

**(65) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of November 8, 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, November 8, 2018 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Garson
Commissioner Baker
Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner Dougherty

Gary Cummings	Township Manager
Dave Grady	Assistant Township Manager
Carl Ewald	Township Solicitor
Lisa Swan	Finance Director
Charles Catania	Township Engineer

NOT PRESENT:

Commissioner McKenzie-Fiumara

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Approximately 17 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Sullivan noted an executive session was held prior to the meeting and then asked the Boy Scouts present to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

FIRE POLICE SWEARING IN – Mr. Sullivan gave the oath of office to Wayne LaDue followed by applause.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rosanne Mulcahy of 916 Surrey Lane thanked Mr. Sullivan for talking to her. She asked about the ECHO Realty LLC petition approval and under what legal authority it was approved. Mr. Scott said the changes required a hearing per the Municipal Planning Code and noted alcohol use was contractual and the Commissioners were permitted to approve as it is not a zoning issue. Ms. Mulcahy asked if land development approval was needed and why ACME was not a party. Mr. Sullivan said the issue dealt with the property owner. She asked if the township was going to regulate alcohol at the ACME and it was noted alcohol is regulated at the state level.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Cummings provided a list of terms expiring at the end of 2018 to the Board for review.

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BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Dougherty)

Subdivision sketch plan for 6 E. Brookhaven Road – Mr. Dougherty noted the sketch plan for 6 E. Brookhaven Road was a 3-lot subdivision and went before the Planning Commission and certain conditions have to be met.

Zoning amendment for 116 and 120 E. Baltimore Pike – Mr. Dougherty noted the draft language suggested by the Township Solicitor for a zoning amendment.

Ordinances on maintenance of curb and sidewalk within ROWs – Mr. Dougherty noted the township authorized the advertisement for November 29th.

Regulating tree contractors (require permit/registration) - Mr. Dougherty noted the Board is still discussing and it will be discussed at the November 29 meeting.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Larry Baker)

Community Development Block Grant (FY 2019) due January 20 – Mr. Baker noted Garden City Manor is eligible for projects and requested Board members to submit any other ideas. Mr. Sullivan asked that Mr. Dixon and Mr. Catania look to see if other street or sewer issues could be submitted.

Family Fun Day – Mr. Baker went through the expenses and noted the donations were high this year, but not always the case. Mr. Baker then went thanked everyone for their financial support namely: Mark's Auto, Bob Firsker, Bob Scott, Global Security, Len Warren, Kevin Crowley, ASD, Portnoff Law Associates, Concord Auto Body, Go2, Police and Fire Credit Union, Catania Engineering, NP Republicans, NP Democrats, Tancredi's, Furness Library, Plush Mills Senior Living, Miller Dodge, Mother of Providence, Representative LeAnn Krueger-Braneky, and Luongo Towing. He noted donations totaled \$6,351. He also thanked those attending including Leanne Krueger-Braneky, Furness Library, Holy Trinity, NPPD, DelCo Task Force, South Media and Garden City Fire Companies, Fire Marshal Jack Gresch, Holcomb Behavior Services, Police and Fire Credit Union, Chester Fire Company, and all the volunteers. He also thanked Wawa for 800 juice boxes and Pantry One for water.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Sullivan in absence of Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara)

First Reading of 2019 Budget – Mr. Sullivan stated the Board met many times and stated they now have the budget increase down to 3.4% reduced from 10%. He noted of total real estate taxes, about 80% goes to school taxes, 10% to county taxes and 10% to the township. Mr. Cummings noted that after the first reading the Board cannot increase expenses more than 10% on large categories and 25% on individual items. Mr. Sullivan then read a summary of the Budget expenses by category totaling \$8,283,935.

Delinquent tax collection by Portnoff Associates – Mr. Sullivan noted the ordinance and resolution would be considered on November 29.

Property tax rebate for volunteer firefighters (Act 172) – Mr. Sullivan noted Act 172 was passed in 2016. He asked this to be discussed at the December workshop meeting. Mr. Baker asked about the duration and implementation of the Act. Mr. Sullivan said Act 172 is the authorizing legislation and the township would have to pass a specific ordinance.

Sale of Summit School oil on GovDeals.com – Mr. Sullivan noted the school was closed and is not being heated. He stated that heating oil can be advertised for sale on GovDeals. The Board agreed to authorize advertising the heating oil for sale and for the staff to establish a minimum price.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT (Matt Sullivan)

Moore Road sidewalk – inspection RFP – Mr. Sullivan noted the project is still in the design phase.

E. Rose Valley Road Sidewalk – award engineering design - Mr. Sullivan noted they received three bids and moved to accept the low bid from Catania Engineering at \$ 87,840. Mr. O'Connor seconded the

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motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Greenlight Go program grant – Mr. Sullivan noted the township is responsible for a 20% match and the application is due January 11th. He suggested left turn lane improvements to 252 and Possum Hollow, 252 and Brookhaven, and 252 at Rose Valley/Meadow. He asked that any other ideas should be given to Mr. Grady.

Regional Trails program – Mr. Sullivan noted he is in favor of a bike path on Brookhaven Road from Providence Road all the way down and through Brookhaven Borough to hopefully connect with Chester Creek Trail. He requested we contact Brookhaven Borough to see if they want to go in on the grant and for the Board to give any other project ideas to Mr. Grady. He noted there is a 30% match.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE REPORT (Matt Garson)

Summit School Committee – Mr. Garson noted the township is requesting funds for the demolition for the Summit School building from the County. Mr. Garson made a motion to approve resolution 2018-13 authorizing the request. Mr. Sullivan seconded to motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

PECO Green Region grant – Mr. Garson noted the grant application was submitted in the amount of \$10,000 for the trails project.

Tree Vitalize grant – Mr. Garson noted the Board agreed not to pursue this grant.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT (Micah Knapp)

Potential traffic signal at Turner Road and Baltimore Pike – Mr. Cummings noted many traffic accidents along the Baltimore Pike area. The Board will wait for the Chief's traffic report and recommendations. Mr. Sullivan noted signalization is a major expense and the township will look for funding. Mr. Knapp also noted an interest in a 4-way stop at Plush Mill and Turner and a letter has been sent to PADOT.

Traffic Calming – Mr. Knapp noted E. Brookhaven Road is part of the above corridor study and that nothing is proposed for Harvey Road or Plush Mill Road. Mr. Sullivan noted Harvey Road is too steep for speed humps.

Stop signs – Mr. Knapp noted the list of stop sign requests in a draft ordinance. Mr. Cummings explained the stop sign proposal for Park View Drive. After reviewing, the Board agreed to advertise the ordinance for the November 29th meeting.

Street lighting request – Mr. Knapp noted requests for street lighting on E. Possum Hollow Road and Oakland Avenue. As we are waiting to hear back from one resident, the Board will discuss later.

Right turn lane to merge westbound traffic on Baltimore Pike ahead of Beatty Road - Mr. Sullivan noted a Do Not Block the Box issue and the idea is to force traffic to merge earlier. After discussion it was agreed Mr. Cummings would write a letter to PADOT.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Robert O'Connor)

Leaf collection - Mr. O'Connor read Mr. Dixon's letter as it pertains to leaf collection noting the department was two days behind and reviewed the scheduled of collections. He noted 5 trucks are on the road and reminded residents to keep their leaves off the street and away from storm drains. Mr. O'Connor then gave the Highway Report.

MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Cummings stated the Leiper House Colonial Christmas is on December 16th and that the Strath Haven Panther Pajama Run would take place at the Middle School on November 10th at 9:00 am. He noted the PA Low Income Energy Assistance Program to help those with heating bills and to look on the PECO website for details. Mr. Cummings said the NP Fire Marshal asked all residents to check batteries

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in CO2 detectors and smoke alarms. He also noted the county reassessment project is proceeding with data sheets being prepared and distributed and there is no need to respond unless there is a disagreement.

Mr. Cummings stated there will be an e-waste and shredding event at the Media ACME sometime in April. He noted there was no Bog Turtle environment found in Furness Park and also that the ACME will be applying for an alcohol license from the LCB.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Sullivan noted the next meeting is a budget meeting on November 15th.