairs done. The Township will not be making the repairs.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Motion approved 4-0

Building – New Door Locks

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Akarsoy, to accept the lowest bid for building improvements – replacements of locks, from South Penn Lock & Safe Co., in the amount of \$7,643.50.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Motion approved 4-0

Block Party Approval

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Akarsoy to approve the application of Scott Price at 1021 First Avenue to hold a block party on First Avenue from Maple to Evans, on June 18, 2022 starting at 2:00 pm.

Discussion: Council agreed to change the application for to say “may be returned” instead of “will be returned” if not received later than thirty days before the event.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Motion approved 4-0

Council's Administrative Reports

Mr. Vymazal made Council aware that the Rose Tree Media School District will be installing cameras on the school busses that will be able to capture any vehicle that goes through the flashing lights and not stopping. A citation can then be sent to the vehicle owner and a small portion of the fine will go to the Police Department.

The Township is drafting Digital Communications and Social Media Policies since we are now on many platforms. Council will review and discuss at the next meeting.

Ms. Peterson advised that the library was able to set up a table during Dining Under the Stars. They got 24 new card members and over 30 renewals.

Engineers Report

- The streets on the 2022 Road Program should be completed by August;
- 923-925 N. Orange Street – will be connecting to the sanitary sewer. As such they need to close Orange Street over the weekend. All residents and emergency personnel have been notified;
- The Farnum Road traffic study is being conducted and he should have the report by the July meeting;
- MS4 report is due by September 1st.

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 8:28 PM.

Don Vymazal
Township Secretary

Elgin Akarsoy
Council Chairperson