



**UPPER PROVIDENCE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES FOR MAY 16, 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; Ken O'Brien, Traffic Engineer; and Mark Toomey, Police Chief.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Barker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

1. **Consider adoption of Resolution 2016-13 recognizing and thanking Mr. H. Thomas Walker, III for his 22 years of service on the zoning hearing Board.**

Mr. Barker read for the official record a commemorative resolution recognizing H. Thomas Walker, III for his 22 years of service on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to adopt Resolution 2016-13. The motion passed unanimously 3-0. Mr. Barker presented Mr. Walker with the framed resolution to well-deserved round of applause.

2. **Consider adoption of Resolution 2016-18 congratulating the Montgomery County Public Works Association on its 50th Anniversary**

Mr. Tom Broadbelt, Public Works Director, was present to speak to the many benefits provided by the Montgomery County Public Works Association over its past 50 years of existence. He thanked the Supervisors for honoring this fine organization which provides vital support services to all municipal public works departments throughout Montgomery County. Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to adopt Resolution 2016-13.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

Chairman Barker stated that there was an Executive Session held on May 12, 2016, regarding real estate negotiations related to open space.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

3. **April 29, 2016 – May 12, 2016: \$683,722.00**

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to approve the bill list from April 29, through May 12, 2016 totaling \$683,722.00. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. **May 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to approve the May, 2016 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals spoke under public comment:

- State Representative Mike Vereb greeted the Board and stated that he is making his rounds to all his municipal constituents before the conclusion of his term in November. He also took a few moments to rebut an editorial authored by Mrs. Mossie. Upon the conclusion of his remarks, Mrs. Mossie stated that she stands by her comments.
- Christopher Czop (300 Arcola Road) thanked Rep. Vereb for his years of service.
- Betsy Daley (257 Canal Street) thanked Rep. Vereb for his service.
- David Machita (248 Walnut Street) thanked Rep. Vereb for his service to UPT.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. **Conduct a hearing to receive public comments on an application filed by Suzanne D. Barycsky of 800 North Limerick Road (Perkiomen Township) to include parcel #48-00-01825-00-8 comprising 28.24 acres to be included in the Upper Providence Township Agricultural Security Area.**

Mr. Skypala opened the hearing and summarized the application and exhibits. He introduced Mrs. Barycsky and her daughter, Judy McKeever, who serves as power of attorney. Court Reporter Jon Pickelman took testimony. Mr. Skypala explained the procedures for adding a qualified parcel to the Township's Agricultural Security Area (ASA). He stated that the Planning Commission favorably recommended the parcel's addition to the UPT's ASA, noting that Perkiomen Township does not have one..

Mr. Skypala asked if there were any other individuals who desired to offer testimony. There being none, he closed the hearing.

OLD BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):

6. **Consider adoption of Resolution 2016-19 to approve the addition of Parcel #48-00-01825-00-8 comprising 28.24 acres to be included in the Upper Providence Township Agricultural Security Area.**

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to adopt Resolution 2016-19 to approve the addition of Parcel #48-00-01825-00-8 comprising 28.24 acres to be included in the Upper Providence Township Agricultural Security Area. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

7. **Consider adoption of Resolution 2016-20 to approve Freeland Village waivers as requested by Black Rock Road Associates.**

Present for this discussion was Ms. Christy Flynn, a professional consultant representing Tom Curry of Black Rock Associates, LLC. Ms. Flynn gave a brief description of this waiver request. She confirmed the Belgian block curbing and also confirmed the starting of the berm construction. Mrs. Mossie commented that the resolution of the berming matter was critical to her decision in approving the requested waiver. Mr. Bortnichak and Mr. Grace stated that they met with Hilary Eidam last week to verify their understanding of the berm's construction and its authorized height.

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to adopt Resolution 2016-20. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

8. **Review draft Board policy regarding the solicitation of private donations.**

Mr. Tieperman stated that the Township does not have a policy on the solicitation of private donations and therefore prepared a draft policy for the Board's consideration. He summarized the main components of the policy and described the new procedures for obtaining approval on the types of programs for which the solicitation of private donations would be permitted.

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to adopt the new BOS policy for the solicitation of private donations. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):

9. **Discussion regarding ambulance services in Upper Providence Township.**

Supervisor Vagnozzi expressed an interest to begin studying the provision of EMS services in the Township. He referenced some discussions that he's already had with some local squads on some of the possible alternatives to improving overall service quality on both a short-term and long-term basis. He asked that this be an open agenda issue for future BOS discussions. Mr. Jim Callahan – Black Rock Fire Company – offered his own insights on the state of ambulance services in UPT. The Board concurred to continue this dialogue at future agenda.

MANAGER'S REPORT

10. **Required FEMA Resolution – January 2016 Snow Emergency**

Mr. Tieperman informed the Board that he expects the Township to received around \$100,000 in FEMA emergency aid for the January 2016 snow emergency. He said FEMA requires a specific resolution to authorize the appropriate staff person to execute all required documents to secure the funding's release.

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to adopt Resolution 2016-21 which designates Rich Ressel as an agent for FEMA to obtain financial assistance for the 2016 snow storm. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

11. **Report on Pension Advisory RFP**

Mr. Tieperman reported that the Township received thirteen (13) responses to its RFP for pension investment advisory services. He said he plans to work with Finance to shortlist these down to the final four (4) for interviews and bring the final 1-2 firms before the entire Board for a formal interview.

12. **April 9, 2016 Goals and Objectives Workshop Report**

Mr. Tieperman briefly summarized the goals report as prepared by facilitators Ron Wagenmann and Larry Comunale. He said these gentlemen will be briefing Staff at a special meeting next week to review the final goals. Mr. Tieperman will formally present the final report to the Board at its June 6, 2016 regular meeting.

13. Pfizer Community Day

Mr. Tieperman extended a big thank you to Pfizer for its \$30,000 in donations that it presented at its second annual Community Day. Those organizations receiving \$7,500 checks:

1. Police Department
2. Fire and Emergency Services
3. Black Rock Volunteer Fire Company
4. Trappe Fire and Ambulance

CONSULTANT REPORTS**14. South Mennonite Road Project Update**

Mr. Dingman reported about the settlement agreement with South Mennonite. We talked to them about \$100K of base repair for Bonny Lane. They've rapidly replaced the wearing course. By the end of the week should have a wearing course on both Bonny and South Mennonite Roads.

15. MS4 Annual Report

Mr. Dingman stated the annual report was submitted to DEP in mid-May. The report documents the Township's compliance initiatives which must include some education components. The MS4 review period is based on a 5-year rolling window. The report addresses PCBs, construction site runoff and best management practices to name a few. There is a new permit cycle coming up. The next permit is scheduled to be issued in September 2017.

16. Capital Projects – Bridge Structures Condition Assessments

Mr. Dingman summarized the report and talked about the conditions of all the bridges for which the Township is responsible. He said this will be a good tool for Township officials to use in preparation of a long term capital improvement program. On some low trafficked roads, it was suggested that perhaps the bridges themselves should be decommissioned in favor of a more cost efficient approach.

Casey Moore from McMahon Associates was substituting for Ken O'Brien, who provided some brief traffic engineering updates. He stated that Lower Providence will soon be enacting a Resolution to restrict non-local truck traffic and that all UPT signs will be paid for. Township Public Works crews will be installing the signs.

Mr. Moore also notified the Board of a Green Light Go grant award for the installation of LED lights and traffic signals. Said grant will carry a 50% local match.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT**17. Agreement of Sale Authorization**

Mr. Skypala looked for authorization to purchase the Horvath property for \$150K. Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to authorize execution of an agreement of sale in the amount of \$150,000 for 1334 Black Rock Road. Said funds shall come from the Township's open space fund reserves. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to adopt Resolution 2016-22, authorizing a friendly condemnation of 1334 Black Rock Road. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

18. Schedule Next BOS Workshop

Mr. Barker stated that the Board needs to schedule another workshop in the near future. He suggested everyone contact the Manager regarding acceptable dates.

Chief Toomey thanked the Board for allowing Sgt. Solorio to participate in the Memorial Day bike event to Washington. He will be forwarding pictures shortly.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager/Secretary