

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of April 12, 2018**

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, April 12, 2018 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 McKenzie-Fiumara
Commissioner O'Connor

Commissioners Garson and Baker arrived late

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

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Approximately 11 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Sullivan noted an executive session was held prior to the meeting and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cliff Bayuk of 201 Knoll Road asked if the Board was aware of his situation relative to the resale of his property and the purchasers will not purchase with an uncertainty. He stated his attorney talked to Bob Scott and it is a hardship on his family. Mr. Sullivan stated the Board sympathizes with him, but we are unable to grant what they have requested. Mr. Knapp stated we would be glad to meet with the buyers to try to put them at ease. Mr. Dougherty said we would entertain any ideas, but the Township's hands are tied. Mr. Bayuk asked for a document to address the certainty of action.

Roseanne Mulcahy of 916 Surrey Road asked what action the Township plans to take with respect to the development of 501 E. Baltimore Pike. Mr. Sullivan stated we reviewed the deed restriction and sent this to Media Borough. Ms. Mulcahy said she sent concerns on new zoning the Borough is considering. Mr. Sullivan stated we have no control over zoning in Media. She stated she was concerned over increased development that would affect residents of Bowling Green noting buildings can be 3 to 5 stories high. Mr. Sullivan said we will look into it but it will not affect what is done in the Media Shopping Center.

Carl Casella of 201 Canterbury Drive said he had trouble getting in touch with the Board. He stated he wants to have a meeting between residents and Springhaven Country Club noting his side of their property looks like a slum and has been that way for 6 years. He said there is a swamp and they dump debris. He said he thought there was a storm grate and a tree came down and destroyed a car and another hit a truck. Mr. Casella stated he believes the swamp is the cause of the trees coming down. It was noted Rich Haywood has inspected the area and that trees came down all over the Township during the recent storms. Mr. Casella stated property values are being affected and he looks at a beat-up dump truck. Mr. Dougherty stated he will be glad to set up a meeting.

Gary Silver, Chair of the Parks Commission, stated he is aware of the legal issue with Mr. Bayuk's property but noted the Parks Commission supports Mr. Bayuk and will be glad to do whatever they can to help. He also stated there is presently no detriment to Furness Park. Mr. Baker arrived at this time.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Knapp noted his wife, Carrie Miluski, reached out to the Shade Tree Committee to offer help with heritage trees and is now interested in becoming an Ad Hoc member of the Commission.

Mr. Sullivan moved to appoint Ms. Miluski as an Ad Hoc member of the Shade Tree Commission. Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara seconded the motion which passed 5 to 0 with Mr. Knapp abstaining.

Mr. Garson arrived at this time.

Mr. Sullivan stated we are trying to revitalize the Environmental Advisory Committee and moved to appoint Bill Silverstein to the Committee. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which carried 6 to 0 with Mr. Garson abstaining.

DelCo Cruisers Presentation – Mr. Tom Manning stated he is the President of DelCo Cruisers and noted they are a car club and wanted to thank the Township police for help with their Toys for Tots program. He stated they have grown to about 150 vehicles and Officer Kevin Smith is a member and his car leads the caravan. Mr. Manning stated the Toys for Tots program is expanding and listed other police departments now involved. He then presented Chief Splain and Officer Smith with a plaque holding a certificate of recognition for the police department to applause. Mr. Sullivan thanked the DelCo Cruisers for their recognition and for bringing their cars out to Family Fun Day.

Garden City Fire Department Pumper Replacement – President Lou DiDomenico stated Pat O'Rourke and George Moore are also present and wanted to hear from the Commissioners on replacement of their 1999 Pierce pumper truck. Mr. DiDomenico stated their pumper is first out and goes on about 400 runs a year. He stated maintenance costs are increasing and it does not have any of the modern safety protections. He noted the resale value is good with a trade in appraisal by Pierce at about \$80,000 and they may be able to list at \$110,000 if a resale. Mr. DiDomenico stated they have prepared a list of specifications and the estimated cost is about \$600,000. He noted Pierce has a lease program and pre-paid discounts as well as a one-year deferred payment program. Mr. DiDomenico stated they can finalize the specifications in about 3 months and noted Pierce is a Co-Stars vendor. He stated there is a 60-day bid process so they

could sign a contract in November and delivery takes 10 to 12 months so that would be around October of 2019.

Mr. Dougherty noted South Media has a Star pumper and asked what the difference is. Mr. DiDomenico stated that Pierce is one manufacturer for the entire vehicle for warranty purposes and that is the main difference. He noted Pierce models last longer but functionality is the same. Mr. Dougherty stated we should look at the needs of the entire fire department including the need to run two fire departments. Mr. Baker noted this truck is the first out so it is important. Mr. DiDomenico noted they are a volunteer organization and explained how they are dispatched and the pumper will be able to carry 8 men. Mr. Sullivan asked about the DCED apparatus study and Mr. Cummings stated it was not completed. Mr. Sullivan asked that the study be started again. Mr. Baker suggested they continue to spec out the truck. Mr. DiDomenico stated their first choice is to go with Pierce. Mr. Sullivan asked them to continue with specifications but not toward an exclusive manufacturer. Mr. Dougherty said he agreed the truck needs to be replaced. Mr. DiDomenico said they will prepare specifications and come back before the Board in June.

INR Presentation on Pension Funds – Mike Glacken and Jeff Hugo were present. Mr. Glacken explained his firm and noted they recently merged with CBIZ. He stated they are an investment management firm for municipal pension funds and explained their investment strategy. He commended the Board for lowering the assumed interest rate and following the Governor’s Task Force recommendations. He stated the funds are only down .91% the first quarter of 2018 but both funds ended over 14% for 2017. He noted lowering the interest rate was conservative but increases the funding requirements and that the current liability increases are mainly due to disability claims. He also noted we use recent mortality tables which also add to the funding requirements. Mr. Glacken noted the asset allocations and the rebalancing they do and noted that the Township stays within the return projections. Mr. Sullivan asked about what happens to the projection if you change from a 60–40 to a 70–30 allocation. Mr. Glacken stated the expected interest rate would go from 6.21% to 6.65%. Mr. Baker asked about the stress level. Mr. Glacken stated 30% of payments are for disabilities and that makes us moderately distressed.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT (Mike Dougherty)

Request to change zoning for 116 E & 120 E, Baltimore Pike from R-2 to PO – Mr.

Cummings noted an email from the attorney for the two property owners agreeing to hold a meeting with the area residents.

Oak Valley Estates – Mr. Cummings stated the developer has requested permission to construct a home on one of the lots abutting the existing street without having to escrow for all the public improvements required to complete the development and noted the developer, Jon Sutton, was present. The Board discussed the allowance for Mr. Sutton to build on one lot. Mr. Catania asked about the cost to extend the sewer line to the Winding Lane line and it was noted it was estimated at \$32,000. Mr. Sullivan suggested having Mr. Sutton escrow the sewer extension cost now, and Mr. Sutton said that was acceptable. After discussion, the Board agreed to review and consider the request at the next meeting.

Subdivision Sketch Plan for 6 E, Brookhaven Road – Mr. Dougherty noted this is a proposal to divide one lot into three and will be going before the Township and County Planning Commissions in May.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Larry Baker)

Animal Regulations (Domestic Chickens) – Mr. Baker stated this will be discussed at the May meeting

Clean Up Day – Mr. Baker stated the spring clean up day will be April 16 and is only for residents and identification will be required.

Summer Recreation – Mr. Baker stated sign up begins the week of April 9th for grades K through 5th grade and the program runs from June 25 through July 26.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Kate McKenzie-Fiumara)

DelVal Continuing Disclosure Agreement – Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara stated we have been requested to acknowledge and sign the agreement. The Board will review the agreement for consideration at the next meeting.

Duplicate Tax Payments – Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara asked residents to check with their mortgage companies to see if they paid the taxes to avoid duplicate payments.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT (Matt Sullivan)

Moore Road sidewalk – Mr. Sullivan noted there is a meeting with residents on April 18.

CMAQ (E. Possum Hollow sidewalk) – Mr. Sullivan stated the E. Possum Hollow sidewalk project is in the design phase.

Parkridge Drive Outfall – Mr. Sullivan work has started.

Henry Lane and Osbourne Lanes storm water – Mr. Sullivan asked if Mr. Catania looked at the issue. Mr. Catania stated they looked at installing green infrastructure but noted it will have a minimal effect on the problem. It was noted we can continue to consider this location as part of the budget process.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE REPORT (Matt Garson)

Summit School Deed and Committee – Mr. Garson stated the Committee held their second meeting and the minutes of the first meeting are on the Township website. He stated Dave Grady came and explained the various grant opportunities. Mr. Garson stated they discussed demolition versus renovation and that they plan to do a walkthrough of the building.

Children's Initiative – It was noted this is a proposal to install and paint benches in Sapovits Park near the basketball courts. The Board agreed to purchase the benches and get reimbursed.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT (Micah Knapp)

Traffic Calming – Mr. Knapp noted we will keep this on the agenda for discussion in May.

Delco Alert System – Mr. Knapp noted a meeting and the Board will discuss next month.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT (Robert O'Connor)

Road Resurfacing – Mr. O'Connor stated the list of streets is in the Board's folders. Mr. Sullivan noted available funds total \$570,000 including AQUA contributions. He noted that we could purchase a box paver for \$60,000 and still do all the Aqua roads and all the no. 1 rated roads. Mr. Catania pointed out that we would also need a trailer to transport the box paver. Mr. Catania suggested adding a couple no. 2 rated roads as an alternate bid. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan moved to prepare and advertise bids to complete all the Aqua and no. 1 rated roads with

an alternate bid for Windsor Place, Brookside Road, W. Wiltshire Road and Blakely Road as rated as no. 2 on the list. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed 7 to 0. Mr. Catania stated he would include the box paver bid in the advertisement.

Section 902 Recycling Grant – It was noted the grant for a leaf vacuum truck and two self-contained leaf vacuum machines has been submitted to DEP. Mr. O'Connor then read the monthly highway report.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings noted the CRC annual stream cleanups will be held April 21 and noted the Red Cross would like to hold another blood drive at the Township Building in May or June. He stated the County has advised that mosquito trapping will begin April 30, and that DCNR Watershed Protection grant applications are due May 31. Mr. Cummings noted the RSVP volunteer program was holding an informational session on April 26 in Media and eagle scout presentations will be held on April 29 at the Old Mill in Rose Valley.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Sullivan noted there will be a quick executive session after the meeting and the next meeting is the legislative meeting on April 26. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.