

**(156) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of October 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, October 24, 2019 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Knapp – (arrived late)
Commissioner Baker
Commissioner Dougherty
Commissioner McKenzie

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Garson
Commissioner O'Connor

PUBLIC

Approximately 12 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON R-P (RESIDENTIAL – PROFESSIONAL) ZONING
AMENDMENT AND MAP CHANGE**

Public Notice of the hearing was acknowledged. There were no public comments.
The record was closed, and the public hearing concluded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jonathan Rios-Diora of 300 Fairfield Drive noted his street has sinkholes in his drive and yard and the locations of both coincide with a storm drain. He asked what can be done? Mr. Sullivan stated we looked at it and are seeing if our public works

Peggy Sullivan of 111 Harvey Road noted she felt 703 Harvey Road was a suspect property and she thanked the police for the drug bust and wanted to know why it was not in the papers. She said now that it is not occupied, she wants to know how to make sure it is rented to respectable tenants that will keep up the property. Mr. Sullivan stated we issued a press release and noted we have a rental inspector that does a good job making sure that the properties are kept up and following township code.

Mr. Knapp arrives.

Ken Voigt of Waterford Way also spoke on 703 Harvey Road and noted it looks up to Houston

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Park and the other property involved in the drug bust is next to Hepford Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Work Session Meeting of September 12, 2019 - Mr. Sullivan moved to approve the minutes of September 12, 2019. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0-1 with Ms. McKenzie abstaining as she was absent.

Legislative Meeting of September 26, 2019 - Mr. Sullivan moved to approve the minutes of September 26, 2019. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0-1 with Mr. Knapp abstaining as he was absent.

Work Session Meeting of October 10, 2019 - Mr. Sullivan moved to approve the minutes of October 10, 2019. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0-1 with Mr. Dougherty abstaining as he was absent.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Scott noted there was an assessment appeal settlement for 102 Chesley Drive. He noted it was agreed to by the school district and we usually follow their lead. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the settlement. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Catania noted he had nothing new to report.

GARY CUMMINGS 40th YEAR

Ms. Sullivan took over the meeting to congratulate Mr. Cummings on his 40th year with Nether Providence Township. Ms. Sullivan gave a brief history of the many events Mr. Cummings has seen during his tenure and then asked Mr. Cummings to join him. He proceeded to give Mr. Cummings several gifts from the township in celebration of extraordinary commitment to Nether Providence Township. Mr. Sullivan then excused Mr. Cummings from the rest of the meeting after giving the Township Manager Report. The room gave Mr. Cummings applause.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings stated the Township is holding an e-waste collection event at Summit School on November 2 along with Media Borough and Swarthmore Borough. He stated Township Fire Marshal Jack Gresch reminds residents to clean out dryer vents, and change batteries in smoke detectors and CO2 monitors as part of Fire Prevention month. Mr. Cummings noted an EAC meeting chaired by Mr. Silverstein was held and that recycling was discussed. He also stated the Sierra Club will be attending the November 2nd EAC meeting. Mr. Cummings then left the meeting.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Dougherty)

Motion to adopt Residential-Professional Ordinance No 815 – Mr. Dougherty read the ordinance then made a motion to approve Ordinance No 815. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Zoning Amendment to R-5 regulations – Mr. Dougherty recaped and noted counsel is here tonight and gave them an opportunity to answer any questions.

Vernon Walk Subdivision (310 Wallingford Avenue R-5 Plan) – It was noted there would be a Public Hearing on November 4 and the Planning Commissioner supplied their comments which are in the Board's packets.

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COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Baker)

Family Fun Day – Mr. Baker noted Family Fun Day took place on Saturday October 5th and he will have a financial summary at the next meeting once all donations and expenses have been accounted for.

Community Clean Up Day – Mr. Baker noted Community Clean Up Day will take place on November 9th at South Media Fire Company and the public works building. He noted the public works property is a more central location. He informed the Board that last year dump trucks were used but this year dumpsters will be used, and it will close once the dumpsters are full. He reminded residents that employees will be checking ID as the event is only for residents.

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

Disposal of yard waste – It was noted that County transfer station is closing and our disposal rates have gone up considerably using other vendors. A discussion was had concerning options for brush disposal and an onsite dumpster at the highway garage. Mr. Baker wants to get rid of the dumpster and Ms. McKenzie suggested eliminating the open drop-off times and make it two times a year on a Saturday. Mr. Baker suggested getting quotes for a remote-controlled gate. It was decided as of January 1, 2020 there will be no drop-off on the weekends and limited drop-off during the week. The Board wanted to know how the new leaf truck was working and it was noted the highway employees are still learning how to work it.

Mr. Dougherty reminded the residents to place their leaves on the lawn and not in the street.

Mr. Baker leaves at this time.

Collecting, Processing and Disposition of Recyclables - A discussion started concerning what articles to collect for recycling and whether to contract one vendor to collect and dispose or two vendors – one for each procedure.

Mr. Sullivan asked Bill Silverstein to review the bids and offer the Commissioners options.

The Board asked residents to be diligent with their recycling articles as the township no longer reaps the benefits of recycling. It is now all about how to recycle for the least amount of money.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the recycling collection for 1-year Option #1 with B & L.

Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve Republic Services for disposal. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Sullivan read the Highway Report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Ms. McKenzie)

Verizon Franchise Agreement – Mr. Scott noted that Media Borough was resolved last week so Nether Providence should be next on the list.

Ratify Approval – Bee Bergval for 2019 & 2020 – It was noted that the Board selected Bee Bergval to do the townships financial audit for the next two years.

Motion to approve warrant list – Ms. McKenzie highlighted some expenses and made a motion to approve the warrant list. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0.

2020 Budget Schedule – Ms. McKenzie gave year to date versus budget expenses and the projected year-end balance. She noted several projects budgeted for 2020 in the sewer capital fund, namely Beatty Road and Houston Park and we plan to do manhole rehabilitation and I & I at DELCORA's request. The highway employees will also assist in doing work to help cut the cost. Ms. McKenzie noted storm water projects are being reviewed for Palmers Lane, Shepherd's Lane and Berkshire Drive. Mr. Sullivan explained work for the Fairfield Road storm water issue and Mr. Catania gave an explanation of the Oxford Road erosion issue. It was noted there is a line item of \$10,000 for miscellaneous repairs as well. Mr. Sullivan stated security cameras

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originally slated for outside the highway garage were not needed now.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Sullivan)

Washed Restoration grant – Mr. Sullivan noted the grant is in the amount of \$277,359 for stream restoration within Sapovits Park and the next step is an RFP. Mr. Knapp explained the Sapovits Project

Aqua Payment in lieu of restoration – Mr. Sullivan noted the township accepted the Aqua payment in lieu of restoration and also noted it would be added to the Sucher resurfacing contract. Mr. Sullivan noted the work on the E. Rose Valley Road sidewalk project was pushed to 2021.

Moore Road sidewalk project – It was noted there will be a public meeting on November 11 at the Garden City Fire Company.

Traffic calming – Mr. Sullivan stated the traffic pillows for Harvey Road are done but the markings have yet to be completed.

Green Light Go Program – Mr. Sullivan noted the deadline for Mr. Grady to file the application is January 10, 2020 and we are looking at possible projects.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT - (Mr. Sullivan in absence of Mr. Garson)

Summit School demolition- Mr. Sullivan noted we have \$500,000 in from the RACP grant for the demolition of Summit School and also have \$75,000 from the County. The next step is to prepare an RFP and he asked Mr. Catania to prepare it.

Furness Park clean up – Mr. Sullivan noted the clean-up day is October 27th

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Baker in absence of Mr. Knapp)

Parking restriction on Oakland Avenue – It was noted Mr. Cummings prepared a draft ordinance. Mr. Dougherty felt this discourages people from using public transportation. Mr. Knapp agrees but says they need to keep looking for a solution.

Stop Sign requests – Mr. Knapp asked that everyone forward their requests so they can be advertised all together.

Mr. Knapp read the Police Report.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Sullivan noted the next meeting would be a Budget Meeting on November 7th. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.