

**(160) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of November 14, 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, November 14, 2019 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Baker
Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner Garson
Commissioner O'Conner
Commissioner Dougherty

Gary Cummings	Township Manager
Dave Grady	Assistant Township Manager
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
David Splain	Chief of Police
Lisa Swan	Finance Director

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner McKenzie

PUBLIC

Approximately 3 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Sullivan led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and noted an executive session on real estate and litigation matters was held earlier.

A moment of silence was held for Veterans Day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Scott noted nothing new to report.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Catania noted the Community Development Block Grant agreement for improvements to Madison and Denver Courts has been approved so proceeding to prepare and receive RFPs should be authorized. Mr. Sullivan so moved. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Ordinance 816 (Amending the R-5 Residence District) - Mr. Dougherty summarized revisions of side yard setbacks and adding requirements for parking spaces. Mr. Dougherty moved to adopt Ordinance No. 816. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

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310 Vernon Walk Subdivision - Mr. Dougherty noted they may be back at the Township planning commission on December 2nd.

SBA CELL TOWER – Mr. Cummings stated he reached out to the attorney on two occasions regarding the payment in lieu of installing the buffer along Avondale Road and hasn't received a response.

ARTERS-IANOALE SUBDIVISION (2 lots off end of Willow Road) It was noted they were before the Township planning commission and we are awaiting the County planning review. Mr. Sullivan noted there is stormwater management issues at the end of Willow Road.

1012 GLEN RD – Mr. Dougherty noted the owners reached out to the Township and Mr. Grady is working with them to obtain a FEMA grant to pay to demolish the house on the property. He stated the Township would then own the property as open space. Mr. Grady said we need to adopt a resolution. Mr. Dougherty read the authorizing resolution and moved to approve it. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Baker)

WELCOME TO TOWNSHIP SIGNS – Mr. Baker noted the map of possible locations and Signs by Tomorrow had the lowest costs and there are 2 different sizes. Mr. Sullivan agreed all sites are OK except he felt the one on Manchester Road had limited traffic. He liked the “Welcome to the Township of Nether Providence” sign and preferred it to be one-sided. He stated he also liked the smaller signs locations and it was noted the signs would be purchased from Community Enhancement Fund. After discussion, Mr. Baker moved to purchase 4 one-sided signs to be placed at Township entranceways on Rote 320, Yale Avenue at Avondale Road, Beatty Road at Crum Creek Road and Brookhaven Road at Avondale Road. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed 6-0. It was asked to look at Providence Road at the border with Media Borough to see if a sign could be located there.

Family Fun Day Recap - Mr. Baker noted financial summary in their packet and went through each item noting \$8,602.00 in expenses but ending with a plus of \$740.00. Mr. Baker recognized all those who contributed to the event. He thanked the Delco Cruisers and the Strath Haven cheerleaders, soccer and basketball teams. He thanked South Media Fire Co, Garden City Fire Co, Delco Emergency, the Republican and Democratic Parties, Wawa and Pantry One. He also thanked the Commissioners, and Mr. Grady and Ms. Feyas who helped in planning the event. He also thanked Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Cummings for going in the dunk tank and Mr. Reed who helped coordinate use of the area and WSSD for allowing the use of the space. Mr. O'Connor thanked Mr. Baker for a terrific job and for starting the event and carrying it forward. Mr. Sullivan noted although Mr. Baker's term is ending, he will stay on for the Family Fun Day and Summer Recreation Program. Mr. Sullivan thanked him for that.

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

Verizon Franchise Agreement – Mr. Scott stated they now want to see the Comcast agreement.

Garden City Fire Audit – Mr. Sullivan discussed recent findings in a Garden City Fire Co. audit and noted the cost for an audit from the Township's auditor to be between \$5000 and \$10,000 per fire company. He stated we may want to consider doing both companies, one a year, mentioning there was an incident at South Media Fire Co. as well. Mr. Dougherty suggested we start with South Media Fire Co. noting the incident. Mr. Sullivan replied that their records may have been looked at carefully since the incident and there were findings at Garden City for undocumented expenses. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan moved to engage Bee, Bergvall & Co to conduct an audit of South Media Fire Company. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion

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which passed 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2019-13 ESTABLISHING RECYCLING FEE – Mr. Sullivan noted this year, unlike past years, we do not know the exact expenses but have reviewed recent history. He stated the median range comes to a recycling fee of \$76.00 and moved to adopt the resolution establishing an annual fee of \$76. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion. Mr. Baker asked if an administration fee is included and Mr. Sullivan said it is not. There was a question about language in the contract on contamination and Mr. Scott stated not much can be done at this point. The motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION ON SIGNING OF CHECKS (No. 2019-14) – Mr. Sullivan noted this is a recommendation from the Township auditor. He then read and moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

2020 BUDGET – Mr. Sullivan stated first reading of budget is next week noting we need to review recently received information.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT (Matt Sullivan)

Moore Road Sidewalk- Mr. Sullivan noted there have been delays. Mr. Grady noted they are not expected to start until after Thanksgiving. Mr. Sullivan noted the contractor has also agreed to limit the detour to one end only.

Aqua work - Mr. Sullivan noted Aqua will be continuing main replacement next year listing work on Locust Lane, Ridgewood Lane, Beatty Road, Fildes and Walker Lanes, Colonial Drive and Dogwood Lane, and on Quaint Road, Surrey Road, Luckie Lane and Truepenney Road.

E. Rose Valley Road sidewalk – Mr. Sullivan noted we have received approval to extend the grant to next year.

E. Possum Hollow Road sidewalk – Mr. Sullivan stated we are still waiting for cost estimates for openings in guiderail.

DCED H2O Grants – Mr. Sullivan noted there are separate grants for Flood Control & Sanitary Sewer and applications are due December 13th. The Board will decide on submissions at the November 21 meeting.

Growing Greener – Mr. Sullivan stated this grant is due December 20th.

DCED Grant for Providence Road Sidewalk - Mr. Sullivan noted the Township received \$500,000 for a sidewalk along Providence Road and a decision will need to be made on which section to do as it is over a million to do all of it. Mr. Sullivan suggested to start at Medbury and go north. The Board thanked Mr. Grady for his work on the grant.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT - (Mr. Garson)

Mr. Garson noted the Township received \$14,955 for trails in Furness Park and \$35,000 for improvements to the Leiper Smedley Trail from the County Open Space Fund. The Board discussed whether the Township crew could do the same work on the Leiper-Smedley Trail and if it needed widening.

SUMMIT SCHOOL BUILDING – Mr. Garson noted RFP's are due on December 5 for 2 contracts, one for asbestos removal and one for demolition of the building.

WATERSHED RESTORATION GRANT – Mr. Garson noted we received a grant in amount of \$277,359 for streambank restoration in Sapovits Park. He then moved to authorized Mr. Catania to start design and prepare an RFP. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

E-CIGARETTES – Mr. Garson said we received a request we amend our ordinance to prevent E-cigarette use in Township parks. The Board discussed the issue. Mr. Garson noted he has not received any complaints and it would be hard to enforce. Mr. Sullivan asked to see if side stream vapor is a medical issue and if any other park regulations might also need to be updated.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Knapp)

Traffic Calming (Stop signs) – Mr. Knapp noted the Beatty Road stop signs are being reviewed by Charles Catania. Mr. Sullivan noted Sucher & Sons are to replace the speed humps on Meadow Lane. Mr. Catania was asked to see if it makes sense to install a stop sign on Avondale at Sykes and Martroy at Oak Knoll. Mr. Catania said he looked at Oak Knoll and Martroy and the sight distance was not adequate.

Parking on Oakland Avenue (Glenwood to Moylan) – Mr. Knapp suggested the police look at it to see if a problem exists.

Green Light Go Grant – Mr. Knapp stated the grant is due January 10, 2020 and it is just to improve existing signals. Suggested signals to look at for improvement were Rose Valley @ Brookhaven; Providence @ Brookhaven; Providence @ Rose Valley and Providence @ Possum Hollow noting we have back up issues as there is no left turn arrow.

Civil Service List - Mr. Knapp moved to ratify termination of existing Civil Service list the authorization to create a new list. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed 6-0

PA DOT TRAFFIC SAFETY REVIEW – Mr. Grady noted there is a PA DOT Traffic Safety meeting on November 27, 2019 where we will receive free technical assistance to develop a plan. Mr. Knapp noted issues with members exiting Springhaven Country Club to Rose Valley Road noting the club does serve alcohol. He suggested some speed mounds on Springhaven Road. Chief Splain stated he will perform a traffic study there. Mr. Sullivan noted we use the traffic calming matrix and asked for staff to check speed and traffic signs and make sure all are in place.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. O'Connor)

Road Resurfacing schedule – Mr. O'Connor noted we are behind and Sucher will need to come back to do speed humps and rest of the roads but have no definitive schedule.

Sale of leaf machines on GovDeals – Mr. O'Connor noted we need to ratify in the minutes the sale of 2 leaf machines on GovDeal and to authorize the sale of the 3rd leaf machine. Mr. Sullivan moved to award 3rd leaf truck in amount of \$2,888.78. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

RECYCLING DISPOSAL CONTRACT – Mr. Sullivan referred to earlier discussion.

YARD WASTE DROP-OFF – Mr. Sullivan noted issues with yard waste drop off and the Board agreed to ban drop off of yard waste at the public works garage beginning in January. He stated the public works department will still pick up yard waste upon request. Mr. O'Connor thanked all staff for a great job. He then gave the Monthly Report.

MANAGERS REPORT – Mr. Cummings noted the Shade Tree Commission was having a bare root tree planting in Houston Park on Saturday, November 16 am. He asked the Board if they were interested in updating the Multi-municipal comprehensive plan to add the CORPOS plan. The Board agreed it is a good idea and to ask the other municipalities if interested and to look for grant funding. Mr. Cummings also noted next year's community development block grant is due January 9 and information is in the Board's packet. He also noted the submission of a two-lot subdivision plan at 614 Wallingford Avenue and a land development plan for pool area improvements at Springhaven Country Club. Mr. Cummings reported on an Environmental Advisory Committee meeting where the Sierra Clubs "Go For 100" program was presented and the possibility of the Township installing EV charging stations was discussed. He noted he had supplied the Board Penn Environmental's FAQ document as well. He noted the Fire Marshal asks residents to clean their dryer vents and to renew batteries in the smoke and CO detectors.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Sullivan noted the next meeting would be the legislative meeting on November 21.