

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 12, 2023

The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at the Upper Providence Township Building. Chairperson Elgin Akarsoy called the business meeting to order at 7:32 PM. Mr. Akarsoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Elgin Akarsoy, Chairperson, Kevin Else (Via Zoom), 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, J.P. Kelly, Township Engineer, Kim McCloskey, Adm. Assistant, and Walt Omlor, Constable.

An executive session was held immediately prior to the meeting to discuss litigation and real estate matters.

Awards, Presentations and Announcements

Mary Mott and Sandra Samuel from the Media Upper Providence Free Library were in attendance to make Council aware of happenings at the library and to go over the 2024 budget request.

Ms. Watson advised that there will be an open house at Ray Roche Park on October 18th starting at 4:30 for residents to view the renderings of the proposed upgrades. There will also be games and pumpkin painting for the kids as well as a food truck. There is also a survey for resident feedback.

Public Forum

- Chuck Ferraro, 806 Valley View – questioned the cost to Township taxpayers for lawsuits filed; the Township has insurance and just pays the deductible.
- Kevin Reilly, 6 Cherry Street – reported streetlights being out around Cherry Street.
- Mary Clinton, 440 Osage Ave – redistricting ruling – she hopes Council resolves this matter quickly.
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Approval of Minutes

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the September 14, 2023 Regular Council Business Meeting minutes.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fremont, to approve the September 28, 2023 Council Business and Committees meeting minutes.

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

Motion approved 4-0

Municipal Boards, Authorities, Commissions and Committees

Vacancies on Sewer Authority, Recreation Board and Environmental Commission were discussed.

Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Voucher List for September 2023

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the voucher list for August 2023 in the amount of \$1,201,765.04.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Cherry Street Field Use Application Updates

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fremont, to approve the voucher list for August 2023 in the amount of \$1,201,765.04.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Student Junior Council Appointments

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Mr. Akarsoy, to appoint Penncrest High School students Liam MacKenzie in 12th grade and Tovin Styles, in 11th grade, to the Upper Providence Township Student Council to join at Council meetings through June, 2024.

Discussion: Ms. Watson explained the Junior Council Program and introduced the two students.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Redistricting Court Decision

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to authorize the Township Solicitor to appeal Judge Whelan's decision.

Discussion: Mr. Akarsoy read the entire Order in full. Mr. Ewald discussed population vs. electors and the Home Rule Charter vs. the Constitution.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Block Party Application – Valley View Road

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Mr. Akarsoy, to approve the block party application from Kelly and Tyler Knox to close Valley View Road between N. Valley View Road and Sycamore Road on October 28, 2023 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm, as recommended by the Recreation Board.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Block Party Application – Berry Lane

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fremont, to approve the block party application from Kristen Bernet to close Berry Lane between E. Rose Tree Road and Crum Creek Road on October 31, 2023 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, as recommended by the Recreation Board.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Recreation Board Expenditure – Hershey Park

Ms. Rexing made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fremont, to approve the Recreation Boards request to spend \$750 on a resident Hershey Park bus trip in December 2023.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Council’s Administrative Reports

- Ewaste at Rose Tree Park 10/17 from 9-1 – registration is required;
- Ewaste at Reformation Lutheran Church on 10/23 from 9-1;
- UPT Giddy-Up 5k is on 10/28 at 9 am at Rose Tree Park.
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Engineers Report

- The Road Program is complete;
- The MS4 was completed by the deadline;
- Manchester Avenue sidewalk – should have the permits within two weeks.

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 8:29 PM.

Don Vymazal
Township Secretary

Elgin Akarsoy
Council Chairperson