

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – October 8, 2020

Virtual Meeting held via Zoom and shown on YouTube

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, October 8, 2020 via Zoom call and shown on YouTube.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Cooper
Commissioner Garson
Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner McKenzie
Commissioner King
Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner Molloy

ALSO PRESENT:

Dave Grady	Township Manager
Robert Scott	Township Solicitor
David Splain	Police Chief
Charles Catania	Engineer

Mr. Knapp chaired meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Knapp made a motion to approve the minutes of September 10, 2020, and Mr. Garson seconded. The motion passed 6-0, and Ms. King abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There was no public comment.

SOLICITORS REPORT – Mr. Scott had nothing to report.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Mr. Catania noted that a meeting was held with residents on East Country Club to discuss a drainage issue.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT – Mr. Grady said a Blood Drive was held on October 7th, and it was very successful. He noted that the Delco Arts Week was the week of October 3-10. The ballot box was installed at the Helen Kate Furness Library. A Delaware County Household Hazardous Waste Event was scheduled for October 12th and registration was required. South Media Fire Company is holding a food truck event on October 16th. Voter services centers were set up in three locations throughout the County, as well as a voter hotline of 610-891-VOTE. Mail-in ballots are in the process of being released. The Literacy Telethon is taking place on October 21st. The South Media Fire Company Fire Relief Association audit was completed with only one minor finding.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Kaitlin McKenzie

Pension Restatement – The pension and DROP restatement are still underway.

Budget Timeline – Ms. McKenzie explained that the budget process has changed in the last couple of years, and the prior year budget is basically rolled-forward, except for contractual increases, as opposed to the past where wish-list items were included in the first draft. She noted that the DROP retirement-eligible officers could be an expensive impact to the budget, as \$51,000 has been budgeted for the sick and vacation time payouts for the officers.

Short-term Loan – The funds would be wired to the Township in the following week.

MMO Payment – Ms. McKenzie noted that the Township's distress level was a "1", which is good, and an improvement from a "3" several years ago. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to pass resolution 2020-16 to allocate the \$216,648.66 to the plans in the amount of \$147,715.00 to the Police Pension Plan and \$68,933.66 to the Non-Uniform Plan. Mr. Molloy seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

COVID Expenses – Ms. McKenzie said that the Township has been tracking COVID-related expenses and hopes to get reimbursed. Mr. Fiorenza said the Township is looking for savings and credits in certain areas, such as utilities.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT - Matthew Garson

DVRPC Circuit Trails Program – Mr. Garson said this program is available for new trails. Mr. Grady said he has a meeting with the program coordinator on October 9th, but he noted that none of the Circuit Trails come through Nether Providence. He would see if there were other opportunities for the Township through this program.

PECO Green Region – Mr. Garson said this is a \$10,000 grant opportunity and the deadline is October 31st. Mr. Grady said the grant is meant for passive recreation, but he would ask if a playground could be included. He also noted that the open Green Region Grant for Furness Park could be an issue, since you cannot apply if there is an open project.

Furness Park Extra Work – Mr. Garson said there is some available funding from the grants, and the Township is exploring laying stone to continue the path through a portion of the park. Mr. Cooper said the park looked great and asked if there were any timing issues. Mr. Grady said there were no issues with timing.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT- Stephanie King

Halloween Decorating Competition – The competition is ongoing, and if you want to make sure you are considered, you should send an email to Anne Marie Cooke at amcooke@netherprovidence.org.

Halloween- Ms. King said the Township has not historically taken a stance on Halloween, so the recommendation is for people to make their own decisions and to respect the decisions of others.

Recycling – Ms. King said the Township had neglected to formally approve B&L's contract extension for \$54.88 per house for 2021, so she made a motion to accept the extension, and Mr. Knapp seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Leaf Collection – Ms. King said that leaf collection would begin the week of October 19th. She said there is no set schedule, but the crews would be around about once a week.

Library Board Representative – Ms. King said the library asked for an appointee from Nether Providence to the library board, and their recommendation was Ms. Kelly Kaminski, the Treasurer. Mr. Grady said that he was not aware, until the request, that the Township could appoint someone, and he was waiting for additional information from the library.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT – Max Cooper

Status of Media Walk Development – Mr. Cooper said the site development is continuing. The developer is beginning the process of submitting for building permits. There were some runoff issues a little over a week ago related to heavier rains, which caused muddy water to run down Wallingford Avenue. The sitework contractor was contacted and additional silt sock fencing was added to catch the runoff. Additionally, the Delaware County Conservation technician came out in response and performed an inspection. There were minor deficiencies found and the contractor will make those corrections.

Zoning Cases – Mr. Cooper said there are three zoning cases for the October 19th Zoning Hearing Board meeting. Anyone within 500 feet of these properties is notified of the hearing. The first is for 111 West Brookhaven Road for a variance in wall height for a garage/greenhouse. The second case is for 910 Twyckenham Road for the elimination of the 5' setback requirement for an accessory structure as well as a 5% increase in impervious coverage. The third case is for 305 Marlyn Lane for a request for relief from the requirement of the 70' aggregate side yard width.

Jeffrey/Hayes Settlement Agreement – Mr. Cooper noted that litigation had been discussed in Executive Session relating to 1 Chester Road and the dental practice. He made a motion to approve the settlement agreement for the Jeffrey/Hayes litigation which includes the termination of their current rental agreement, acceptance of a \$2000 payment to the township for legal fees, an agreement that they not expand their dental practice, and a settlement of any other claims related to the litigation. Mr. O'Connor seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT – Robert O'Connor

Road Resurfacing – Mr. O'Connor said the road resurfacing had been completed, and he said to let Mr. Grady, Mr. Catania, or Mr. Darryl Dixon know if there are any requests for road resurfacing for next year.

Stop Signs – Mr. O'Connor said that Mr. Catania reviewed the intersection of Oakland Avenue and Moylan Avenue and said there could be confusion about the right-of-way requirements. Mr. Knapp suggested waiting to accumulate a few more locations and to advertise all at once. Mr. O'Connor said he, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Molloy, and Mr. Grady met and looked at the intersection and felt that a stop sign warrants would not be met, but he said a traffic study would be performed in that area.

INFRASTRUCTURE REPEORT – Martin Molloy

Traffic Calming – Mr. Molloy said that there was discussion with the neighborhood in the area and speed humps were not preferred, but a stop sign may be installed. Mr. Cooper added that he had contacted the president of the Country

Club, and he is awaiting more information. Ms. McKenzie said the Township should come up with a policy that would be used when residents are interested in funding a traffic calming situation.

East Rose Valley Sidewalk Project – Mr. Molloy noted that a meeting was held with the residents, and Mr. Catania said that people could submit comments to Mr. Grady. Mr. Catania said they would attempt to update the plans based on the comments from neighbors and then schedule a second meeting. Mr. Cooper thanked Mr. Catania for working on the stormwater issues, and he said some residents have expressed concerns about potential additional liability from the sidewalk.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT- Micah Knapp

8 Can't Wait Document and Use of Force – Mr. Knapp noted that the 8 Can't Wait Document and Use of Force Document have been posted on the Township website. It includes information that is above what is recommended in the 8 Can't Wait Document. He also noted that the Township would have news in the near future about updated training.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:25 PM.