

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
BUSINESS MEETING
January 14, 2021

The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2021, via Zoom teleconference. Chairperson Beth Glassman called the business meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Ms. Glassman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Ms. Beth Glassman, Chairperson, Mr. Elgin Akarsoy, Vice Chair, Mr. Kevin Else, Ms. Kathy Heupler and Mr. Raymond Wilson. Also in attendance, Mr. Gregory Lebold, Township Manager, Mr. Ewald, Township Solicitor, Mr. J.P. Kelly, Township Engineer and Ms. McCloskey, Adm. Assistant.

Awards, Presentations and Announcements

Mr. Lebold presented plaques to Mike Crotty in appreciation of his service and time on the Planning Commission and to Dave Daniel in appreciation for his service and time on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Lebold had the following announcements:

- Township Administrative offices will be closed Monday for Martin Luther King Day
- A Highway Department F-450 Dump Truck is up for bid on Municibid
- The 2021 PSATS Award Program has started. This is a chance for youth organizations to volunteer in our community by completing a community service project that benefits second class townships on PA. Information is on our website.
- The Citizens Corp of Delaware County is in need of Nurses and nursing students to help end the COVID-19 pandemic. These individuals would help to conduct clinical operations.

Ms. Glassman advised of a website for people who would like to sign up for the vaccine. PFC.COVIDREADI.com

Public Forum

None

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, to approve the December 17, 2020 Regular Council Business Meeting minutes.

Mr. Akarsoy

Yes

Mr. Wilson

Yes

Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Municipal Boards, Authorities, Commissions and Committees
discussed under new business.

Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development

None

None

New Business

Voucher List for December 2020

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve the voucher list for December 2020 in the amount of \$408,524.53.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Ordinance Announcement

Ms. Glassman announced the Marijuana Ordinance for the Establishment of Civil Penalties

Ordinance 529 – Verizon Franchise Agreement

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 529 approving the Verizon Franchise Agreement.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Ordinance 530 – Amendments to the Certificate of Occupancy Ordinance

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 530 approving Amendments to the Certificate of Occupancy Ordinance.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Planning Commission Appointment

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Else, to appoint Andrew Serota of the 1st District to the Planning Commission for his first full term that will expire on January 1, 2025.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	No
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 4-1

Zoning Hearing Board Appointment

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to appoint Michelle Ross of the 1st District to the Zoning Hearing Board for her first full term that will expire on January 1, 2026.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Ethics Commission Appointments

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, to appoint Michelle Janmey of the 1st District, Dr. David Thomas of the 3rd District, Janet Lis of the 4th District and Rhoni Ryan of the 5th District to the Ethics Commission for their first full terms that will expire on January 1, 2023.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Environmental Commission Appointment

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to appoint Sarah Egan of the 5th District to the Environmental Commission for her first full term that will expire on January 1, 2025.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Sewer Authority Appointment

Ms. Glassman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Akarsoy, to appoint Silas Jimenez of the 1st District to the Sewer Authority for his first full term that will expire on January 1, 2026.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Sewer Authority Resignation

Ms. Glassman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heupler, to approve the resignation of Walter Weinrich of the 4th District from the Sewer Authority.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Sewer Authority Appointment

Mr. Akarsoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to appoint David Daniel of the 1st District to the Sewer Authority for his first full term that will expire on January 1, 2026.

Mr. Akarsoy	Yes	Mr. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Else	Yes	Ms. Glassman	Yes
Ms. Heupler	Yes		

Motion approved 5-0

Mr. Else advised that some residents are concerned that there is no stop sign on Meetinghouse at Farnum Road. After consulting with Chief Montella, it was noted that there have been no accidents at that location in the past five years. Mr. Kelly advised there are three things that would warrant a traffic study: Volume – 2000+ per day; accidents

within the last three years; and safe site distances. The site distances may be the only issue as the volume is not met and there have been no accidents. There are some other traffic calming options that could possibly be done like signage and cutting back shrubbery. Mr. Lebold advised that in the past residents have been required to get a petition from 80% of the residents on a street before the Township would consider implementing a traffic calming device.

Mr. Else also discussed his belief that redistricting is necessary due to the registered voter disparities in Council Districts. He suggested that a committee be put together to discuss redistricting. He would like this committee to be formed prior to April 1st when the Census is due out. Ms. Glassman advised that looking into redistricting is required to be done after a census is done.

Council's Administrative Reports

Engineers Report

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Glassman adjourned the meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Gregory C. Lebold
Township Secretary

Beth Glassman
Council Chairperson