



**UPPER PROVIDENCE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES FOR MARCH 21, 2016**

ATTENDANCE

Philip Barker, Chairman; Lisa Mossie, Vice Chairman; Albert Vagnozzi, Supervisor. Staff present was Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager; Bryan Bortnichak, Assistant Township Manager; Edward Skypala 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

Mr. Barker stated that there was an Executive Session held prior to this meeting regarding real estate negotiations and personnel issues.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:

1. **March 3, 2016 – March 15, 2016: \$476,666.72**

Mrs. Mossie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi to approve the bill list from March 3, 2016 through March 15, 2016 totaling \$476,666.72. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. **March 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. Mossie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi to approve the March 7, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pam Bauman of 110 Berkshire Lane thanked the Board for setting up a meeting between the residents and the developer of the shopping center that will be in front of their homes. Ms. Bauman also asked about the Master Comprehensive Plan for the trails throughout the Township.

Mr. Grace gave a brief outline of the proposed trail system.

PUBLIC HEARING:

3. **Conduct a public hearing to receive public comments on an Ordinance authorizing the vacation of a certain portion of the right-of-way in Greenwood Avenue in Upper Providence Township.**

Mr. Skypala opened the hearing and reviewed the Ordinance. Mr. Skypala asked if there were any questions from the audience regarding the proposed Ordinance.

Andrew Rakoff, 313 Woodcrest Circle, asked if Greenwood Avenue would remain as a cul-de-sac. Mr. Dingman responded that the road would remain a cul-de-sac.

Mr. Skypala closed the hearing and asked the Board to adopt Ordinance No. 553.

4. **Conduct a public hearing to receive public comments on an Ordinance amending Chapter 182, ZONING, Article III of the Township Code, to amend various floodplain provisions to comply with new federal regulations promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency.**

Mr. Skypala opened the hearing and summarized the application and exhibits. Court Reporter Jon Pichelman took testimony. Present for this discussion was Geoff Grace, Township Planner.

Mr. Skypala asked if there were any questions from the audience regarding this proposed Ordinance.

Betsy Daley, Canal Street, asked if the Township would be notifying the residents along the Canal and if this Ordinance impacts the cost of flood insurance.

Mr. Skypala closed that hearing and asked the Board to consider adopting Ordinance No. 554.

OLD BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):

5. **Consider adoption of Ordinance 553 authorizing the vacation of a certain portion of the right-of-way in Greenwood Avenue in Upper Providence Township.**

Mrs. Mossie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi to adopt Ordinance No. 553, authorizing the vacation of a certain portion of the right-of-way in Greenwood Avenue. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

6. **Consider adoption of Ordinance 554 to amend Chapter 182, ZONING, Article III of the Township Code, to amend various flood plain provisions to comply with new federal regulations promulgated by FEMA.**

Mrs. Mossie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi to adopt Ordinance No. 554, amending the flood plain requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):

7. **Consider adoption of a preliminary land development plan submitted by SEI for the expansion of a parking lot on 3.7 acres located at 10 Cider Mill Road.**

Mr. Skypala stated that the applicant's Attorney has requested an extension on this application. The plan has been extended to July 31, 2016.

8. **Disposition of bids for the demolition of 135 Bridge Street. (Bids opened on March 16, 2016)**

Mr. Tieperman stated that the bid be awarded to the apparent low bidder, SDL Construction, LLC in the amount of \$60,300.00.

Mrs. Mossie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi to award the demolition of 135 Bridge Street to SDL Construction, LLC in the amount of \$60,300.00. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

9. **Disposition of bids for the 2016 Liquid Fuels Road Project. (Bids opened on March 17, 2016)**

Mr. Tieperman stated that the bid be awarded to the apparent low bidder Reading Site Contractors in the amount of \$783,885.00.

Mrs. Mossie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi to award the bid for the N. Mennonite Road, Yeager Road and Vaughn Road paving project to Reading Site Contractors in the amount of \$783,885.00. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

a) **Approve amendment language to HR Manual addressing health insurance opt-outs**

Mr. Tieperman stated that the Board of Supervisors approve the concept of a health insurance opt-out program that would allow non-uniform personnel to receive a cash payment in exchange for opting out of the Township's health insurance program.

Mrs. Mossie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi to adopt Resolution No. 2016-12. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

b) **Approval of Capacity Rights Agreement for 201 Old Mill Road (1 EDU)**

Mr. Tieperman stated that this is a standard Capacity Right Agreement.

Mrs. Mossie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi to approve one (1) EDU for 201 Old Mill Road. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

c) **Approval of Capacity Rights Agreement for White Springs Farm South-Phase II (66 EDUs)**

Mr. Tieperman stated that this is a standard Capacity Right Agreement.

Mrs. Mossie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi to approve the Capacity Rights Agreement for sixty-six (66) EDU's for Toll Brothers White Springs Farm Phase II. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

d) **Proposed Procedural Change – Extension Agreements**

Mr. Bortnichak gave a brief description of this new agreement. It allows for unlimited extension agreements from developers.

e) **Proposed Procedural Change – Professional Service Contracts**

Mr. Bortnichak gave a brief description of the proposed procedural change.

CONSULTANT REPORTS:

a) **Update on Hopwood Road/Route 29 Traffic Study**

Mr. O'Brien gave a brief description of the traffic study that was done at the intersection of Hopwood Road and Route 29. The Township is still evaluating whether or not a traffic signal is necessary for the intersection given concerns that traffic will back up on Route 29. If, as this process moves forward, the Township does ultimately believe that a traffic signal is warranted, one cannot be installed without PennDOT approval.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

a) **South Lewis Road**

Mr. Skypala stated that three (3) of the nine (9) right-of-ways have been obtained.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:

a) **Zoning Hearing Board Resignation**

Mr. Barker stated that H. Thomas Walker, III has resigned his position on the Zoning Hearing Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mrs. Mossie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51PM. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager/Secretary