

**(176) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of January 9, 2020**

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, January 9, 2020 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Cooper
Commissioner Spangler
Commissioner Garson
Commissioner McKenzie
Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner O'Connor

Gary Cummings Township Manager
Dave Grady Assistant Township Manager
Bob Scott Township Solicitor
Charles Catania Township Engineer
David Splain Chief of Police

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Approximately 7 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Connie Hughes of 303 Barry Lane spoke on the yard waste center being closed. She said she has a large yard and garden and takes approximately 30 bags a year and has been doing that for many years. She feels because of the few abusers she is being penalized. She stated the yard being open once a month is too little and she has had to wait a couple of months to get on the list. She feels people will put yard waste in the trash now. Ms. Hughes asked what she can do with her yard waste noting most of hers is produced in March through May. Mr. Knapp said it is on the agenda to be addressed and they have concerns as well.

Janet Comey of 311 Barry supports Connie Hughes and noted it is a great service. She only found out the garage was closed when a neighbor was turned away and she thinks there should be better communication. Mr. Knapp noted it was put on our website and through the Commissioner's email lists. Mr. Sullivan said the public works center was overflowing and had to close at one time.

Bill Silverstein of 914 Truepenney Road stated he is EAC Chair. He referred to the 2011 Greenhouse Gas study recommending converting our streetlights to LED has been done. He noted a resolution for the Ready for 100 campaign and coalition letter has been submitted for consideration by the Board. He also noted the EV Charging Station rebate program from the state and said a site could possibly be at Municipal Building.

Aaron Campbell of 105 Ridley Drive spoke on traffic calming and his request for speed humps on Ridley Drive. He noted with soccer fields across the street, people race so he was hoping to get help. Mr. Sullivan said we do install temporary bumps during soccer season. Mr. Campbell asked for permanent bumps to be considered and noted the far side of the road is deteriorated.

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ENGINEERING REPORT

CDBG - Mr. Catania stated the bid opening is February 6, 2020

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Mr. Scott stated he has nothing to report and there is nothing new on the Verizon franchise agreement.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (Kaitlin McKenzie)

Verizon Franchise Agreement – Ms. McKenzie noted we are continuing to wait to hear from them.

DROP Ordinance – Ms. McKenzie stated we need to draft an ordinance and so moved. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed 7-0.

GovDeals Options – Ms. McKenzie noted an option to make the buyers' fee 12.5%. She stated it is now split. After discussion, the Board agreed to put the full 12.5% on the buyer.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE (Matt Sullivan)

Moore Road – Mr. Sullivan noted detour and construction work to start in a couple of weeks.

Possum Hollow Sidewalk Project – Mr. Sullivan noted we need to decide on guiderail openings at \$6,000 each. He noted we already are over budget but should be able to get additional funding. He noted the openings are across from driveways, so he thinks they are appropriate. After discussion, the Board agreed to go with the 4 openings.

Aqua Work – Mr. Sullivan listed the roads where Aqua plans to do main replacement in 2020.

DCED – H2O Grants – Mr. Sullivan noted requests to reduce flooding on Palmers Lane and a sewer extension on Winding Lane have been submitted. He also noted a Growing Greener grant was submitted.

Green Light Go Grant – Mr. Sullivan noted we want to submit applications to install left turn signals at 3 locations on Providence Rd. and have 3 Resolutions, one for each location. Mr. Sullivan moved to approve Resolutions Nos. 2020-01, 2020-02 and 2020-03. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed 7-0.

Multi-Modal Grant – Mr. Sullivan noted Mr. Grady received a \$500,000 grant for a sidewalk on Providence Road so will need to decide where to put them as they will only pay for about 1/2 to 1/3 the length of the road. Mr. Sullivan said we could start at Medbury and go north, or start at Strath Haven Middle School and head south and north, or we could start at the Media Borough line and go south. After discussion, the Board decided to start at Copples and go south and to also try to go up to Brookhaven Road if possible. Mr. Sullivan moved to award design work for the sidewalk to Catania Engineering. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion. Mr. Knapp noted past issues with other design engineers. The motion passed 7-0. Mr. Sullivan moved to authorize the design south from the Middle School/Copples Lane and also to go up to Brookhaven Road. The motion passed 7-0.

TCDI Grant – Mr. Sullivan noted Mr. Schaefer from the County Planning Department reached out to suggest a study to improve walks and bus stops along Baltimore Pike. Mr. Grady noted a 20% match is required but we possible could do a joint application with Media Borough. Mr. Grady is going to attend a mandatory meeting so he will report back.

EAC – Resolution on Climate Change – Mr. Sullivan noted it was discussed earlier by Mr. Silverstein and we will address both at the legislative session.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE – (Mr. Garson)

DCNR Grant – Mr. Garson noted we received a \$116,000.00 DCNA grant for Sapovitz Park.

Demolition and Asbestos Removal at Summit School – Mr. Garson noted we are finalizing the RACP business plan and Mr. Catania stated we are waiting on the DCCD permit so Board will wait 2 weeks before awarding contracts.

RACP Business – Board went through RACP funding request. Ms. McKenzie asked about what construction should be proposed. Mr. Sullivan said he felt the scope needed to be more toward bricks and mortar. Ms. McKenzie felt we should have a playground rather than amphitheater. Mr. Sullivan said he thinks he can get other grant funding for playground equipment. Mr. Garson asked if any parking lot would be removed and Mr. Grady said it is not proposed at present. Mr. Sullivan suggested we accept the demolition and asbestos removal bids at the January 23rd meeting. Mr. Grady stated he understands we

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can make changes later, so the Board agreed to keep the scope as is for now which includes a snack bar, amphitheater and rest rooms. Mr. Sullivan asked to look for funding for playground equipment. Mr. Garson noted the need to pass the RACP resolution and so moved. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion which passed 7-0.

DELCO GREENWAY GRANT – Mr. Garson noted grant kick off meeting was held.

URBAN FIELD LIGHTING – Mr. Garson stated the Township assisted NPAA baseball in their field lighting application and they received a \$133,000 grant. Mr. Grady said they plan on starting construction in February and will be preparing an agreement on the time the lights will be on. Mr. Sullivan asked about a 35' pole and if it can be relocated and if we also can add lighting for the parking lot. He also noted several or more sheds are there and to see if we can consolidate them into 1 or 2 storage buildings.

PUBLIC SAFETY – (Micah Knapp)

Mr. Knapp noted it is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Stop Signs – Mr. Knapp went through the list and the Board discussed the offset signs on Oak Knoll Road and Martroy Lane on Avondale. He noted signs may not be needed at Sykes. Mr. Sullivan said it makes sense to straighten them out. Mr. Garson said feels it is ok for now and Chief Splain said there are no problems, but the stop sign at Martroy Lane has value. Mr. Knapp discussed the intersection of Manchester Avenue and Ridley Creek Road and the Board agreed to put stop signs on Manchester Avenue in both directions at Ridley Creek Road.

Speed Humps – Mr. Sullivan noted requests have been received to place speed humps on Ridley Drive, Surrey Road, Harvey Road (in 2 locations) and Putnam Boulevard. Ms. McKenzie noted a request to place permanent ones on Plush Mill Road. Mr. Knapp noted speed pillows cost less than speed humps and our Public Works Department can install them, and they are less obtrusive. Mr. Garson noted complaints on speeding on Springhaven Road from drivers leaving the County Club and asked for traffic calming there. Mr. Sullivan suggested the Commissioners pole the residents on these requests. Mr. Grady noted Mr. Dixon's concerns with placing stop signs on Manchester Avenue at Ridley Creek road relative to having to stop while snow plowing.

Parking on Oakland – Mr. Knapp noted complaints of people parking and walking to the train station. He noted it may only be 2 cars and suggested Officer Smith check into this and ask them not to park there. After discussion, it was agreed the Township will put a letter on their windshields.

Right Turn Lane on Brookhaven Road - Mr. Knapp explained the issue of drivers using an informal lane to turn onto Waterville Road. After discussion the Board agreed to ask Penndot to consider designating a right turn lane and for Mr. Catania to draft a plan.

Civil Service Test – Mr. Knapp noted there is a part-time position opening and applications are due February 7th.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – (Robert E O'Connor)

Mr. O'Connor welcomed and congratulated new Commissioners Max Cooper and Scott Spangler. He also congratulated Bob Scott and Charles Catania on their reappointments.

New Recycling Contractors – Mr. O'Connor noted B & L is the new recycling hauler. He also noted BFI (Republic) is the new processor so we should approve the processing agreement. Mr. O'Connor moved to approve the agreement. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed 7-0.

Recycling – Mr. O'Connor noted the sample brochures and said information will be sent out to in the newsletter with the tax bills.

Yard waste – Mr. O'Connor discussed 4 options. Mr. Knapp noted new costs and professionals are dropping off waste at the garage. He noted the concern with public works trucks moving with residents in a small space. He stated we were thinking of getting cameras noting there is no one at the garage to monitor drop offs most of the time. After discussion Mr. Sullivan suggested get costs on the options and then revisit. He also suggested to get costs for our pick-up on every second Tuesday. Bill Silverstein noted trying to get the County drop off program improved and that residents come in to get mulch at the garage as well.

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BUILDING AND ZONING (Max Cooper)

Arters-Ianoale Subdivision (End of Willow Road) – Mr. Cooper stated this is a request to put 2 new homes and the various reviews. Mr. Cummings noted Mr. Arters is not in audience, Mr. Sullivan noted the road widening dedication and sidewalk comments need to be addressed and there are serious stormwater concerns. After discussion, the Board will address this matter on January 23rd. Mr. Scott said we can pass with conditions which would be effective if not objected to.

Kassab Subdivision (614 Wallingford Avenue) – Mr. Cooper summarized reviews, noted 2 new homes to be constructed, and listed the conditions of approval. Ms. Kassab was in audience and noted there is an existing sidewalk on Wallingford Avenue, and she doesn't agree with Charles Catania's comment on additional dedication of right-of-way. Mr. Sullivan asked Mr. Catania where the sidewalk is to be located and Mr. Catania said along Ronaldson Street. After discussion Mr. Sullivan moved to granted the plans titled, "Preliminary/Final Minor Subdivision Plan, 614 Wallingford Avenue, Nether Providence Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania" consisting of 2 sheets drawn by Kelly and Close Engineers (their project no. SU2019-072) dated October 11, 2019 last revised 11/01/2019 Conditional Preliminary/Final Subdivision Approval subject to revised plans complying with the following:

1. Compliance with the November 26, 2019 comments of the Township Engineer nos. 1 through 7 and 10 through 12 including that sidewalks be installed or payment in lieu be made and the strip of land within the right-of-way of Ronaldson Street be offered for dedication to the Township.
2. Compliance with the December 2, 2019 comments of the Township Planning Commission be achieved.
3. Compliance with the December 19, 2019 comments of the Delaware County Planning Commission be achieved.
4. Compliance with the recommendations of the Township Shade Tree Commission be shown.
5. Approval and receipt of a PA DEP sewer facilities planning module exemption.
6. Approval and receipt of a PA DOT HOP for driveway and utilities on Wallingford Avenue.
7. Compliance with all other applicable laws and regulations.
8. The applicant accepts the conditions of approval.

Ms. Kassab said she will install the sidewalk. There was extensive discussion on dedicating the right-of-way within the title line. Ms. Kassab said she will check with an attorney but accepted the conditions of approval. Mr. Sullivan said need to get Shade Tree Commissions comments as well. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed 7 - 0.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT – (Scott Spangler)

2020 CDBG – Mr. Spangler noted the CDBD grant application was submitted.

MANAGERS REPORT – Mr. Cummings noted a successful blood drive was held here on January 2, and there will be a meeting on the sale of the Media Quarry on January 23. He noted the Census Bureau is hiring census takers and announced the Habitat for Humanity critical home repair program. Mr. Cummings also note we have applied for an administrative intern and the annual MS4 report has been submitted to DEP.

Adjournment – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.