

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – July 22, 2021

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, July 22, 2021. Workshop meeting

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Commissioner Garson	
Commissioner McKenzie	Arrived Late
Commissioner O'Connor	
Commissioner Molloy	
Commissioner King	

ALSO PRESENT:

Dave Grady	Township Manager
Robert Scott	Township Solicitor
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
Chief Splain	Police Chief

EXCUSED: Commissioner Knapp & Commissioner Cooper

Mr. Garson chaired the meeting.

Recognition of Gary Cummings-Mr. Garson recognized the recently retired Township Manager, Gary Cummings. Commissioners shared stories and gave thanks to Mr. Cummings for his over 40 years of dedicated service. Mr. Grady presented Mr. Cummings with a new sign in his name for the Township Administrative Building in recognition of his hard work over the years for the Township.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Ken Vogt- 33 Waterford Way: Mr. Vogt explained he had concerns with new construction on Willow Lane with respect to stormwater management. He said he talked to the Township Engineer before the meeting and had his questions answered. He also shared concerns with speeding on Waterford Way and Harvey Road. He proposed adding additional speed bumps on Harvey Road.

SOLICITORS REPORT – Mr. Scott provided information about recent changes to the Sunshine Act. Effective August 29th, the Board will be required to post meeting agendas 24 hours in advance at both the Township Building and Township website. He shared details that need to be included when posted. Mr. Scott reported there have been updated regulations for 5G antennas.

ENGINEER REPORT- Mr. Catania said his items would be covered later in the meeting. He added about the street paving contracts. Phase One of the road program has been completed Glasgow, and MECO Constructors is nearly finished the punch list for Phase Two.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT- Matthew Garson

Cameras in Parks- Policy Update- Mr. Garson suggested tabling the topic since Commissioners Knapp and Cooper were absent.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance for Stop Signs on Blakeley/Cedar- Mr. Garson made a motion to Adopt Ordinance 829 establishing stop signs at the intersection of Blakeley and Cedar Roads. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Speed Humps on Vernon- Mr. Garson suggested tabling the topic since Mr. Knapp is absent and wanted to be a part of the discussion.

Right turn Lane on Beatty (NB) at Baltimore Pike- Mr. Garson reported the Township reached out to PennDOT about the issue and is waiting to hear back. There is consideration of adding a right turn lane on Beatty Road when traveling northbound for right turns onto eastbound Baltimore Pike.

Approval of Meeting Minutes- Mr. Garson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 27th meeting. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT - Matthew Garson

Delco Greenways Program- Informational- Mr. Garson shared information about the program and asked the Board to think about if they want to do any sort of open space acquisition or park improvements.

Martha Burton Dedication- Mr. Garson shared information about the Martha Burton Park dedication on July 31st at 11 AM, and a clean-up on July 24 at 9 AM.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT – Mr. Garson

Schools in Zoning Code- Mr. Scott explained the ordinance in more detail. The proposed ordinance would authorize private educational facilities as a permitted use by special exception in professional office districts. The board discussed and decided to not change the ordinance in place.

St. John’s Permit fee waiver request- Mr. Garson made a motion to waive the administrative portion of the permit fee for St. John’s new fire system. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Kaitlin McKenzie

Police Pension Restatement- Ms. McKenzie reported negotiations are still ongoing.

ARA Funds- Ms. McKenzie asked Mr. Catania for guidance and suggestions for infrastructure projects best suited for using the funds. The funds can be used for sewer projects, broadband, and loss of revenue. She also suggested the Board discuss the topic at the next meeting when all commissioners are present.

Recycling Contracts- Ms. McKenzie reported the recycling contract is set to expire at the end of 2021. The Township uses B&L for recycling collection, and they would add a \$1 per household increase. The Township uses Republic for recycling processing and appears to be under budget so far. Mr. Molloy asked about adding trash with the recycling. Mr. Garson said the extension contract needs to be renewed shortly and that adding the trash could be something to investigate for the next time the contract is up for renewal. Mr. Molloy shared the EAC has inquired about getting more details about where the recycling goes. Mr. Grady said he can investigate it and get more information about that in writing.

Aqua Payment- Road Repair- Ms. McKenzie shared that Aqua gave the Township two options for repairs contributions. First, pay the Township for only for milling and paving with Aqua to do base repair; or pay the Township for base repair, milling, and paving. Mr. Catania’s recommendation was to accept payment for base repair, milling, and repaving. He said Public Works can make restoration repairs until the spring when the road is repaved. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to accept Aqua’s second offer in the amount of \$295,750.00. Ms. King seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Warrant List-

Ms. McKenzie reviewed several items in the bills list, and then made a motion to accept the bills list in the amounts of:

A/P Procurement card	\$55,826.00
A/P Interim	\$65,103.85
A/P Bills List	\$514,568.97

Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT- Stephanie King

Comprehensive Planning- Ms. King reported the Township is waiting for the quote to come back so the Township knows how much to budget or find grant match funding for next year.

Composting- Ms. King gave an informational update that the EAC is working on a composting pilot program. They are closely following Media Borough as they have already launched their composting program.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT – Robert O’Connor

Streetlight Additions- Considerations- Mr. O’Connor shared that he would report on this at the next meeting in August. He said he wants to get more information.

Ordinance for No Parking- Brookhaven Rd- Mr. O'Connor made a motion to adopt Ordinance 830 for Placing No Parking signs on Brookhaven Road in the area of Sackville Mills. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Mr. O'Connor congratulated Jake Hoyle, a Strath Haven graduate, on his participation in the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

INFRASTRUCTURE REPEORT – Martin Molloy

E. Possum Hollow Sidewalk Project- Funding amendment- Mr. Molloy made a motion to accept the bid from RoadCon in the amount of \$622,344.00 as well as the amended reimbursement agreement amount of \$703,287.00. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Sewer Lateral Amendment- Mr. Molloy moved to advertise the sewer lateral ordinance amendment for Chapter 215, Section 31. Mr. Garson seconded the motion. The ordinance would give the Township the discretion to determine what two methods can be used during the inspection process for a use and occupancy permit. Mr. Grady asked Mr. Scott about changing wording. Mr. Scott will take out “or”. Mr. Molloy amended his motion to include the revision. The motion passed 5-0.

MTF Grant Resolution- Mr. Molloy moved to approve Resolution 2021-17 to authorize the Board President and Township Manger to submit a Multimodal Transportation Fund application with the DCED for the Providence Road sidewalk project. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Plastic Bag Ban Consideration- Mr. Molloy gave information from the EAC about a plastic bag ban. He asked the Board for feedback to bring to the EAC. Mr. Garson agrees with the potential ban, but he asked what the County was doing. He also expressed concerns about targeting the small number of businesses in the Township that use plastic bags. Ms. McKenzie agreed with the idea but doesn't want to hinder business in the township. Mr. Molloy said he will report back to the EAC and bring to the August Board meeting.

E Rose Valley Trees- Mr. Molloy made a motion to amend the tree removal total cost for the East Rose Valley Walkway Project from \$8,000.00 to \$ 8,550.00. Ms. King seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

TA- DVRPC Transportation Grant Round Open- Mr. Molloy reported the grant is due October 15th with the letter of intent due August 16th. He said there is a 20% project match. He shared two potential projects were discussed last meeting: Providence Road sidewalk or the Avondale/Route 320 sidewalk. He said Mr. Grady will see which project is eligible and if Providence Road is not, then Avondale is the alternate option.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT -

Mr. Grady said there is information on the Delaware County website for vaccination options. He said the Leiper House will reopen as of August 1st and will be open every Saturday and Saturday from 1 PM – 4 PM until December. Bulk Trash drop-off event happening on 7/24. Dumpsters will be available at Hepford Park and South Media Fire Company from 10 AM- 2PM or until the dumpsters are full. He said there is an upcoming American Red Cross Blood Drive taking place at the Township Building on August 3rd from 2 PM to 7 PM. Mr. Grady reported details about APRISE program from the Senior Community Services through Delaware county.

Mr. Garson said the next meeting would be a combined meeting on August 26th. The meeting was adjourned around 9:04 PM.