

Board Of Commissioners of Nether Providence

April 21, 2022

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, April 21, 2022. Workshop Meeting.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Commissioner Garson
Commissioner McKenzie
Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner Barnes
Commissioner Cooper
Commissioner Molloy

Excused: Commissioner Knapp

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Grady Township Manager

Public Comment- no one in attendance

E. Possum Hollow Road- Paving Proposal with grant project- Mr. Grady said the Township is under budget and asked to use the savings to repave E. Possum Hollow Road from Providence Road to Kershaw Road. He said the quote was for \$70,190. He said there appears to be enough savings at the moment, and while it is unlikely to change, there is the possibility of unanticipated expenses that could eat into the grant savings. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to pave E. Possum Hollow as part of the grant project. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Road Resurfacing Loan- Ms. McKenzie made a motion to advertise the ordinance for consideration of the road resurfacing loan in the amount of \$500,000. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Linn Architects- Design cost Approval for Public Works Garage- The Board agreed to table the discussion until the ARPA discussion later in the agenda.

New Agenda Item Motion- Motion to consider adding Approval of Tree Quotes for urgent work- Ms. McKenzie made a motion to add a new agenda item as it is a safety concern with trees. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the Tree quotes for urgent work in Gouley Park and Sapovits Park from Tree State in the amount of \$8,500.00. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Discussion- The Board of Commissioners discussed where to allocate ARPA funds. The Township was allocated \$1.4 million in funding. Public Works Garage plans were discussed for either a three-bay garage or five-bay garage. There was general agreement to set aside \$500,000 for a five bay public works garage, with hopes that the grant application will be funded.

Ms. McKenzie then made a motion to approve Linn Architects to design a five-bay Garage in the amount of \$39,600. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Ms. McKenzie suggested asking the fire companies to provide the details of what they would use the funding for. She said she would like to see the funds going towards helping with recruitment to ensure that response times could be maintained. Mr. Molloy said he would like the Board to think about whether it makes sense to give both companies the same amount, since Garden City has a broader base of volunteers.

After discussion from all Board members, the Board agreed to this allocation of funds as a general plan:

- Stormwater and MS4 work - \$816,000
- Public Works Garage - \$500,000
- Library funds- \$30,000
- Fire Companies- \$30,000, with \$15,000 to be allocated to each fire company
- Board/ community room upgrades- \$10,000, which would include chairs, cleaning, and if enough funding is left, then possibly floor work, window repair, and painting.
- Flashing lights for crosswalks – the Board wants to first discuss with the school district before allocating any funding.

Mr. Grady said Mr. Catania suggested focusing on MS4 projects first, as they are needed for the pollutant reduction plan. He said there wasn't a preference of priority for the stormwater projects. Board discussed between the eight stormwater projects. Mr. Grady said he would ask Mr. Catania if the stormwater work would be eligible for any MS4 credits. The pollutant reduction plan projects would provide the largest MS4 credits, but there is other funding available for MS4 projects through the DCED Watershed Restoration and Protection Program. Ms. McKenzie said based on discussions from the Board, their general plan for the ARPA funds is to continue designs for the public works garage, talk to Fire Departments about drivers, talk to the library, get answers from Mr. Catania about MS4 questions, and proceed from there.

Managers Report- Mr. Grady said there is a CAT Club clean up on 4/23 at 9 am at the Crum Creek condos, and the Shade tree Committee would be doing a tree planting event at Furness Park on 4/23 at 10 am.

The meeting adjourned around 9:00 PM. The next meeting would be the legislative meeting on April 28th.