

ELECTION 2011: Complete Election Coverage

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- In Lower Providence, Jason Sorgini, a registered Republican running in the general election from a Democratic primary win, was the top vote getter on Tuesday.
- Sorgini was joined by Jill Zimmerman, the endorsed Republican candidate, in winning the four-person Lower Providence supervisors' race.
- Janice Kearney, a former supervisor, reportedly conceded the election in the late evening. Kelbin Carolina came in fourth in the hotly contested race.
- "I'm grateful to the residents of Lower Providence. It has been a very humbling and gratifying experience to meet so many residents," Sorgini said, "and hear their concerns. I believe in building consensus. I look forward to working with Jill and the rest of the board."
- Sorgini is a registered Republican, endorsed for one of the two open Board of Supervisors seats by the local Republican committee in the spring, who campaigned for election on the Democratic ticket.
- The closed primary election system in Pennsylvania prohibits cross-party votes but allows any voter to write-in any candidate for office, including the infamous Daffy Duck.

- Sorgini, 36, has lived in Lower Providence for 21 years and has been the principal of Eagleville Elementary School for the past four years. He has been a teacher and held administrative positions for the past 15 years.
- Seventy-seven write-in votes from Democrats placed him on the general election ballot.
- “It’s a unique situation,” he said before the general election. “I’m sure people could spin it any way they like.”
- “I believe I have support from both parties. Despite the fact I was running as a registered Republican I was able to get the support of Democrats. They thought highly of me and that speaks volumes for me in the general election.”
- Sorgini raised more than \$10,000 for the primary and general election, first as part of the “Endorsed Republican Team” with Jill Zimmerman and then running on the same Democratic ballot as Democrat Kelbin “KC” Carolina.
- In the spring election, a Lower Providence group called “Lower Providence Citizens for Ethical Government” mailed out a half dozen postcards and flyers to Republican voters questioning whether Sorgini could serve on the board and work for the school district. The Methacton School District solicitor issued a legal opinion reaffirming the separate nature of the elected position and his job. At the time, Sorgini questioned who had financed the political flyers.

- Zimmerman, 45, has lived in Lower Providence for 11 years. The attorney has served as solicitor in Skippack for 9 years and for the Green Lane Marlborough Joint Authority for 11 years. She has served on the Lower Providence Planning Commission for 7 years.
- Carolina, 57, has lived in Lower Providence for 17 years. The Senior Accountant in the Montgomery County Controller's office for the past four years has worked as a mortgage consultant, loan originator and regional supervisor.
- The Democrat decided at the last minute to enter the Democratic primary. He got 1,986 votes.
- Janice Kearney, 48, has lived in Lower Providence for 43 years. The "contract negotiator/paralegal" has worked as a contract specialist, paralegal and contract administrator. She served on the Board of Supervisors for five months in 2005, on the Zoning Hearing Board (chairwoman from 2008-2009) for four years, on the Planning Commission for three years.