

## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – August 26, 2021**

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, August 26, 2021. Combined workshop and legislative meeting.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **PRESENT:**

Commissioner McKenzie  
Commissioner O'Connor  
Commissioner Molloy  
Commissioner King  
Commissioner Cooper

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Knapp & Commissioner Garson

About 10 members of the public were in attendance. 14 of the police officers and Kim Daniel, the police secretary, were also present.

Ms. McKenzie chaired the meeting. She announced that Executive Session was held before the meeting.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Police Accreditation Announcement-**

Chief Splain announced that the Nether Providence Township Police Department received full accreditation from the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. He noted the hard work over the five-year process in becoming accredited. He gave a heartfelt thank you to the whole police department as it was a team effort. He also thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support. Springfield Police Chief Joe Daly presented the Certificate of Accreditation to the Chief Splain. State Representative Leanne Krueger, Delaware County District Attorney Jack Stollsteimer, and Ashley Dolceamore from Delco Resists all spoke to congratulate Chief Splain and the Nether Providence Police Department.

**Approval of July 22, 2021 Minutes-** Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2021 Board meeting. Mr. O'Connor seconded, and the motion passed 4-0. Mr. Cooper abstained as he was not present on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS –**

**Sean and Margaret Coughlin, 611 W. Brookhaven Road-** Ms. Coughlin asked for more information regarding the No Parking Sign on West Brookhaven Road outside of their property. They felt they had not received proper notice. Mr. O'Connor said he attempted to reach them three times by phone. Ms. Coughlin asked if a study had been performed. Mr. Grady said he could provide the information.

**SOLICITORS REPORT** – Mr. Scott had nothing to report.

**ENGINEER REPORT-** Mr. Catania said his items would be covered later in the meeting.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT-**

**Police Accreditation-** Ms. McKenzie noted this item was covered at the start of the meeting.

**PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT** – Kaitlin McKenzie

Delco Greenways Program. Ms. McKenzie reported that the grant is due September 13. She said the Board is considering two options: one for property acquisition and the other for a trail feasibility study. The study, in conjunction with neighboring municipalities, would determine the best route to connect the Leiper Smedley Trail to the proposed Circuit Route trail on Route 291 in Eddystone. She said this would be discussed more in September.

PECO Green Region Program- Ms. McKenzie said this is a \$10,000 grant opportunity. The application discussion would be covered in the September meetings.

1012 Glen Road Demolition- Ms. McKenzie said the bids came in over budget, so she made a motion to reject the bids and to rebid for the demolition of 1012 Glen Road. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

**BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT** – Max Cooper

Media Walk Escrow Release- Mr. Cooper made a motion to release an escrow for Media walk in the amount of \$4,769.13. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Wireless 5G Infrastructure Zoning- Mr. Scott discussed the new legislation from the State which permits small cell wireless facilities within public rights-of-way. He said the Township cannot prevent the installation, but it can permit it. The Township would need to amend any ordinances that would conflict with the small cell wireless act. He said he would draft an ordinance for the September meeting.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** – Kaitlin McKenzie

Police Pension Restatement- Ms. McKenzie said the Township and police union had tentatively come to an agreement, so she made a motion to advertise the ordinance for the police pension restatement. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

LST Agreement with Berkheimer- Ms. McKenzie said Mr. Scott was finding the resolutions, so the Board would revisit this momentarily.

ARA Funds- Ms. McKenzie said the American Rescue Act funds can be used for limited categories, which include sewer projects, broadband upgrades, recouping lost revenue, and contributions to small businesses and community groups. Mr. Catania created a list of 14 potentially eligible projects. Ms. McKenzie asked Mr. Grady and Mr. Catania to attempt to rank the projects from the list so the Board can make decisions at an upcoming meeting.

Budget Schedule- Ms. McKenzie asked Board to hold the dates for the upcoming budget meetings, which include most Thursdays in October and November.

Recycling Contracts- Ms. McKenzie suggested the Board discuss extending the current contracts with the recycling companies at the next meeting. Mr. Molloy thanked Mr. Grady and the EAC for gathering more information about the recycling of materials.

DVPLT- Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve purchasing back-up cameras for the Public Works Department trucks with the money from the Delaware Valley Property and Liability Trust grant in the amount of \$8,218.04. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Accident and Illness Prevention Policy- Solicitor Scott is reviewing the Policy and will have it for the next meeting.

Sale of Police Vehicles- Ms. McKenzie made a motion to authorize the sale of police vehicles #1 and #4 on GovDeals, an online bidding site. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

LST Agreement Cont.- Ms. McKenzie made a motion to adopt four resolutions:

- Designation of Berkheimer as Tax Collector for Local Services Tax
- Appointing Dave Grady as liaison for the Township
- Passing through the cost of collections to the delinquent taxpayers
- Naming Berkheimer as the hearing officer in the event of a taxpayer appeal

Mr. Cooper 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	\$63,190.53
A/P Interim	\$687,347.51
A/P Bills List	\$159,663.33
ACH Totals 1012 Glen Rd acquisition:	\$447,888.93

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

**COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT-** Stephanie King

Family Fun Day- Ms. King shared the flyer for The Township Family Fun Day on Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Strath Haven Middle School.

Bungalow at Houston Park- Ms. King reported the current tenants will be moving out at the end of September. The Board discussed options, such as renting again, demolishing, and asking sports organizations for input. The Board decided to advertise for renters and talk with the local sports organizations.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT** – Robert O’Connor

Streetlight Additions- Considerations- Mr. O’Connor reported that he met with residents on Scott Lane and Wilder Road in response to the requests for streetlights. He said he has spoken to most of the affected residents, but he still needs feedback from one or two households.

Street Restoration Standards- Mr. Catania said he proposed adding a couple of changes to the street restoration standards, including the requirement that the whole road be repaved if more than 75% of the road were impacted by the road opening. Mr. O’Connor made a motion to amend the street restorations standards as proposed by Mr. Catania. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Avondale Guiderail Repair- Mr. Grady reported the guiderail on Avondale Road needs repairs. Mr. Catania recommended an engineering study be performed before installing a new rail. Mr. O’Connor made a motion to approve an engineering study by Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$5,500. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Highway Report- Mr. O’Connor shared the Public Works Report for June, which was prepared by Public Works Director Darryl Dixon.

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE REPEORT** – Martin Molloy

E. Possum Hollow Sidewalk Project- Mr. Molloy said the Township has been communicating with the school district, and the project is expected to begin later in September.

CDBG- Mr. Molloy reported Community Development Block Grant project for the sewer relining on Pennsylvania Avenue is scheduled to begin around September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Sewer Lateral Amendment- Mr. Molloy made a motion to pass Ordinance 831, which allows the Township Manager to determine which method or combination of methods for inspection of the private sewer laterals should be used as part of the use and occupancy process. Mr. O’Connor seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

E Rose Valley Sidewalk Project- Mr. Molloy made a motion to approve the advertisement for construction bidding. Ms. King seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

TA- DVRPC Transportation Grant Round Open- Mr. Grady shared he spoke with someone at DVRPC, and they said the Providence Road project would be more favorable for the grant. He said he submitted a pre-application for the Providence Road sidewalk project.

#### **TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT** -

Mr. Grady said there is information on the Delaware County website for vaccination options. He said the Leiper House has reopened and is open every Saturday and Sunday from 1 PM to 4 PM. He said the Delaware County Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program still has funding available for those who were struggling to pay rent because of the pandemic.

Ms. McKenzie said the next meeting would be a workshop meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was adjourned around 9:03 PM.