

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
July 13, 2023

The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at the Upper Providence Township Building. Chairperson Elgin Akarsoy called the business meeting to order at 7:33 PM. Mr. Akarsoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Roll Call

Present: Elgin Akarsoy, Chairperson, Christen Rexing, Vice Chair, Kevin Else, and Marsha Peterson. Also in attendance, Don Vymazal, Township Manager, Mareile Watson, Assistant Township Manager, Carl Ewald, Township Solicitor, J.P. Kelly, Township Engineer, Kim McCloskey, Adm. Assistant, and Walt Omlor, Constable.

Awards, Presentations and Announcements

Matt Hayes, the Sewer Authority Chairperson, presented Pat Hall with a plaque recognizing her 41 years of service to the Sewer Authority. Council and other member on the Sewer Authority joining in thanking Pat for her long career and to congratulate her on her retirement. Council gave pat her parking sign.

The AJ Blosenski resident feedback was tabled until the August 10, 2023 Council meeting.

Finance Director, Joe Egan provided a revenue presentation.

Public Forum

Julia Lancaster, 101 Park Ave – Trash and recycling has not been picked up since June 9th. She contacted Blosenski and Waste Connections. They do send a small truck out the same or the next day. She will be back on 8/10.

June Morris, 47 Shady Hill – she is on a flag lot and has had missed pick-ups also. She can never get through to Blosenski on the phone. They dump trash and recycling together.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve the June 8, 2023 Regular Council Business Meeting minutes.

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| Mr. Else | Yes | Ms. Rexing | Yes |
| Ms. Peterson | Yes | Mr. Akarsoy | Yes |

Motion approved 4-0

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the June 20, 2023 Special Council Meeting minutes.

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| Mr. Else | Yes | Ms. Rexing | Yes |
| Ms. Peterson | Yes | Mr. Akarsoy | Yes |

Motion approved 4-0

Municipal Boards, Authorities, Commissions and Committees

Vacancies on Sewer Authority, Zoning Hearing Board, Recreation Board and 5th District Council Seat were discussed.

Brett Lester, 290 Highland Avenue, introduced himself and described his background. He has applied for the 1st District opening on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development

Conditional Use Hearing

Ms. Rexing made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to close the regular council meeting and open the Conditional Use Hearing for 1251 Post House.

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| Mr. Else | Yes | Ms. Rexing | Yes |
| Ms. Peterson | Yes | Mr. Akarsoy | Yes |

Motion approved 4-0

Conditional Use Hearing – 1251 Post House
Minutes recorded by Court reporter - Lori DiFabio
Hearing started at 7:54 pm
Hearing ended at 9:08 pm

Council recessed for executive session at 8:54

Ms. Rexing made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve the Conditional Use application for 1251 Post House complying with the Planning Commission’s Landscaping plan, approved by the Township Engineer, within 60 days and must start in the fall and finish by the end of fall with a mixture of vegetation.

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| Mr. Else | Yes | Ms. Rexing | Yes |
| Ms. Peterson | Yes | Mr. Akarsoy | Yes |

Motion approved 4-0

Ms. Rexing made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to close the conditional use hearing and to reopen the regular council meeting.

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| Mr. Else | Yes | Ms. Rexing | Yes |
| Ms. Peterson | Yes | Mr. Akarsoy | Yes |

Motion approved 4-0

410 E. Rose Tree Road – Sketch Plan – Tabled until August 10, 2023

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Voucher List for June 2023

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Mr. Akarsoy, to approve the voucher list for June 2023 in the amount of \$641,956.14.

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| Mr. Else | Yes | Ms. Rexing | Yes |
| Ms. Peterson | Yes | Mr. Akarsoy | Yes |

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution 2023-21 – TASA - Safe Route to School Project

Ms. Rexing made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve Resolution 2023-21, the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Fund/Safe Route to School Project Grant.

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| Mr. Else | Yes | Ms. Rexing | Yes |
| Ms. Peterson | Yes | Mr. Akarsoy | Yes |

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution 2023-22 – Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant – Ridley Creek Road

Ms. Rexing made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve Resolution 2023-22, the multimodal Transportation fund grant – for the Ridley Creek Road stabilization project.

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| Mr. Else | Yes | Ms. Rexing | Yes |
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Ms. Peterson Yes Mr. Akarsoy Yes

Motion approved 4-0

The police have requested a new vehicle. One of the vehicles has high mileage and is approximately 10 years old. This is not in the budget. Mr. Akarsoy asked if there were areas they could cut costs and what monies has the school bus fines brought in.

Ms. Peterson asked the status of the EMS funding. Meetings have been scheduled. The costs approved was \$38,000 for the first year to fund it and is expected to increase over the next three years.

There was a stop sign request for Sandy Bank and Greenhill Roads. We have a grant for updates to Ray Roche Park and an ADA access point would be at that location which would require a stop sign. JP said he can start the traffic study.

Council's Administrative Reports

- Mr. Ewald advised That he just received the tax assessment appeals for 1223 N. Providence Road and 0 N. Providence Road. As it is not on the agenda, we would have to amend the agenda by Motion or we can wait until next month.

Mr. Akarsoy made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to amend the Agenda to add the tax assessment appeals.

Mr. Else Yes Ms. Rexing Yes
Ms. Peterson Yes Mr. Akarsoy Yes

Motion approved 4-0

Mr. Akarsoy made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Rexing, to approve the settlements as recommended by the school District regarding the tax assessment appeals for 1223 and 0 N. Providence Road.

Mr. Else Yes Ms. Rexing Yes
Ms. Peterson Yes Mr. Akarsoy Yes

Motion approved 4-0

- We will be setting up an open house for residents to review the improvement plan to Ray Roche Park.

- Rose Tree Park Playground ribbon cutting is on July 20th and the grand opening is on July 21st.

Engineers Report

Road program contracts have been executed and work is expected to be complete in late August, early September.

Routine data collection is continuing for the storm sewer GIS mapping and should be ready by August.

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 9:41 PM.

Don Vymazal
Township Secretary

Elgin Akarsoy
Council Chairperson