

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP**  
**MEETING of July 25, 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, July 25, 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 Baker  
Commissioner Dougherty  
Commissioner Garson  
Commissioner McKenzie

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner O'Connor

**PUBLIC**

Approximately 7 people in attendance.

**ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carol Fanconi of 103 Quaint Street spoke on behalf of the PA Fair Districts Resolution and handed the Board a statement urging the Board to support District Reform.

Lynne Alvarez, President of the Helen Kate Furness Free Library, gave an update noting half of the fundraisers planned have occurred successfully including the 5K Book-it Race and the May Fair. She thanked the Township for letting the library use the Township's games. She spoke on programs with the School District and Hedgerow Theater and noted they now have museum passes to area museums. She noted child programs and fundraisers to come including the Well Red fundraiser in October. Ms. Alvarez thanked the highway department for restriping the parking lot.

Paul Jacobs of 201 Ryanard Road stated he likes biking and noted he is a fan of Swarthmore's blinking pedestrian crossing on Yale Avenue and suggested using a grant to place one at Wallingford Ave and Providence Road as well as on Brookhaven Road.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Sullivan noted the meeting minutes were in the Board packets for review.

**Combined Work Session/Legislative Meeting of June 27, 2019** - Mr. Sullivan noted corrections and moved to approve the minutes of June 27, 2019. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

## **SOLICITORS REPORT**

Mr. Scott noted the DCED submission of fire loan documents and these should be approved in August.

## **ENGINEERING REPORT**

Mr. Catania noted a kick-off meeting was held last week for the CDBG Grant for Denver Court and Madison Court and asked for Board to approve the subrecipient agreement subject to Solicitor review. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the agreement subject to solicitor review and approval. Mr. Baker seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Catania noted an issue with Henry Lane and we sent a deficiency letter and are waiting to hear back. He stated the recommended payment does not include payments for Henry Lane. Mr. Dougherty noted some issues to be addressed including a bump at Route 320.

## **MANAGERS REPORT**

Mr. Cummings noted the DelCo renewable energy EXPO on August 4th and the COG E-waste recycling event on August 4<sup>th</sup>. He stated the township will be holding a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Township Building on August 6<sup>th</sup> and noted PECO is offering rebates.

## **BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT** (Mr. Dougherty)

**310 Wallingford Avenue R-5 Plan** – Mr. Dougherty noted the project will be before the Township Planning Commission on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**R-P Zoning Amendment** – Mr. Dougherty noted this will be going before the Township Planning Commission on August 5<sup>th</sup> as well.

## **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** (Mr. Baker)

**Welcome to Township Signs** – Mr. Baker noted he received several quotes that came in higher than expected. Mr. Cummings noted he went to the Lucky Sign Shop and is waiting for pricing.

**Summer Recreation Program** – Mr. Baker noted that Summer Recreation Program ended today and that it was again a very successful season. He will provide a recap at next month's meeting.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** (Ms. McKenzie)

**Fair Districting Resolution No 2019-9** – Ms. McKenzie noted this was received last month and noted information in the Boards folders and the upcoming elections in 2020. She summarized the resolution and moved for approval. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

**Verizon Franchise Agreement** – Mr. Scott noted they are going back and forth on language and the grant amount.

**Motion to approve warrant list** – Ms. McKenzie noted a refrigerator purchase for the Bungalow and said we should budget for these repairs. She noted the \$11,000 charge to repair the leaf machine, the Wawa card for prisoner food and the Alan Strickler invoice for \$450 which would have been a lot more costly with the SPCA. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the warrant list. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT** (Mr. Sullivan)

**Aqua main replacement projects** - Mr. Sullivan noted the project is in the pre-construction phase.

**Moore Road sidewalk project bids** – Mr. Sullivan noted the bids came in high and even with the extra funds the township is still short \$140,000, so he suggested we re-bid. Mr. Sullivan moved to reject all bids and put the project out to bid again. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

**DCED Multi-modal grant due July 31** – Mr. Sullivan stated a \$3 million grant request would be submitted for Providence Road sidewalks and that Mr. Grady’s narrative is well done. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to authorize the grant submission. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0. Mr. Grady noted he reviewed the estimates and may revise them upward.

**E. Possum Hollow Road walkway** - Mr. Sullivan noted a public hearing was held last month and there is discussion to remove the guardrail which would also reduce the cost. He noted the neighbor across the street can’t access the walk due to the guiderail. Mr. Grady noted Baker Engineering can do traffic counts and if it comes under 750 vehicles per day the guardrail is not needed. The Board discussed putting an opening in the guiderail with a crosswalk or bollards. Chief Splain stated he will do the traffic counts.

**Drainage issues (Fairfield Road, St John’s Church, Henry Lane)** – Mr. Sullivan noted drainage issues are being evaluated in the areas of Henry Lane, Fairfield Road and Windsor Place.

## **PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT** (Mr. Garson)

**Film Inquiry** – Mt. Garson noted a request was submitted to the township to possibly use the Summit School to film an HBO mini-series.

**Del Co Greenways grant program** - Mr. Garson noted the grant is due September 9<sup>th</sup> and suggested using the match for Furness park or for Sapovits Park. Mr. Sullivan also suggested seeking to fix up the Leiper-Smedley Trail.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT** (Mr. Knapp)

**Request sent to County Council** – Mr. Knapp noted a letter was sent to Delaware County Council requesting gaming funds in the amount of \$43,764 to assist in purchasing a police SUV vehicle, as was done previously.

**Traffic Calming (Harvey Road, Putnam Blvd.)** – Mr. Knapp noted discussions of traffic calming on Harvey Road and PA Dot regulation prohibit speed bumps from being put in, but speed pillows are allowed. Mr. Sullivan stated Mr. Catania supplied a plan showing possible locations for speed pillows and the Board would continue to discuss.

**Stop sign requests (4 way at Plush Mill & Turner; Turner at Knoll Road; Wisteria at Beatty)** – Mr. Knapp noted that the request for stop signs listed would need PADOT approval. He said he supported Plush Mill and Turner signs with respect to the curve but that PADOT wouldn’t approve it. He deferred on Wisteria and Beatty. Mr. Sullivan supports any stop signage on Beatty. Ms. McKenzie also suggested a stop sign at Winding Way and asked Mr. Catania to look at it.

**No Turn on Red (Beatty Road & Baltimore Pike – adopt signal approval resolution)** – Mr. Knapp noted a request was received previously for this location. Mr. Catania said there is adequate sight distance to make the request. Mr. Knapp moved to adopt the traffic signal revision resolution. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion and noted it was a suggestion from residents of Bowling Green. It was noted the timing change with the Baltimore and Beatty signal is working well. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

**Animal Control (contract and policy on wildlife removal)** – Mr. Knapp noted Mr. Strickler just submitted pricing for wildlife removal. Chief Splain said he will have Mr. Strickler sign an agreement.

Mr. Knapp gave the Police Report and noted Officer Smith won awards for presenting vintage Police vehicle at a car show.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT** (Mr. Sullivan in absence of Mr. O'Connor)

**Resurfacing Bids** – Mr. Sullivan noted Joseph Sucher and Sons was awarded the project last month and that all streets bid out could be done. He said the contractor stated the work would start in October and the township is trying to get an earlier start date. Mr. Dougherty suggested adding a completion date to future RFPs.

**Recycling Contract** – Mr. Sullivan noted the base contract is up at the end of the year and we are waiting to hear from H & H on an optional year, but we need to move forward on an RFP. Mr. Sullivan noted the RFP would be for recycling only but noted suggestions from the EAC and Swarthmore Borough. The Board reviewed bid forms and discussed potentially paying for hauling only. Mr. Dougherty asked if we could select only certain items be collected and it was stated the EAC recommended against it. Mr. Dougherty left at this time.

Mr. Baker asked about just paying for hauling and Mr. Sullivan said he was concerned since the Township would then be responsible for pricing increases. Mr. Scott said we might want to ask around for costs. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to advertise the RFP for bid to be due on August 20. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Sullivan gave the Highway Report.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Sullivan noted the next meeting would be a combined meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.