

**(84) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of January 24, 2019**

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 24, 2019 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner Baker
Commissioner Dougherty
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 Sullivan
Commissioner McKenzie

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Approximately 5 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Knapp led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative Meeting of November 29, 2018 - Mr. Knapp moved to approve the minutes of Legislative Meeting of November 29, 2018. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Legislative Meeting of December 13, 2018 - Mr. Knapp moved to approve the minutes of Legislative Meeting of December 13, 2018. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Public Meeting of January 3, 2019 - Mr. Garson moved to approve the minutes of Public Meeting of January 3, 2019. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0-1 with Mr. Knapp abstaining as he was not present.

Work Session Meeting of January 10, 2019 - Mr. Garson moved to approve the minutes of Work Session Meeting of January 10, 2019. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0-1 with Mr. Knapp abstaining as he was not present.

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APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Parks Commission – Mr. Cummings said there are two openings on the Parks Commission. Mr. Knapp moved to appoint Caity Kennedy to the Parks Commission. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0. Noah May was in the audience and said he has been attending Parks Commission meetings and enjoys parks and nature. He wished to make sure they all remain in good condition. Mr. Dougherty asked him how he felt the committee was doing and if he had any suggestions. Mr. May said he thought it was well run and was happy with how the committee takes an idea and runs with it. He also liked that older long-term residents were interviewed for historical purposes. Mr. Knapp moved to appoint Mr. May to the Parks Committee. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Planning Commission – Mr. Knapp noted that there are two interested parties and one vacancy but heard others may be interested so we will wait.

Shade Tree Commission – Mr. Knapp noted there were no full member openings, but we can add ad hoc members. Mr. Knapp moved to appoint Charles Jenkin as an ad hoc member. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Zoning Hearing Board Alternate - Mr. Cummings noted Marie McGuire wished to be reappointed as an Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Knapp moved to appoint Marie McGuire as Alternate Member of the ZHB. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

SOLICITORS REPORT

None.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Catania stated the 2019 County Aid Application should be submitted. Mr. Knapp moved to approve the application. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0. Mr. Catania stated he supplied a list of streets from last year for resurfacing and added others. He will rate the streets but asked for any others to be submitted.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings noted the Chester Water Authority rate increase. Mr. Catania noted that the City of Chester has issues with the water authority and the rate increase. It was noted the increase was needed to prevent the City from selling to Aqua. Mr. Baker asked if the take-over could be prevented and Mr. Scott said yes. Mr. Cummings stated Mr. Catania and Mr. Grady attended a meeting discussing selling municipal waste water systems, there is an e-waste collection in Aston on March 2nd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and the Township is holding an e-waste and shredding event on April 6th at the Acme. Mr. Cummings noted there is a DCNR grant opportunity and the application is due April 10th. Mr. Cummings explained the request to defer the sewer line escrow by the Oak Valley Road developer, but the Board agreed to discuss at the February 14th meeting.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT (Mike Dougherty)

Ordinance Regulating Tree Contractors – After discussion, Mr. Dougherty moved to advertise the ordinance for the February 14 meeting. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

SBA Cellular Tower proposal– Mr. Dougherty noted a public hearing would take place on the proposed zoning amendment on February 28th at the township building.

UCC Audit – Mr. Dougherty noted the audit letter from the state and a response from our third-party inspector is expected.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Larry Baker)

Welcome to Township signs – Mr. Baker noted he reached out to the Parks Committee and suggested the Board to check other local municipal signs and forward any information to Mr. Grady or Mr. Cummings.

Bare Root Tree application – Mr. Baker noted the deadline for requests is March 1st.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Knapp in Ms. Kait McKenzie absence)

Motion to approve warrant list – Mr. Knapp went through the warrant list noting larger purchases and quarterly payments. Mr. Knapp then moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Summit School fuel oil – Mr. Knapp noted the bid on GovDeals was for 6,000 gallons but only 980 gallons were available. He noted a resident of Kentucky was the winning bidder and that he spent \$3,600 for a transport company to retrieve the oil and transport it. Mr. Knapp stated the Board would table the discussion in lieu of a receipt of payment. Mr. Baker asked if we knew he was spending money on transporting the oil. Mr. Garson asked if he was reselling it. Mr. Grady said he stated it was for his business. There was further discussion, but the Board will address at the next meeting.

Verizon franchise agreement – Mr. Scott said a draft was being prepared and that there was still work to be done.

GCFC truck loan – Mr. Knapp noted Garden City Fire Company took out a loan, but the township could refinance lowering the rate to save \$24,000. Mr. Knapp noted we believed there was no prepayment penalty but now it appears to be \$22,000 in fees and interest. Mr. Cummings noted we are looking into details of the fees and interest. Mr. Knapp noted we still could save a small amount by refinancing.

2018 update – Mr. Knapp noted financial information was in the packets. He then reviewed the total expenses and reviewed the fund balance stating its around \$500,000. He noted the total includes the \$318,000 for the fire truck loan. He noted payroll expenses and that the fund balance should be higher by about \$190,000 from the 2017 amount.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Knapp in Mr. Sullivan's absence)

Moore Road sidewalk (ratify approval of policy and procedures for consultant selection) - Mr. Knapp noted the authorization of approval of policy and procedures for consultant selection.

Aqua main replacement project (Meadow, Georgetown & Oxford) – Mr. Knapp stated we will be getting a contribution amount in lieu of final restoration.

Green Light Go Grant – Mr. Knapp reviewed and moved to request the grant. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT (Matt Garson)

Summit School (RACP grant) – Mr. Garson noted the Board agreed to pursue this at the last meeting and have estimates from Mr. Catania for tracks and fields. The grant amount is \$1,512,485. He stated there's no commitment. Mr. Baker noted the extensive Summit Committee study but felt we are jumping into this grant too fast, we should look at other funding, and that this may lock out other options such as a Community Center. He felt demolition is the first step and then the Board could discuss other options. He said it was hard for him to support the RACP at this time. Mr. Garson noted a 30-day window and that the grant opportunity comes once a year. Mr. Dougherty said he was ok with submitting if there is no risk and asked if we could change the request. Mr. Grady said we can ask to scale back and many times they do not approve

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the amount requested. Mr. Baker stated that everything should be costed out. Mr. Knapp said he

understood all the concerns and noted we could use the value of the land as a match. Mr. Grady stated he believes there is no time limit on land being able to be used as the match and Mr. Scott agreed. Mr. Knapp stated he was in favor of applying but not to prohibit future uses. After discussion the Board agreed to submit the grant application.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT (Micah Knapp)

Streetlights (on Possum Hollow Road and Turner Road at parking spaces) – The Board acknowledged lights would help on Possum Hollow Road, but the Board thought additional lights are needed on Turner Road. Mr. Knapp asked if there are other locations. Mr. Cummings noted 1 or 2 new lights could be put on Possum Hollow and 1 on Turner Road. Mr. Knapp thought at least 1 at each location would be helpful. The Board will discuss at the February meeting.

Right turn lane to Beatty Road on Baltimore Pike – Mr. Knapp noted the request was sent to PADOT to force a merge earlier. He stated PADOT responded and suggested to paint right turn only lanes. Mr. Knapp suggested the Board think about it and we discuss in February.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. O'Connor)

2019 Road Resurfacing Program – Mr. O'Connor noted the list submitted from Mr. Catania and asked the Board to get other road requests in as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Knapp noted the next meeting would be a work session on February 14th and there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.