

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 16, 2022

The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business meeting on Thursday, August 16, 2022 at the Upper Providence Township Building. Chairman Elgin Akarsoy called the business meeting to order at 7:33PM. Mr. Akarsoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Elgin Akarsoy, Chairman, Mr. Kevin Else Mr. Tom McFadden, Ms. Marsha Peterson and Ms. Christen Rexing. Also in attendance, Mr. Don Vymazal, Township Manager, Mr. Carl Ewald, Township Solicitor, and Walt Omlor, Constable.

Not Present: Mr. J.P. Kelly, Township Engineer and Ms. Kim McCloskey, Adm. Assistant

Awards, Presentations and Announcements

None

Public Forum

None

Addition of Items

None

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Else made a motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to approve the June 9, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes.

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

Motion Approved 4-0; 1 abstained

Mr. Else made a motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to approve the July 14, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes.

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

Motion approved 3-0; 2 abstained

Municipal Boards, Authorities, Commissions and Committees

No vacancies.

Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development

The Woods at Rose Tree – SDLD - Final

Mr. Ewald advised that the amended plan did comply with the Township Engineer’s comments contingent on satisfying any outside agency approvals and the financing Agreement providing the bond they are going to have to provide for the public improvements. Adam Powell advised that the fee agreement in lieu of sidewalks is \$45,000.00 \$12.50 per square foot.

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden to approve the final subdivision and land development approval for the Woods at Rose Tree Development conditioned upon compliance with the Planning Commission comments and the Township Engineer’s review letter dated July 21, 2022 and obtaining all outside agency permits and agreements.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 540 – Accessory Structures

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Akarsoy to adopt Ordinance 540 and 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: Mr. Ewald explained that the Planning Commission discussed the Ordinance and proposed some changes that they felt would make the Ordinance clearer and he walked through all of the changes. Council went section by section and discussed the proposed changes.

Public Comment: Joe Solomon – 70 Palmers Mill Road – discussed the proposed Ordinance.

Agrees with the Planning Commission recommendations.

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Akarsoy to send Ordinance 540 as modified by the UPT Planning Commission back to the solicitor in order to update the Ordinance and bring it back to Council for approval in the future.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Farnum Road Traffic Study

The traffic study was completed. There are no warranted traffic calming measures. The Township Engineer was not present to discuss the results. It will be on the Agenda for September.

Ordinance 541– Amended and Restated Stormwater Management Ordinance

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Akarsoy to approve the first reading of Ordinance 541 the Amended and Restated Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Discussion: The DEP has put a requirement on all municipalities stating that they have to update the stormwater management ordinances by the end of September.

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

Motion approved 5-0

New Business

Voucher List for July 2022

Tabled until the September meeting for an accurate number.

2022-23 Salt Bid Contract

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Rexing, to approve awarding the 2022-23 salt contract to Eastern Salt Company, Inc., in the amount of \$75.00/ton delivered.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Rexing	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Ms. Peterson Yes

Motion approved 5-0

2022-23 Snow Removal Contract - Advertise

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Rexing to approve authorization to the Township Manager to advertise for the 2022-23 snow removal contract.

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

Motion approved 5-0

There was discussion on when public comment is allowed to take place. Clarification was made by the solicitor.

Field Use Application - MPFS

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Ms. McFadden to approve the Cherry Street Filed use application from Media Providence Friends School conditioned upon approval of the Recreation Board at their September 1, 2022 meeting.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Township Computer Updates

Discussion: Mr. Vymazal discussed the updates needed to the Township computer systems. This was tabled until the September meeting.

Removal of Paper Street - Cedar Ave.

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden to approve the removal of the “paper Street Cedar Avenue on the Township maps.

Discussion: The undeveloped street does not have any connectivity and restrict some activities in the area. The solicitor needs to create and easement agreement to maintain the stormwater infrastructure at that location. This motion is to start the paperwork only.

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Rexing	Yes
Mr. McFadden	Yes	Mr. Akarsoy	Yes

Ms. Peterson Yes

Motion approved 5-0

Police Vehicle Purchase

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden to approve the purchase of a 2022 Dodge Charger police vehicle in the amount of \$36,673.00.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Emergency Services Grant

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Mr. McFadden, to approve the DELCO Interactive Gaming Revenue Authority – Emergency Services Grant.

Discussion: Eligible County Entities, police, fire, etc. are eligible to receive a share of monies for community engagement and outreach. No match is required. Police recruitment, education and outreach.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Cherry Street Park Improvements – Grant

Mr. Else made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Rexing, to approve the DELCO Community Partnering Program for Cherry Street Park Improvements.

Discussion: This fund is from the Federal ARPA funds through the County. We engaged in a community survey as to what the users of the park would like to see improved. There is no match. The application amount is for \$35,000.00

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

Motion approved 5-0

There was a discussion about the creation of a sustainability taskforce for the Township. Ms. Rexing will head that Taskforce.

Mr. Else advised that the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority is not increasing the tipping fees this year. The SWA has taken on the additional expenses due to fuel costs. This should be considered during the Budget talks for the Township.

Delaware County Association of Township Officials – DECATO. Mr. Kelly brought this to the Township’s attention to get involved. Ms. Rexing advised that she will attend the meetings.

Mr. Else presented a first draft of proposed UPT redistricting.

Council’s Administrative Reports

Mr. Vymazal updated Council on the progress of Community Day.

Engineers Report

None

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 9:15 PM.

Don Vymazal
Township Secretary

Elgin Akarsoy
Council Chairperson