



**UPPER PROVIDENCE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE

Board of Supervisors: Philip Barker, Chairman; Lisa Mossie, Vice Chairman; and Albert Vagnozzi, Supervisor.

Staff Present: Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager; Bryan Bortnichak, Assistant Township Manager; and William Dixon, Sergeant.

Consultants Present: Joseph Bresnan, 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. September 29, 2016 – October 13, 2016: \$ 765,835.59

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi to approve the bill list from September 29, 2016 thru October 13, 2016 in the amount of \$765,835.59. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. October 3, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi to approve the October 3, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

3. September 27, 2016 Special Daytime Meeting

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi to approve the September 27, 2016 special daytime meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following residents commented on the ambulance and fire service.

John Leonard (20 Meredith Drive) expressed his concerns about the fire services. He urged the Board to be more supportive of the fire companies.

In response to Mr. Leonard's comments, Supervisor Vagnozzi expressed concern over Mr. Leonard falsely representing himself as a township official when discussing fire issues with residents and community groups. Mr. Vagnozzi suggested that Mr. Leonard cease making such claims.

Mr. Barker also responded to Mr. Leonard's comment by emphasizing that Upper Providence Township has and continues to financially support the fire Companies.

Cathy Turner (411 Egypt Road) expressed her concerns over Supervisor Vagnozzi's also speaking to residents about the EMS issue without the other two Supervisors present. Ms. Turner suggested that if Mr. Leonard is not allowed to approach residents and discuss the fire and EMS issues, then Mr. Vagnozzi alone should also not be going around discussing the issue. Ms. Turner suggested that all three Supervisors should make it a group effort.

OLD BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):

4. Presentation by SEI Investment Company representatives regarding their proposal to expand parking at their UPT corporate campus.

Present for this discussion were Attorney Ed Mullin, Engineer Mike Gladnick and Greg Gettinger of SEI.

Mr. Gettinger gave a brief history of SEI Investment Company. Mr. Gettinger mentioned that SEI came to Upper Providence over 20 years ago with 609 employees. Today SEI has grown to about 4,000 around the globe with 3,200 employees in the Township. The company is out of parking spaces so they moved about 200 employees to Malvern. Without additional parking spaces, they will have to move another 100 employees to Malvern by next month. Meanwhile SEI is looking to add about 600 more jobs within the next 3 years.

Mr. Gladnick stated that SEI added a significant number of new employees and anticipates continuing to do so in the near future. SEI has space in the present facility to accommodate another 200 people. However, they are unable to do so because of the limited parking spaces on their campus. Mr. Gladnick stated that they are looking for about 200 alternative temporary parking spaces and one possible site is where the Dump is located.

Mr. Mullin stated that with temporary parking in place, SEI would submit a Land Development application to reconfigure the "temporary parking lot" on the South Campus to bring it into compliance with the Township's regulations. SEI proposes additional surface parking in the area between the pond and the Perkiomen Creek. SEI's ultimate goal is to construct a new 150,000 square foot building on the North Campus within three years. Subsequent to the Land Development application for the parking lots on the South Campus, SEI would submit a Preliminary Land Development application for development of the North Campus and a Final Land Development application for Building 12.

Mr. Mullin indicated that SEI agrees to the concept of the grading plan subject to a time table of the Land Development for the building and parking lot subject to the Boards satisfaction.

Mr. Bresnan stated that he would draft an agreement between the Township and Mr. Mullin regarding a time table.

5. Review Ridgewood Phase II Tentative Subdivision / Land Development Plan No. 8-007 001-1119-(T) SD/LD

Present for this discussion was Attorney Ed Mullin. Mr. Mullin summarized this proposal including additional parking spaces and construction a trail/sidewalk along Linfield Trappe Road.

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi to approve Plan No. 8-007 001-1119 (T) SD/LD in accordance with the Planning Commission's recommendation. All Technical deficiencies shall be resolved to the satisfaction of the Township and all recommendations' implements as outlined in the following plan review letters:

Gilmore Associates	letter dated	6/30/2016
Grace Planning	letter dated	8/2/2016
McMahon Associates	letter dated	8/2/2016
Fire Marshal	letter dated	5/6/2016
MCPC	letter dated	8/9/2016

Also, the applicant agreed to construct a trail or sidewalk along Linfield Trappe Road for the frontage of both Phase I and II. This will widen Linfield Trappe Road where Phase II of the Ridgewood Development has frontage along Linfield Trappe Road. This is Resolution 2016-49. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

6. Consider adoption of Resolution 2016-44 accepting dedication of Bryce Way, Page Lane and Laurel Lane.

Mr. Tieperman asked the Board to adopt this Resolution. This Resolution confirms dedication of Bryce Way, Page Lane and Laurel Lane.

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi to adopt Resolution 2016-44. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

7. Consider adoption of Resolution 2016-47 accepting dedication of right-of-way on Black Rock and Collegeville Roads adjacent to the Quest Diagnostics property.

Mr. Tieperman read the Resolution and Mr. Bortnichak asked the Board to formally adopt this resolution. This Resolution accepts dedication of certain land on the Quest Diagnostics property to be used for a portion of the Black Rock Road Trail.

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi to adopt Resolution No. 2016-47. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

8. Consider adoption of Resolution 2016-48 authorizing a defined contribution pension plan for new full-time (non-police) employees.

Mr. Tieperman read the Resolution. This Resolution amends the non-union pension plan and reduces the Township's contribution and eliminates the DROP program for new hires.

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi to adopt Resolution No. 2016-48 which establishes and maintains the Township Employee Pension, Annuity, Insurance and Benefit fund or funds, to amend certain provisions of the Pension Plan or Program applicable to the employees of said Township. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):

9. Review of proposed Grade “F” roads for inclusion in the 2017 debt issuance for road improvements.

Mr. Tieperman delivered a presentation to the Board urging Board members to start discussing some of the capital components that the Township is proposing to be included in this first 2017 debt issuance. One of these components are UPT’s “F” grade roads. Warning signs of grade “F” roads are roads that have exceeded their depreciated life cycle, roads that are deteriorating to the point where general patches are no longer effective – making them vulnerable to winter elements. If left unchecked, general road infrastructure will deteriorate which will require total reconstruction.

Mr. Tieperman also highlighted general road standards which includes the average life cycle of twenty years for normal local roads.

10. Presentation by Architect Rick Stamper of planned improvements to the Black Rock Municipal Campus.

Mr. Stamper gave a brief presentation of the planned improvements to the Black Rock Municipal Campus. Mr. Stamper stated that the whole idea behind the renovation of the Black Rock Municipal Campus is to make it a “one stop shop” where residents are able to come in and conduct all township business within one location.

11. Disposition of demolition bids for 1334 Black Rock Road

Mr. Dingman stated that after reviewing the Penn Bids for demolition he is recommending awarding the bid to the apparent low bidder BRB Contractor’s in the amount of \$112,760.00.

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi to award the demolition bid to BRB Contractors in the amount of \$112,760.00, as recommended by the Township Engineer. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

12. Presentation by Township Engineer of Proposed site work improvements to Black Rock Park.

Mr. Dingman summarized the site work for the Black Rock Road Park, in conjunction with the planned improvements to the mmunicipal building.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

13. 2017 Budget Timeline

Mr. Tieperman stated that he is looking for feedback regarding the 2017 budget. He anticipated distributing a preliminary budget sometime during the second full week in November.

14. Capacity Rights Agreement – The Glen at Upper Providence (7 EDU's)

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

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi to approve the Capacity Rights Agreement for seven (7) EDU's for the Glen at Upper Providence located at 169 Bechtel Road. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

15. Fee Waiver Request – Upper Providence Little League

Mr. Bortnichak stated that the Upper Providence Little League would like to build a pavilion at their field and are asking that the Board waive the permit fee.

Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi to waive the building permit fee for the Upper Providence Little League. The Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

16. Consider restricting medical marijuana uses in Upper Providence

In light of the recent passage of the Pennsylvania Medical Marijuana Act, Mr. Bortnichak advised that the Supervisors may want to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance if the Board of Supervisors want to limit medical marijuana uses in the Township. The health department is putting together regulations regarding the growing process and retail sales.

Mr. Bresnan stated that his office will gather information and put something together for the Board of Supervisors.

CONSULTANT REPORTS:

None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

None

17. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business Mrs. Mossie motioned, seconded by Mr. Vagnozzi, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Timothy J. Tieperman
Township Manager/Secretary