

**(185) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of February 13, 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, February 13, 2020 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner Cooper
Commissioner Spangler
Commissioner McKenzie
Commissioner Sullivan

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner Garson

ALSO PRESENT: 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 6 people in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. & Mrs. Shonfeld of 214 Fairfield Road noted stormwater runoff and drainage issues at their property.

ENGINEERING REPORT

CDBG - Mr. Catania stated bids were received February 6 and ran from \$164,125 to \$328,085. He noted they are extremely high and recommended the Board reject all bids and advertise to obtain new bids. Mr. Sullivan so moved. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion which passed 5 to 0. Mr. Catania asked the County Aid resolution to be submitted in amount of \$18,986 and Board agreed. Mr. Catania stated he also supplied the Board with a street resurfacing list which is a carryover from last year, so he asked for Commissioners to review and send him additional roads to consider. Ms. McKenzie noted the mix up on Pine Ridge and Hemlock Roads.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Mr. Scott stated Verizon has supplied a response for renewing the franchise agreement. Mr. Ewald will review, and we will discuss in 2 weeks.

BUILDING AND ZONING (Max Cooper)

Vernon Walk Subdivision – Mr. Cooper stated we are waiting for the County Planning Department to review and will consider in two weeks.

309 Ryanard Road Reverse Subdivision Mr. Cooper stated this will be before the Township Planning Commission so we will discuss in two weeks.

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COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT – (Scott Spangler)

Update Comprehensive Plan – Mr. Spangler noted the update is supposed to occur every 10 years. Mr. Grady stated grants may be available and our last plan was done with other municipalities with help from the County. He said the plan is usually prepared by a consultant. After discussion, Mr. Grady will ask the Township Planning Commission for their thoughts.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (Kaitlin McKenzie)

DROP and Pension Restatement ordinance – Ms. McKenzie stated Mr. Scott and Mr. Kennedy are reviewing. After discussion, Ms. McKenzie moved to authorize advertising of the ordinance once finalized by Mr. Kennedy and to forward it to the FOP. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed 5 to 0.

Livestream meetings – Mr. Cooper noted more and more people are cutting the cord to cable and residents have asked us to look to livestreaming the meetings. Ms. McKenzie stated we should pursue this.

Sale of Cub Cadet mower on GovDeals – Ms. McKenzie stated this mower is lighter duty and it should be sold. She moved to place the mower on GovDeals with a minimum bid of \$4,500. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed 5 to 0.

Financial Review and Audit – Ms. McKenzie stated this is still being reviewed so we will hold off discussing until next meeting.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE (Matt Sullivan)

Moore Road – Mr. Sullivan noted work has started but we should focus on what to do with the traffic signal on Brookhaven Road now that the detour is in effect. He noted we discussed with PaDOT and listed options. It was noted there is limited pedestrian traffic. After discussion, it was agreed to ask to have it remain all green on Brookhaven Road and to bag the red light.

Possum Hollow Sidewalk Project – Mr. Sullivan noted there is nothing new to report.

DCED Grant for Providence Road sidewalk – Mr. Sullivan said he wishes to authorize Catania Engineering to proceed with the design focusing on the central portion beginning on Brookhaven Road down to the High School/Middle School. There was no objection.

TCDI Grant – Mr. Sullivan noted the Board is not really interested in pursuing the study, but discussion focused on installing sidewalks along Baltimore Pike and Beatty Road. Mr. Cummings will reach out to the shopping center owner to install a sidewalk with Beatty Road being the priority.

Fairfield Drive and Morgan Lane drainage issue – Mr. Sullivan noted various drainage issues including what Mrs. Shonfeld discussed earlier. He noted we have money in the budget to fix the culvert which is causing the sink hole in the drive and yard. He moved to authorize Mr. Catania to prepare plans and to receive bids for this work. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion which passed 5 to 0. Mr. Sullivan explained that stormwater flows down from Rosewood and Morgan Lanes and then flows into the yard and around the home of Ms. Shonfeld. He stated we could install a bioswale and get MS4 credits. He asked if the Board would agree to have the Public Works Department to cut the bioswale and the owner would then be responsible for the plantings. The Board agreed to this and to have Mr. Dixon work with Mr. Catania on the installation. Ms. Lois Lax from 4 Morgan Lane asked what the Board was going to do about the water coming off Rose Valley Road. Mr. Sullivan stated Mr. Cummings will be looking at that issue but there is no easy fix. Ms. Lax asked what can be done. Mr. Sullivan stated it is cost prohibitive to install a storm sewer down Rose Valley Road, but we will continue to look at the problem.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE – (Mr. Knapp in Garson's absence)

Demolition and Asbestos Removal at Summit School – Mr. Catania stated we received the signed demolition contract but are still waiting for the asbestos contract to be signed.

RACP Business – Mr. Knapp stated the plan has been submitted and includes bathrooms. Mr. Grady stated it also includes a snack bar and amphitheater. He noted the second submission is the business plan and we hope to get everything done this year with the asbestos removal and demolition in March, then design the improvements and install them in the fall. Mr. Knapp stated this is what the Board agreed to earlier and we also may want to have a playground.

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DCNR Grant – Mr. Knapp noted this grant is for parks and recreation and is due April 22. He asked Mr. Grady to run by the Parks Commission. Mr. Grady noted this grant has been used for improvements at Bullens Land and Sapovits Parks as well as partially for demolition of Summit School. Mr. Cummings asked about the status of the Sapovits Park grant. Mr. Catania said we may not be able to do the improvements until next year although he said the drainage improvement could hopefully be completed in the fall.

PUBLIC SAFETY – (Micah Knapp)

Ordinance on Stop Signs – Mr. Knapp mentioned the draft ordinance but there are still some details to be reviewed and there are also PennDOT road stop signs to be looked at. He went through the list.

Mr. Knapp noted the email earlier from Commissioner Garson on Avondale Road and that removing stop signs also need a study according to Mr. Catania. He also noted Mr. Garson was thinking about a 3 way stop at Avondale and Copples Lane but suggested we discuss later when Mr. Garson is present. The Board also discussed possible stop sign locations on Beatty Road and decided to make requests to PennDOT for those intersections.

Turner and Plush Mill Roads – Mr. Knapp noted although there have been a number of accidents at this location, PennDOT denied our request for a four-way stop there. Mr. Cummings stated Mr. Grady updated the crash data and the Police Chief feels we should make a second request and the Board agreed.

Traffic Calming – Mr. Knapp listed possible speed humps locations on Ridley Drive, Surrey Road, Harvey Road and Putnam Boulevard. Ms. McKenzie noted a request to place permanent ones on Plush Mill Road and she is waiting for responses to the survey for Surrey Road. Mr. Catania noted Aqua is to replace main on Surrey so we should wait and that he has supplied locations for speed pillows on Harvey Road. Mr. Knapp stated Putnam Boulevard was to be put on the traffic calming matrix. It was noted Putnam is on the matrix but scored lower than other locations. Mr. Sullivan suggested locations to consider on Ridley Drive. Mr. Aaron Campbell said he lives on Ridley Drive and if stop signs are installed, you may not need speed humps. He noted that the condition of the road surface on Ridley Drive is bad. Ridley Drive is to be added to the resurfacing list for consideration. It was noted the police could perform a study on the lower side of Ridley Drive after the stop signs are installed.

No Parking along Putnam Boulevard – Mr. Knapp stated there was a resident request as well as a request from the HOA for no parking. He asked for Officer Smith to look at it. Chief Splain noted the referenced accident was due to a wet road and bald tires. Chief Splain stated there is some speeding on the straight run but not on the curves. Mr. Knapp asked for us to wait until Mr. O'Connor is present and can speak on this.

Parking on Oakland – Mr. Knapp stated the Township agreed to put a letter on windshields and one was prepared, but he wants to revise it before putting on the offending cars.

Right Turn Lane on Brookhaven Road - Mr. Knapp noted PennDOT is looking at options to consider designating a right turn lane.

Fire Apparatus Study – Mr. Knapp noted the study was received and it will be reviewed at a Fire Committee meeting. He noted the study basically said not to replace one vehicle in each company.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – (Mr. Knapp in Mr. O'Connor's absence)

Yard Waste Dropoff – Mr. Knapp noted we stopped drop off but are reconsidering the options. Ms. McKenzie asked about cardboard drop off. Mr. Sullivan stated that me be the same conflict with trucks in the garage noting the dumpster is well used. Mr. Grady stated we are considering moving the cardboard area.

MANAGERS REPORT – Mr. Cummings noted the 2019 Leiper House annual report was submitted and PaDOT approved the Do Not Block Intersection sign on Providence Road at W. Rose Valley Road. Mr. Cummings listed the AQUA main replacement projects for 2020 and stated the Board needs to decide on where to place the Welcome to Township signs.

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