

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of January 25, 2018

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township, duly advertised and posted in accordance with law, was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 25, 2018 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Baker
Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner McKenzie-Fiumara
Commissioner Garson
Commissioner O'Connor

Gary Cummings	Township Manager
Dave Grady	Assistant Township Manager
Robert Scott	Township Solicitor
Lisa Swan	Finance Director
David Splain	Chief of Police
Charles Catania	Township Engineer

EXCUSED: Commissioner Dougherty

PUBLIC

Approximately 8 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Sullivan led the Pledge of Allegiance which was recited by all.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alfred Hurd – 309 Woodward Rd. - Noted he wished to be on the Open Space Committee for Summit School.
Amy Henzel – 3 Plush Mill Rd. – Wanted to make sure speed humps were still on the matrix. Mr. Sullivan asked Chief Splain to update the speed survey and add two recent accidents. Mr. Baker stated he thought the recent accidents should not be counted. It was noted that that column was just the number of accidents.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Sullivan noted the Board reviewed the list and made a motion to reappoint all who want to be reappointed. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion. They are as follows:

Civil Service Commission: Gina Gorbey Zarko to a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2020
Historical Commission: Merv Harris and Dimitri Karapelou to 3-year terms expiring 12/31/2020
Park Commission: Gary Silver and Cliff Bayuk to 3-year terms expiring 12/31/2020
Planning Commission: John Dickerson and Robert Bode to 4-year terms expiring 12/31/2021
Shade Tee Commission: Tyler Bozzuto to a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2020 replacing a full member
Sidewalk Committee: Paul Fritz, Michael Cleary and Ed Salvucci to 2-year terms expiring 12/31/2019
Zoning Hearing Board: Adam Fernandez to a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2020

All were in favor, and the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Sullivan noted there are vacancies on the EAC as the committee has been inactive, there may be a vacancy on the Planning Commission as one member stated they would remain unless another person was interested,

and there is a vacancy on the Sidewalk Committees as a member has been unresponsive for a long time. He noted two residents are interested in the EAC and asked the Board to forward names of those that are interested in any appointments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative Meeting of December 14, 2017

Mr. Sullivan moved for approval of the minutes of the December 14, 2017 Legislative Meeting. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Reorganization Meeting of January 2, 2018

Mr. Sullivan moved for approval of the minutes of the January 2, 2018 Reorganization Meeting. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Bob Scott noted the DELCORA mutual release has been forwarded. Mr. Scott noted the township needs a resolution to oppose HB 1620, the Wireless Broadband legislation to limit municipal control. Mr. Sullivan asked Mr. Scott to prepare the resolution.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania stated he submitted his report. He noted the Parkridge Drive bids are in and that JMC is the lowest bidder at \$134,700. Mr. Sullivan moved to award the contract to JMC Contractors, Inc. at the low bid price of \$134,700. Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Sullivan congratulated Mr. Catania as being named Delaware County Engineer of the Year!

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings noted NPAA's has requested a new storage box at Bullens Park and a DCNR grant is due April 11. He stated the January 3rd Red Cross Blood Drive was successful in collecting 27 pints. Mr. Cummings spoke on the pricing for electricity and Mr. Grady gave a brief explanation. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan moved to enter into an 18 months contract with Constellation's Green rate. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT (Mike Dougherty)

Subdivision at 502 Vernon Street – In Mr. Dougherty's absence, Mr. Sullivan asked Mr. Catania if we are ready to approve the subdivision. Mr. Catania noted the site plan and storm water analysis have a couple of issues to address. Mr. Bob Smith, engineer for Mr. Kahmer, said he would address the storm water comments. Mr. Scott noted the applicant has a certain number of days to object to conditions. Mr. Sullivan moved to grant Conditional Preliminary/Final Subdivision Approval of the Plans of Richard T. Kahmer, 502 Vernon Street consisting of 3 pages prepared by R. H. Smith Surveyors (their job # 170903) dated October 30, 2017 last revised January 8, 2018 and the Stormwater Management Narrative dated October 10, 2017 last revised January 8, 2018 subject to compliance with the comments of the Township and County Planning Commissions as well as the comments of the Township Engineer, compliance with all other applicable state and local regulations, and the applicant accepting the conditions of approval. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0. Mr. Smith stated he would address the conditions of approval.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Larry Baker)

805 Forrest Avenue Demolition – Mr. Baker stated the township is still waiting for additional funds from the County.

Update from Helen Kate Furness Library – John Lichenstein noted he is the former library president and Lynne Alvarez is the new president. He noted 2017 ended on budget but that circulation is slightly down. He stated Township residents are the 4th highest e-Users in the county and saved \$1.2 million by using the library's program instead of buying books. Mr. Lichenstein noted the front stairs and the walkways were repaired and April 7th is the 2nd annual Book-It race with Swarthmore Library. Mr. Cummings asked about the HVAC project and was informed the library is getting the specification ready to submit to the state for review.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Kate McKenzie-Fiumara)

Motion to approve warrant list – Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara reviewed the list. Mr. Sullivan asked about Garden City Fire Co.'s incentive payment and that South Media Fire Co. received nothing. Mr. Cummings stated South Media did not respond after several requests for their fundraising information. Mr. Knapp asked about the \$6,000 for Johnson Controls and Mr. Grady explained it was for the investment grade audit. Mr. Sullivan noted the first quarter contributions to funded organizations are being paid. Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara moved for approval. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

DVIT Safety Grants – It was noted the township would like to purchase back-up cameras for the highway trucks using the grant funds. Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara moved to approve the purchase of back-up cameras with DVIT safety grant funds. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Authorize sale of PWD trucks on GovDeals - Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara moved to sell Public Works trucks Nos. 3 and 9 on GovDeals. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0. It was noted the sale is in accordance with the township's vehicle replacement schedule.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT (Matt Sullivan)

LED Streetlights – Mr. Sullivan noted the township is purchasing the LED lights but there is a question on what to do with the old lights. He noted the township may get \$1,000 by selling the old lights but there are risks in disposing the lights if they don't sell. The Board agreed to let the installation contractor take the old lights.

Multi-modal sidewalk for East Rose Valley Road Walkway – Mr. Sullivan moved to authorize receiving RFPs for design. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE REPORT (Matt Garson)

Summit School - (DCED grant deed restriction and creation of a Review Committee) – Mr. Garson noted the declaration to restrict the back portion of the property is in the Board packets. Mr. Garson moved for approval to forward the deed to DCED and to record the deed once approved. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion and asked if the original title insurance would still be in effect. Mr. Scott said he thought it would remain in effect in his initial review. After discussion Mr. Garson amended the motion to include the title insurance would remain in effect after recording the deed restriction. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Garson said he thought about the composition of the Summit School committee and suggested there be 1 representative from each ward (appointed by the Ward Commissioner), two Commissioners, a member of the Planning Commission (Bob Linn) and a member of the Parks Committee for an 11-member committee. Mr. Scott noted the township should get the committee members names before making a motion on the appointments. Mr. Knapp noted Alfred Hurd was interested in being on the committee. Mr. Sullivan stated Mr. Hurd would be able to supply input one way or another. Mr. Garson said he would hesitate to put a Summit School tenant on the committee.

RFP for trail development at Furness Park pursuant to \$200,000 DCED grant – Mr. Grady stated Charles Catania prepared the initial design and DCED stated he is permitted to continue the design. After discussion, Mr. Garson moved to have Mr. Catania prepare the design for the project. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT (Micah Knapp)

Police Towing – add second towing company – Mr. Knapp noted three towers are interested and that Concord Auto has slightly lower fees. Chief Splain said he has not seen the third submission from World Wide and has no problem with Luongo, the current tower. Chief Splain said he knows other Police Departments use alternate towers but three would be unnecessary, but noted it is a Board decision. After discussion, Mr. Knapp asked Mr. Scott to draw up a contract with Concord Auto that mirrors the current contract. Mr. Baker said he has not used Luongo but has used Concord Auto and they are good.

Hazard Trees within rights-of-way – Mr. Knapp noted there is an issue of who is responsible for dead trees within street rights-of-ways. Mr. Scott said the question is to whether the Board wants residents responsible for removal and stated the current ordinance is unclear. Mr. Knapp asked Mr. Scott to prepare an amendment.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT (Robert O'Connor)

Resurfacing list (to be discussed in February) – Mr. O'Connor asked that each Commissioner get their list of streets to be paved together so they can be presented to Mr. Catania. Mr. O'Connor moved to approve the Application for County Aid. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Ratify amendment to recycling contract establishing start time from 7:00am to 7:30am – It was noted this was approved the previous meeting.

Parking restriction along Turner Road and Rogers Lane – Mr. Knapp stated he wanted to discuss the subject of parking restrictions along Turner Road and Rogers Lane noting there has been overnight parking of commercial vehicles. Mr. Garson said we commercial vehicle parking restrictions but that is for vehicles over 14,000 lbs. Mr. Garson asked Chief Splain if there are any other areas where this is an issue. Chief said not that he is aware of. After discussion the Board decided to take a wait and see approach.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Sullivan stated the Board would be reconvening for a brief Executive Session and the next meeting is the work session meeting on February 8. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.