

**(91) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of February 28, 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, February 28, 2019 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner Dougherty
Commissioner Garson
Commissioner McKenzie
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 Baker

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Approximately 20 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Sullivan noted an Executive Session was held to discuss personnel and litigation issues. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN OF OFFICER ROBERT BRAKE

Chief Splain asked Officer Brake to come forward and explained his background noting he was one of 23 candidates and Robert came in first in testing. District Judge Deborah Krull then swore in Officer Brake to applause.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE PERMITTING CELL TOWERS IN R-1A
PARCELS OF 25 ACRES OR GREATER**

Mr. Sullivan asked for public comments. There were none so the hearing was closed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sherri Schaefer of 15 Shepherds Lane referenced the March Planning Commission meeting on the Wallingford Avenue subdivision and the comments from an 84 year old resident on affordable housing. She said she was only in favor of the development if the reassessment was good and she feels word of the reassessment should get out. She discussed with the developer to put in senior housing. Ms. Schaefer stated she had a plan, but if the developer goes forward with the current proposal, she would like to speak on behalf of seniors and but would support the by-right plan. Ms. Schaefer feels high taxes are forcing seniors from the township and noted the lower incomes of the seniors in South Media. She suggested two buildings with 42 units.

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Nanette Whitsett, Chair of South Media United, noted she went to a number of Parks Committee meetings and was planning to send a letter of interest to be on the Committee. She stated she would bring unique perspectives from the residents of the 3rd Ward. Mr. Sullivan noted Appointments to Commissions are on the agenda for tonight's meeting and ad hoc positions are available and the Committee is advisory.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Knapp presided as Mr. Sullivan was not present for the meetings.

Legislative Meeting of January 24, 2019 - Mr. Knapp moved to approve the minutes of Legislative Meeting of January 24, 2019. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0-2 with Mr. Sullivan and Ms. McKenzie abstaining as they were not present.

Work Session Meeting of February 14, 2019 - Mr. Garson moved to approve the minutes of Work Session Meeting of February 14, 2019. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0-1 with Mr. Sullivan abstaining as he was not present.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Sullivan noted the openings on the Parks Commission, Planning Commission, Zoning Board and the Sidewalk Committee.

Planning Commission – Mr. Sullivan moved to appoint Bill Silverstein to the Planning Commission. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion and noted Mr. Silverstein was present tonight and that he had expressed an interest on several occasions. All were in favor and the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Parks Commission – Mr. Sullivan moved to appoint Ms. Laurie Friedman to the Parks Committee. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

SOLICITORS REPORT

None.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Catania supplied a listing of streets to be considered for road resurfacing and noted he will rate them and submit the list at the March 14th meeting. Mr. Garson requested the Aqua streets be broken out on the list.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings noted February is Love Your Dog month and reminded dog owners to make sure their dogs are licensed to make it easier to find the owners if the dogs are lost. Mr. Cummings stated 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 13th at the Acme. Mr. Cummings noted children from South Media wish to paint trash can lids and showed samples. He noted single stream recycling plants have closed making recycling costs more expensive and the Township contractor, H & H Disposal, sent a letter asking us to help supplement the cost. It was stated the Board would discuss this at the March Work Session. Mr. Cummings mentioned the Leiper House has obtained a bible Thomas Leiper's gave to his son. He also stated he received the Helen Kate Furness Library quarterly report and noted he and Mr. Grady met with Aqua officials to get information about their purchases of local sanitary sewer systems.

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BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Dougherty)

SBA Cellular Tower ordinance – Mr. Dougherty explained the proposal to allow cell towers within the R1-A zoning district and made a motion to approve Ordinance 808. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0. It was noted it's applicability is limited to tracts of 25 acres or greater that are not presently used as residential.

CS Properties request to defer escrow for sewer extension – The Board discussed that they previously granted relief to the developer to not provide the entire escrow for improvements. After discussion the Board declined the request to defer escrowing of funds for the sewer extension.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Sullivan in Mr. Baker's absence)

Bare Root Tree application – Mr. Sullivan noted the Shade Tree Committee proposal to plant 10 trees in Leiper Park. Mr. Cummings noted the township received \$500 from Pipeline company which will fully offset the costs.

Summer Recreation Program – Mr. Sullivan stated registration begins April 8th at the Township Building.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Ms. McKenzie)

Motion to approve warrant list – Ms. McKenzie went through the warrant list highlighting various expenses, (such as: CDCA, Dukes Root Control, Sidewalk Grant expenses, alternate engineering expenses for review of the funeral home development, and United Inspections.) Ms. McKenzie moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Summit School fuel oil – Ms. McKenzie noted the bid on GovDeals was for 6,000 gallons but only 980 gallons were available. She stated the Board asked to see the invoice and proof of payment from the bidder to the transport company who removed and hauled the oil. Mr. Grady noted he requested the documents and expects to have them for 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 – Ms. McKenzie noted we believed there was no prepayment penalty for what was thought to be a bridge loan taken out by Garden City Fire Company but found out there is a penalty. Mr. Cummings was asked to reach out to the fire company to see if they could renegotiate the terms of the contract for repayment.

Summit School Salvage – Mr. McKenzie noted salvage items from Summit School could be sold for around \$974 which falls below the \$1,000 limit. She noted the Board would need to pass a resolution in March.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Sullivan)

Moore Road sidewalk - Mr. Sullivan explained the inspection consultant selection process and noted the consultant recommended was Pennoni Associates. Mr. Sullivan moved to appoint Pennoni Associates as construction inspector. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Aqua main replacement project (Meadow, Georgetown & Oxford) – Mr. Sullivan noted that water main replacement work is to begin on Meadow Lane, Georgetown Road and Oxford Rd and then move to Waterville and Harvey Roads. He said notices will be forthcoming and that we will seek a payment in lieu of restoration amount from Aqua.

Draft Amendment for Sewer Lateral Inspection regulations – Mr. Sullivan explained the strict limits on who can provide inspection services from the current model ordinance. He noted

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this ordinance would relax who is certified to inspect and will be considered in March.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT (Matt Garson)

DCNR BRC Grant – Mr. Garson noted the DCNR Grant is due April 10th and will be discussed at the March meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Knapp)

Mr. Knapp gave the Police Report noting it was a good month.

Streetlights (on Possum Hollow Road and Turner Road at parking spaces) – Mr. Knapp noted the Board is considering streetlights on Turner Road at Rogers and Possum Hollow. He said the Turner Road light might be worked into a grant at Furness Park. Mr. Grady stated he asked if lights on Possum Hollow could also be included in the sidewalk grant and he is waiting to hear back.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. O'Connor)

2019 Road Resurfacing Program – Mr. O'Connor noted the resurfacing list submitted from Mr. Catania earlier in the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Sullivan noted the next meeting would be a work session on March 14th. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.