

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP –January 14, 2021

Virtual Meeting held via Zoom and shown on YouTube

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 14, 2021 via Zoom call and shown on YouTube.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Cooper
Commissioner Garson
Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner McKenzie
Commissioner King
Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner Molloy

ALSO PRESENT:

Dave Grady	Township Manager
David Fiorenza	Finance Director
Robert Scott	Solicitor
Charles Catania	Township Engineer

Mr. Knapp chaired the meeting.

MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS TAKEN FOR CHIEF CLANCY AND BRUCE BROWN

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Knapp made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2020 meeting. Mr. Molloy seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS- Mr. Grady said there is an opening on the EAC committee. He said Jane Miluski has sent a letter of interest to the committee, along with another person that is interested. Mr. Grady said he will reach out to both people and discuss at the next Township meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF VACANCY CHAIR- Mr. Knapp made a motion to reappoint Frank Noyes as Vacancy chair for the Township. Mr. Garson seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

MEDIA FOOD BANK- Mr. Knapp introduced Kevin Henry, who shared the story of how he got involved with the Media Food Bank during the Pandemic. Mr. Henry explained that the need doubled during the pandemic and that the need is still here a year later as well. He has been collecting food donations from many within the community and bringing those donations to the Media Food Bank. He said donations can be dropped off every day from 12 PM to 2 PM. Mr. Knapp presented a Certificate of Recognition to Kevin Henry for his outstanding efforts in gathering food and donations from the Township residents for the Media Food Bank.

MAX COOPER RECOGNITION- Mr. Knapp presented Dr. Max Cooper, 1st Ward Commissioner, with a certificate of recognition for his service, updates, and sharing of knowledge to the Township during the COVID-19 pandemic.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There was no public comment.

SOLICITORS REPORT – Mr. Scott had nothing to report.

ENGINEER REPORT- Mr. Catania reported that the East Country Club Drainage project would be discussed soon with the neighbors. He said CDCA had begun smoke testing in parts of the Third Ward. He is waiting for the final report.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT – Mr. Grady shared the Delco.pa.gov website that had information on COVID-19 testing sites. He also shared the Chesco.org website has information on the vaccination. The website shows “phases” and who is in those phases for distribution. Mr. Grady said some firefighters have received their vaccines already. He also said he would have more information on distribution later this week as he has a call with the County Health department. Ms. McKenzie suggested circulating a mailing that has information about vaccine distribution for residents. Mr. Grady shared that a resident, Clara Lear from the 5th ward, will be celebrating her 100th birthday on January 28th. Mr. Grady welcomed Mona Price as the newest employee at the Township as the Administrative Assistant.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Kaitlin McKenzie

Fire Distribution from Rose Valley Borough- Ms. McKenzie reported that Rose Valley Borough overpaid the Township in 2020 by \$6,247.00 for its fire contribution. Rose Valley Borough suggested the Township split the amount between the two fire companies. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to evenly allocate \$6,247.00 from Rose Valley Borough between South Media Fire and Garden City Fire Company. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

IT Contract- Ms. McKenzie informed the Board that the IT contract with GO2 needs to be renewed. She also reported that GO2 has proposed a two-year contract in which the price holds steady at \$120 per hour for 2021 and then increases to \$130 for 2022. Mr. Knapp made a motion to authorize a two-year contract with GO2. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Mr. Knapp expressed interest in gathering the email distribution lists from the Commissioners. Mr. Grady suggested the Township do this with internal staff before asking GO2 and paying hourly rates.

Resolution 2021-1- Authorized Signers for Pension Plans- Ms. McKenzie made a motion to remove retired-Township Manager Gary Cummings and add Dave Grady, Township Manger, along with David Fiorenza, Director of Finance, as Authorized trustees and signers for the above-mentioned pension Plans. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Resolution 2021-2 PEMA Designation of Agent-Ms. McKenzie made a motion to Designate David Grady, Township Manager, as the Agent for the PEMA grant. Mr. Cooper seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Grant Agreement- PEMA- COVID expenses- Ms. McKenzie made a motion to adopt the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance Grant Agreement. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Finance Report- Mr. Fiorenza reported he has been reviewing the fund balances, preparing for the start of the 2021 fiscal year, and he is working with Mr. Grady to start the 2020 Audit process.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT - Matthew Garson

DCNR Grant Round Opening Soon- Mr. Garson asked the Board to begin thinking about what possible projects they could use this grant for and discuss it in the upcoming months. One suggestion was for Martha Burton Park.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT – Robert O’Connor

Road Resurfacing – Mr. O’Connor said to send any considerations for road resurfacing to Mr. Catania, Mr. Dixon, and Mr. Grady.

Leaf Collection- Mr. O’Connor said that leaf collection has been completed. Mr. Grady shared the proposed Leaf collection schedule for the fall of 2021. He noted it was subject to change. Christmas trees are still being picked up, and Mr. O’Connor said to call the Township for a pickup.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT- Stephanie King

902 Recycling Grant – Ms. King said the 902 Recycling Grant has been rescinded and may reopen in 2022.

2021 Newsletter- Ms. King showed the Board a copy of the newsletter and said to share any feedback with Mr. Grady.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT – Max Cooper

Status of Media Walk development at 310 Wallingford Avenue – Mr. Cooper said storm drains have been installed, which have appeared to help with stormwater runoff.

Escrow Release Request #4 for Media Walk- Mr. Cooper made a motion to release escrow #4, as per the recommendation of the Township Engineer, in the amount of \$167,179.44. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

530 Washington Ave Subdivision- Mr. Cooper informed the Board this location wants to divide the plot into two plots for a subdivision for future development. The plan has been reviewed by the Township Engineer and the Township Planning Commission. They are still waiting for the County Planning Commission to comment on the plans. Then the final write-up will be brought to the Board for approval.

INFRASTRUCTURE REPEORT – Martin Molloy

DVRPC's Travel Options Program (TOP)- Mr. Molloy shared information about the grant program. After discussion, the Board felt this grant program was not a good fit for the proposed sidewalk along Avondale Road up to Route 320. Mr. Grady said the DCED Multimodal Program could be a possibility in the future.

DELCORA/AQUA SALE- Mr. Molloy brought up the letter that DELCO/AQUA sent to the Township again and asked the Board if they think they need to respond. Mr. Scott suggested they wait until the legal case is resolved, and the Board agreed.

ARLE Funding- Mr. Molloy reported the Township's application for left turn signals on Providence Road at East Possum Hollow Road, Brookhaven Road, and East Rose Valley Road was not awarded.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT- Micah Knapp

Personal Delivery Device- Mr. Knapp opened the floor up for any comments and told them to send any new comments to Mr. Grady as he would forward them to PennDOT. There were no comments made at that time.

Traffic Signal Agreement from Higgins and Sons- Mr. Knapp motioned to authorize Mr. Grady, Township Manager, to sign a 3-year agreement with Charles Higgins and Sons, Inc. for traffic signal maintenance. Ms. King seconded this motion, which passed 7-0.

Resident concerns and comments- Mr. Knapp brought up the idea of a resolution for supporting the importance of the election process and election integrity. He said his election experiences in the Township have been very positive and well-run.

Mr. Knapp said the next meeting would be on January 28th. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.