



UPPER PROVIDENCE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES FOR JANUARY 19, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Philip Barker, Chairman; Lisa Mossie, Vice Chairman; Albert Vagnozzi, Supervisor; Staff present was Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager; C. Lee Milligan, Assistant Township Manager; Steven English Esq., Township Solicitor; William Dingman, Township Engineer; Geoff Grace, Planning Consultant; and Ken O'Brien, Traffic Engineer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Barker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

1. January 1, 2016 – January 14, 2016: \$475,508.33

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to approve the bill list from January 1, 2016 through January 14, 2016 totaling \$475,508.33. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2. December 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes**
- 3. December 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. Mossie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barker to approve the December 7, 2015 and December 14, 2015 meeting minutes with one minor correction. The motion passed 2-0 with Mr. Vagnozzi abstaining.

4. January 4, 2016 Organization and Regular Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Mossie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to approve the January 4, 2016 minutes. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kristin Troutman, Black Rock Road, thanked Mr. Tieperman for his thorough budget presentation but expressed concern over certain expenditures in light of future declining revenues.

Mrs. Mossie explained that the budget contains operating and capital expenditures and these expenditures are heavily scrutinized before the budget is adopted. The Board also explained that certain revenues are restricted and must be used for specific purposes.

Mr. Tieperman also explained that many of the increased expenditures are in contracted areas, many of which the governing body has no fiscal control over, pointing in part to the binding arbitration process that takes fiscal conditions outside the hands of local governing officials.

Later in the meeting, Ms. Nel Raffella of Class A Realty and Ms. Susan Miller inquired about the timeline when the Lewis Road sewers will be installed. Mr. English replied that his office is seeking the necessary easements to install the sewers and that it will likely take another two (2) months. Mr. Barker stated that once the engineering is done and the easements are acquired, the Township will then be ready to authorize for bids.

NEW BUSINESS**5. Consider action to authorize B & J Excavating, Inc. to export six thousand cubic yards of topsoil from the Preserve at Providence to a project located in Upper Merion Township.**

Mrs. Mossie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to authorize B & J Excavating to export six thousand cubic yards of topsoil to Upper Merion Township. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

6. Consider authorizing Township Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Furia Rubel Communications, Inc. to implement the Township's Rebranding Project.

Mr. Tieperman explained the selection process that was used in identifying the best firm to help the Township brand itself better, which is a top goal of the Board of Supervisors. He said that it's important we do this project right, as this will be the primary driver on how we conduct our business in the future, including the design of our municipal facilities, parks, letterhead, website, fleet vehicles, street signs and a Township flag to name a few.

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to authorize the Township Manager to execute an agreement with Furia Rubel Communications, Inc. to implement the Township Rebranding Project as recommended by the Township Manager. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT**a. Bid Authorization – 135 Bridge Street Demolition**

Mr. Tieperman requested authorization to place a legal ad for the demolition of 135 Bridge Street. The Township now owns the building and the municipal crews are securing the building as tenants vacate their leases. He stated the importance of razing the building as soon as possible. The Township Engineer has finalized the specifications and the project is ready for advertisement.

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to authorize demolition advertisement. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

b. Resolution Correction

Mr. Tieperman stated that an error was made on Resolution No. 2016-04 which had the incorrect bonding information for the Finance Department. He asked that the Board officially amend Resolution 2016-04.

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to adopt amended Resolution No. 2016-04. This motion passed unanimously 3-0.

c. Week In Review Highlights

Mr. Tieperman reviewed noteworthy highlights from his bi-weekly review. Mr. Barker suggested that it would be helpful for Mrs. Mossie and Mr. Vagnozzi to receive an update on the Pond Property as well as the Township's Transferrable Development Rights (TDR) Ordinance. Mr. Tieperman agreed to put this on the next agenda for review.

CONSULANT REPORTS

a. Traffic Engineering Review – Perkiomen Woods

Mr. O'Brien gave an update on Perkiomen Woods' request for a new traffic signal.

b. Traffic Engineering Review – Perkiomen Woods

Mr. Dingman gave a brief update on the Greenwood Avenue project.

c. Traffic Engineering Review – Perkiomen Woods

Mr. Dingman gave a brief update on the South Mennonite Road sewer project.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

a. 135 Bridge Street Leases

b. Varner Easement

c. Cider Mill House

Mr. English gave a brief update on the leases for 135 Bridge Street, the Varner easement and the Cider Mill House. On the latter he stated that his office has been in contact with the representing attorney and is awaiting a reply to the Township's offer.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mrs. Mossie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager/Secretary