

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
DELAWARE COUNTY  
BUSINESS & COMMITTEES MEETING  
October 26, 2023

The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at the Upper Providence Township Building. Chairman Elgin Akarsoy called the business meeting to order at 7:40 PM. Mr. Akarsoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

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

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

Ms. Rexing read a statement regarding the tragic loss of one of the Rose Tree Elementary School students and to thank our first responders and led a moment of silence.

**Addition of Items to the Agenda**

None

**Public Forum**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**2023-2024 Snow Removal Contract**

Ms. Rexing made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to award the 2023-2024 snow removal contract to Hart Builders, Inc., at an hourly rate of \$220.00 for a total of \$22,000.00 as recommended by the Township Roadmaster.

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

Approved 5-0

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Akarsoy adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 7:45 pm.

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**COMMITTEES MEETING**

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

**Administrative Committee:**

None.

**Community Development Committee:**

- Our 5K is coming up this weekend on October 28, 2023 at 9:00 am.
- Firearms, ammunition and prescription medications collection will be at the Township building on December 6, 2023 from 12-7. Delaware County CID and our officers will be running the event.

**Fiscal Committee:**

Mr. Egan presented the initial budget presentation. Tax bill millage allocation was discussed adding Fire, EMS, Library, etc.

**Public Safety Committee:**

Scott Price from Media EMS was present to discuss:

- BLS vs. ALS medical services to Upper Providence Township
- how mutual aid works for us and surrounding Townships
- the costs of the vehicles, the equipment and the manpower to run them
- the licensing costs and process
- they need financial support from the townships they serve
- call statistics

**Public Works Committee:**

Scott Denlinger, attorney for Jim Miller, the owner of 947 N. Providence Road, was present to discuss the Maple Avenue traffic study. Mr. Ewald advised that he represented Jim Miller in the past in other municipalities, so he has a conflict of interest. If any legal advice is sought, he will refer to other Council. Mr. Miller is updating and sprucing up the building to be able to rent out the space. There has been prior discussion about the possibility of changing the traffic pattern on Maple Avenue to one way allowing more parking. Mr. Miller would also commit to put in a sidewalk on Maple and add enhancements to the crosswalk across Providence Road.

Our Zoning Code is very specific about parking. Currently there are 5 or 6 spots. A preliminary traffic study was presented in August making Maple a one way exiting onto Providence Road which would allow for diagonal parking on Maple. There are a few one-way roads in this area currently. The Township Engineer has gone out and don't traffic counts and asked the school district for their input. The report should be completed for the November meeting.

Council had discussions about changing the direction of other roads in the area. They want to get the neighboring residents to provide their input.

**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 9:21 PM.

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Don Vymazal  
Township Secretary

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Elgin Akarsoy  
Council Chairperson