

**(160) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
MEETING of November 21, 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 21, 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 (arrived late after Community Enhancement report)  
Commissioner Garson  
Commissioner McKenzie  
Commissioner Dougherty

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

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner O'Connor

**PUBLIC**

Approximately 3 people in attendance.

**ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Sullivan led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was held for Thomas Hewett, husband of Historical Commission member Angela Hewett.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Sullivan moved to approve the minutes of the November 14 meeting. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed 4 to 0 with Ms. McKenzie abstaining as she was not present at the meeting.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS** – It was noted that Martin Abbott recently resigned from the planning commission and Melissa Logan was present to speak on her interest in being appointed. Ms. Logan spoke on her background in land development. Mr. Dougherty asked if she was familiar with the pending development at 310 Wallingford Avenue and Ms. Logan stated she has followed the development on Facebook. Mr. Sullivan then moved to appoint Ms. Logan to the remainder of Mr. Abbott's term. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed 5 to 0.

Mr. Baker asked that with Christine Reuther now being elected to County Council if she had a conflict with being our CDCA representative? Mr. Sullivan stated he asked her that question

and she feels CDCA is not affiliated with the County. Mr. Scott stated she should get clearance from the County Solicitor. It was noted her term runs to the end of 2022.

Mr. Sullivan stated the Board has a list of members whose terms are expiring, and we will address in December or January.

### **SOLICITORS REPORT**

Mr. Scott noted nothing new to report.

### **ENGINEERING REPORT**

Mr. Catania noted he submitted his report and stated resurfacing was to begin on December 9 and the speed humps on Meadow Lane are to be put back by the contractor. He stated bids for demolition and asbestos removal at Summit School are to be received on December 5 and water service transfers on Palmers Lane should be completed by years end.

**MANAGERS REPORT** – Mr. Cummings noted the Community Development Block grant application is due January 9 and the public hearing will be December 19.

### **BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT** (Mr. Dougherty)

Mr. Dougherty noted there are no items on his report.

### **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** (Mr. Baker)

Mr. Baker noted the B & L Waste Removal proposal where they will hold an e-waste collection with Covanta where it is free to residents but will cost the Township \$1,000. Mr. Sullivan noted the residents had to pay a fee in the past which was a joint collection with Media and Swarthmore. Mr. Sullivan asked to contact B & L to see if it would be \$1,000 for all three municipalities.

Mr. Knapp arrived at this point.

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** (Ms. McKenzie)

**Approval of Warrant List** – Ms. McKenzie went through the warrant list explaining certain expenses and then moved to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed 6 to 0.

**Verizon Franchise Agreement** – Mr. Scott stated the ball is in Verizon's court. Mr. Scott then left the meeting at this point.

**Do away with Lock Box** – Ms. McKenzie stated the Township can save about \$3,000 by not using the lock box system for tax collection. The Board agreed to this.

**2020 BUDGET** – Ms. McKenzie stated first reading of budget is tonight and it is to be advertised for December 12. Ms. McKenzie then gave the first reading listing expenditures by category for a total budget of \$7,523,770. Mr. Sullivan asked if the Board wished to meet on December 5 and what changes could be made after advertisement. Mr. Cummings noted that once advertised, no expenditure in any major category can increase by over 25% not overall expenses increase by more than 10% or the budget would need to be re-advertised. Ms. McKenzie moved to advertise the budget as read. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed 6 to 0.

**2020 Sewer Rent** – Ms. McKenzie noted a proposed annual sewer rental rate of \$548 based on sewer authority fees charged the Township. She stated this is a 13% increase but checked and this amount is in line with what is being charged by other municipalities. Mr. Sullivan driving the increase are the CDCA and DELCORA authorities whose fees have increased substantially. The Board will address this in December.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT** (Matt Sullivan)

**Greenlight Go program** – Mr. Sullivan noted this grant is due January 10 and we applied last year but were not approved. Mr. Sullivan suggested we apply for left turn signals for Rose Valley Road and Providence Road and Possum Hollow Road and Providence Road. He noted we have estimates from Mr. Catania. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan stated we also look to include a left turn signal for Brookhaven Road and Providence Road. Mr. Catania stated he thought PennDOT may not approve one here. After further discussion, the Board agreed to apply for these left turn signals.

**DCED H2O Grants** – Mr. Sullivan noted there are separate grants for Flood Control & Sanitary Sewer and applications are due December 13<sup>th</sup>. He stated we could apply for flood control on Palmers Lane but at a 50% match of the estimated \$80,000 cost is \$40,000 for the Township. It was noted the crowning of Henry Lane has helped with that drainage issue. For sanitary sewer, Mr. Cummings stated we could apply for sewer extensions for Winding Lane from Oak Valley, Heathdale Lane and possibly for the North Providence Road area.

**Growing Greener** – Mr. Sullivan stated this grant is due December 20<sup>th</sup> and there is a 15% match. Mr. Grady supplied the Board with the list of PRP (Pollution Reduction Plan) projects. Mr. Sullivan suggested we apply for streambank restoration in Houston Park.

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

**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.

**PECO Green grant** – Mr. Garson noted this is for \$15,000 with no contribution by the Township. He noted the Shade Tree Commission suggested a planting program with the schools and Board agreed.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT** (Mr. Knapp)

**Parking on Oakland Avenue (Glenwood to Moylan)** – Chief Splain stated Officer Smith was there this week but he is waiting for his report.

**Stop Light requests on Ridley Drive at Blakeley Road** – Mr. Catania stated they did look at this and had preliminary findings. He stated he needed to look at other data and will report at the next meeting. Mr. Knapp asked that all the stop sign approvals be placed on the next legislative agenda.

**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 traffic safety plan.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT** (Mr. Sullivan in Mr. O'Connor's absence)

**Road Resurfacing schedule** – Mr. Sullivan noted Charles said they should be back December 9 and are to come back to do the Meadow Lane speed humps.

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Mr. Sullivan noted the next meeting would be December 12 if no budget meeting on December 5.