

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
BUSINESS & COMMITTEES MEETING
September 28, 2023

The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at the Upper Providence Township Building. Chairman Elgin Akarsoy called the business meeting to order at 7:30 PM. MS. Rexing led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Kevin Else, Kimberly Fremont, Marsha Peterson and Christen Rexing, Vice Chair. Also in attendance, Don Vymazal, Township Manager, Mareile Watson, Assistant Township Manager, Carl Ewald, Township Solicitor, Kim McCloskey, Administrative Assistant and Walt Omlor, Constable.

Not Present: Elgin Akarsoy, Chairperson

There was an executive session held prior to the meeting to discuss litigation.

Addition of Items to the Agenda

None

Public Forum

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Budget Workshop – Revenue

Joe Egan, Finance Director presented Budget Workshop #1 for fiscal year 2024, budgeted revenue analysis. He also advised the next Budget meeting dates which have been advertised.

Fences Discussion

Mr. Else advised that there have been some issues with fences. Specifically, Old State and State Road. The ZHB approved an 8' high fence on State Road only. The Township Engineer deemed it would not inhibit the sight lines, as there will be over 400' of sight distance.

Sustainability Presentation

Brian O’Neill and Pete Quagliariello from the Sustainability Taskforce provided a slide presentation about the goals of the Taskforce and what they wish to accomplish. They highlighted some of their ideas and objectives.

Ray Roche Park Discussion

Mr. Vymazal advised again that we received a DCED grant in the amount of \$424,000.00 to put toward upgrades to Ray Roche Park. He has been working with the Township Engineer to come up with the newest rendering. Some new additions will be a dedicated tot lot, a walkway and ADA accessibility. Some existing playground equipment will remain and possibly relocating some to other Township parks. We will get public feedback via a survey and at an open house in the park.

Recreation Board Appointment

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to appoint Kathryn Stairs from the 2nd District to the Receptions Board to fill the unexpired term of Timothy Schuller with said term to expire on December 31, 2024, at which time she will be eligible to be appointed to her first full term.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Ms. Fremont	Yes	Ms. Rexing	Yes

Approved 4-0

Resolution 2023-27 DELCO Greenways Grant – Cherry Street

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Rexing, to approve Resolution 2023-27 to authorize the Township Manager to apply to participate in the DELCO Greenways Grant Program for upgrades to Cherry Street Park.

Discussion: This grant would be for planning and design. It may be helpful to do a \$25,000 match for this application.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Ms. Fremont	Yes	Ms. Rexing	Yes

Approved 4-0

Resignation – Recreation Board

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Fremont, to accept the resignation of Mike Gress of the 5th District from the Recreation Board, with said term to expire on December 31, 2026

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
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Ms. Fremont

Yes

Ms. Rexing

Yes

Approved 4-0

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Akarsoy adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 8:07 pm.

COMMITTEES MEETING

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

Administrative Committee:

The office improvements are moving along.

Community Development Committee:

Community Day was cancelled this year due to weather. We are going to pick a date for next year soon. The race is still going to happen, October 28, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Ms. Rexing and Mr. Vymazal met with PennDOT about a potential Palmers Mill sidewalk. PennDOT gave some suggestions regarding walkability, biking and safety. They are thinking about creating a transportation Taskforce.

Fiscal Committee:

Mr. Egan presented the Township budgeting schedule.

Public Safety Committee:

The new fire truck is still on target for December 2024. We are committed to Media EMS and they will have to be included in the budget for 2024. There is a new police vehicle that is currently being fitted out. The UPT PD received the body cameras and they are currently getting training on the use.

Mr. Else questioned if the Township Engineer is looking at the few locations that stop signs were requested – yes he is and he will report back soon.

Ms. McCloskey reminded Council that we did obtain a small games of chance license that is good for one year, if Council wants to coordinate with the fire company so that they can raise some money for the fire truck.

Public Works Committee:

The snow removal RFP has been advertised and we are currently accepting bids for the 2023-24 year until October 20th. The 2023 road program has been completed.

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 8:20 PM.

Don Vymazal
Township Secretary

Christen Rexing
Council Vice Chairperson