

**(143) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of September 12, 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, September 12, 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 O'Connor

Gary Cummings Township Manager
Dave Grady Assistant Township Manager
Lisa Swan Finance Director

EXCUSED: Commissioner Garson
Commissioner McKenzie

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Approximately 17 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Sullivan noted an executive session on personnel and litigation matters was held before the meeting. He then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Kassab of 415 Plush Mill Road noted she became aware of the township's Community Clean-up Day in November but wanted the Board to know South Media Community was also holding a clean-up day.

Nanette Whitsett of 801 Forrest Avenue informed the Board of a pop-up rain garden at Furness Library in conjunction with the Audubon Society. She noted the 310 Wallingford Project was at the Planning Commission and it passed unanimously. She hoped the Board would go forward with the current plan in mind.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Dougherty)

Ordinance amending R-5 zoning to delete allowance of quads – Mr. Dougherty noted this was sent to the Delaware County Planning Commission and a public hearing is scheduled for September 26. Mr. Scott will review the additional changes recommended by the Township Planning Commission to see if it needs to go back to the County Planning Commission.

Ordinance to rezone 310 Wallingford Avenue from R-3 to R-5 Residence District – Mr. Dougherty noted this was sent to Delaware County Planning Commission and a public hearing is scheduled for September 26.

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Ordinance on Residential Professional Office zoning – Mr. Dougherty noted 116 and 120 E. Baltimore Pike will be before the Township Planning Commission on September 9 and the County Planning Commission on September 16.

SBA cell tower streetscape improvements - Mr. Cummings is getting a contractor estimate for payment in lieu of installation.

Demolition of 1012 Glen Road – The Township is putting together a letter to FEMA on the demolition of the property.

Wallingford Realty Partners subdivision – It was noted the clock goes to September 28th for the previously granted 6-month extension from March 28 so a further extension or action will need to be taken on September 26.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Baker)

Community Clean-up Day – Mr. Baker noted Clean-up Day is tentatively set for Saturday, November 9. He noted this is a change from the usual event taking place on a Tuesday.

Summer Recreation Program – Mr. Baker stated the financial summaries are in the folders. He went on to thank Mr. Grady and Ms. Feyas for their hard work and dedication to the program, as well as the maintenance staff at WSSD and all the students who work the camp to make it a success. He noted there were 221 campers this year and it is a very affordable program and that the township came out on the plus-side. He said he would like the \$13,000 surplus to be used to buy more gym equipment and supplies for camp as well as for a shed to store the equipment. Mr. Baker asked the Board to approve a new 10' x 25' storage shed, and suggested we purchase Welcome to the Township signs with the additional funds. He noted the program is now self-sustaining. Mr. Sullivan thanked Mr. Baker for the enormous amount of time he spent organizing the camp. He said he supports the purchase of the shed but asked about the existing shed. Mr. Baker said he would like to keep that too. Mr. Sullivan said he would like to review the signs and decide before using the excess funds. After discussion the Board agreed to purchase the shed for \$3,200. Mr. Baker said he may stay involved in organizing camp next year when he is out of office.

Family Fun Day – Mr. Baker noted Family Fun Day will take place on Saturday October 5th with a rain date of October 6th. He noted this year there will be a pirate ship and ax throwing and that they are still looking for volunteers. He asked everyone to go to Sign-up Genius to register, stating the event runs from Noon to 3:00PM at the Strathaven Middle School parking lot.

Welcome to Township Signs – Mr. Sullivan noted the costs the Board is reviewing are for two-sided signs. The Board had a discussion regarding one side versus two sides and asked for prices for one-sided signs.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Sullivan in absence of Ms. McKenzie)

Bridge loan for grant expenditures – Mr. Grady noted several grants which are reimbursable grants and we may have cash flow issues on payout timing. He noted DVRFA gave a rate of 1.44% and no pre-payment penalties. He noted the interest is about \$28,000. Mr. Sullivan asked for a cash flow analysis projecting the year end fund balance and the amount and timing of reimbursements.

Verizon franchise renewal – Mr. Scott said the language has been worked out and we should have an agreement in two weeks.

AJG Health contract renewal – After discussion Mr. Sullivan moved to approve the contract. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. All were in favor by a vote of 5-0. Mr. Sullivan noted it is a three-year contract.

Municipal liens ordinance – Mr. Sullivan noted the ordinance would allow Portnoff Associates

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to collect municipal liens and it will be advertised for the September 26 meeting.

2020 Budget schedule – Mr. Sullivan noted a change in the schedule stating there would be no meeting on October 31.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Sullivan)

Moore Road sidewalk – Mr. Sullivan noted a pre-construction meeting will be held on September 17 and work will begin this fall.

E. Rose Valley Road sidewalk - Mr. Sullivan noted the survey has begun on the project.

E. Possum Hollow Road walkway - Mr. Sullivan noted an issue with the guardrail preventing access to residence and the possible solution is to put openings throughout. Mr. Grady noted installing openings is estimated about \$7,000 each. He asked for four openings, but we could go down to two.

Aqua main replacement projects - Mr. Sullivan noted the township will again consider a payment offer in lieu of paving from Aqua and noted we need to wait until the project is almost complete before receiving the quotes. He also noted the resurfacing is expected to take place late September early October.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Knapp)

Approve MOA with FOP – Mr. Knapp noted the township is going to approve a 3-year contract retroactive to January 1, 2019. Wage increases are as follows: 2019 – 2.75%, 2020- 3.0%, and 2021 at 3.25%. Mr. Knapp moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement. After discussion, Mr. Baker recused himself of the vote. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0-1 with Mr. Baker abstaining as he is a member of the lodge.

Resolution 2019-11 Extra Duty pay – Mr. Knapp made a motion to approve to approve this resolution increasing extra duty pay for police. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0-1 with Mr. Baker abstaining as he is a member of the lodge.

Resolution 2019-12 Speed Timing Devices – Mr. Knapp summarized the resolution supporting local governments use of radar and made a motion to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Traffic calming – Mr. Sullivan noted we are looking to see if our highway department has the ability to install the speed pillows on Harvey Road. Mr. Knapp asked Chief Splain to have a police check on the stop signs on Avondale Road and asked Mr. Catania to review the request for a 4-way stop sign on Sykes and Avondale. Mr. Dougherty asked about intersections without stop signs, naming Canterbury and Cameron to start.

Request to restrict parking - Mr. Knapp noted resident complaints to restrict parking on Oakland between Glenwood and Moylan. Mr. Knapp noted the issue is people heading to the train station and suggested residents be asked for their thoughts.

Mr. Knapp then gave the monthly Police Report.

Sapovits park issues – Mr. Knapp noted parking issues with out-of-towners coming in on weekends at the basketball courts. Mr. Knapp asked Mr. Catania to look at the property to see if spots could be added.

Mr. Garson arrives at this time.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Garson)

DELCO Greenways Grant – Mr. Sullivan noted the grant was submitted for improving the Leiper-Smedley Trail and Furness Park.

Light and fence at Bullens Lane Park – It was noted DVIT requested the fencing and lighting. Mr. Sullivan listed the prices for fencing, safety netting and lights totaling \$-----. Mr. Sullivan asked to discuss repair or replacement of the wooden guardrail. The Board discussed the

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location and effectiveness of the lights. The Board felt the fencing should be installed, but the netting was not. The Board agreed to the light and fencing improvements. Mr. Dougherty asked if a batting cage could be considered there as well.

Bare root tree opportunity - After discussion Mr. Sullivan moved to approve the purchase of 8 trees under this program for Houston Park at a total cost of \$400. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0. It was noted the request is due September 19.

Demolition of Summit School Building – Mr. Garson noted the need to review what will be needed for the demolition and submit a list of questions to Mr. Catania. Mr. Garson said we should demolish the building first and then address other issues. Mr. Catania said the estimate would come in around \$561,000 and the township has a commitment of \$575,000 in funding. The Board discussed what parking areas can be removed. The Board agreed to have Mr. Catania prepare a RFP for demolition.

NPA lease request for Urban soccer fields - Mr. Garson noted the lease expires May 2020 and NPAA is requesting a 10-year renewal. Mr. Scott said there is an automatic one-year renewal.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. O'Connor)

Recycling RFP bids received September 9 – Mr. Sullivan noted the bids were only for recycling with various ways to bid, as well as just labor and transport only. He noted the current price was the low 50's per house and the low bid came in at \$85.92 per house while B & L came in at \$113 per house. He noted he bid for pick-up and hauling only was \$54 per house. Mr. Baker asked if we would have to bid for a company taking the materials. Mr. Sullivan said he talked to our solicitor and if we do a market rate then it does not need to be bid out. However, if we want a contract then it would need to be bid. Mr. Scott said to make sure we have a contract with a facility that would guarantee taking the items. Mr. Baker asked if we had to take the lowest combination versus the Mascaro bids. The Board discussed the timing and that we have until October to decide.

Mr. Augustine of Mascaro asked to approach the podium to answer questions. Mr. Dougherty asked about the market for materials being collected such as glass and having it removed from the collectible list. Mr. Augustine said Nether Providence Township's recycling equals about 12 lbs. per house and although the recycling market stinks, he wouldn't reduce the recycling scope. Mr. Augustine noted they (Mascaro) have received a grant to recycling plastic bags. He said B & L already gave a price of \$113 which shows they are scared of market conditions while noting they (Mascaro) have their own processing facility. He noted labor costs are more and their proposal is locked in at a 4-year guarantee. Mr. Augustine noted some municipalities are not collecting newsprint, but they are collecting everything else. The Board discussed separation of items. Mr. Augustine said cardboard is \$35/ton, aluminum is \$1,000/ton and plastic is \$550/ton but glass is a loser. He said China is not taking recycling due to their economy. Mr. Sullivan noted the spreadsheet showing projections based on disposal tonnage amounts. It was noted destinations are charging around \$70/ton. Mr. Sullivan said if it's \$75/ton it's a savings of about \$20,000 to \$30,000 a year so per resident cost would be a \$6 to \$8 per house savings. After discussion Mr. Sullivan moved to draft a RFP for processing of materials and to advertise for bids. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0. It was noted it should be for a 1-year term with optional one-year extension and bids would be reviewed at the October Legislative meeting.

Road Resurfacing schedule for Phase 2 - Mr. O'Connor noted Aqua roads are expected to be completed the end of September to early October.

Bond issue for resurfacing roads – Mr. O'Connor noted this was discussed previously. Mr. Sullivan said the one time we bid it out we found no real savings. Mr. O'Connor gave the Highway Report.

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Mr. Scott noted the R-5 ordinance as amended by the Township Planning Commission needs to go back to the County Planning Commission due to the amount of changes.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings noted there was a DVIT risk survey on September 4, there is a Gardening with Nature talk on September 14 at Furness Library and a Household Hazardous Waste collection on Sept. 14 at Penn State Brandywine. Ho said the Township received a check for \$3,360 in P-Card rebates and noted the Township soliciting regulations. Mr. Cummings stated a Furness Park clean-up day was scheduled for Sept. 2 and we have received a request to recognize two Township Veterans which will be done in October.

ADJOURMENT – Mr. Sullivan noted the next meeting would be a Legislative Meeting on September 26th. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.