

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – September 23, 2021

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, September 23, 2021. Legislative Meeting

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Dave Grady	Township Manager
Robert Scott	Township Solicitor (arrived during Parks and Open space)
David Fiorenza	Finance Director
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
Chief Splain	Police Chief

EXCUSED: Commissioner Molloy

No members of the public were in attendance.

Mr. Knapp chaired the meeting. He announced that Executive Session would be held after the meeting.

Approval of September 9, 2021 Minutes- Mr. Knapp made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2021 Board meeting. Mr. Cooper pointed out an error in the minutes as he noted “kratom” is the substance that is being sold along with CBD in Media Borough. Mr. Garson seconded, and the motion passed 5-0. Ms. King abstained as she was not present on September 9.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comment.

SOLICITORS REPORT – Mr. Knapp said Mr. Scott can report later when he arrives.

ENGINEER REPORT- Mr. Catania said his items would be covered later in the meeting. He added an update on the Gouley Park Streambank project. He said the project should be finished in 2-3 weeks.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT- Micah Knapp

Cameras in Parks – Policy Amendments- Mr. Knapp suggested waiting for the next meeting to discuss as he wanted all Commissioners to be present for the discussion.

Speed Humps on Vernon- Mr. Knapp shared results from a recent traffic study which showed that speeding did not appear to be an issue. Chief Splain and Mr. Knapp discussed increasing enforcement of the stop signs in that area.

Marijuana decriminalization- Mr. Grady said Mr. Scott had prepared a draft document for marijuana penalty reductions. Mr. Knapp asked the Board to review it for discussion in October.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT – Matthew Garson

PECO Green Region Program- Mr. Garson moved to adopt Resolution 2021-26 to apply for the PECO Green Region Program for Phase II of Furness Park in the amount of \$10,000 with a 50% match from the grant. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

RCAP Project Listing – Mr. Garson shared information about the State’s Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program. This grant is designed for large capital projects. Mr. Garson suggested looking at the Public Works Building. Mr.

Garson made a motion to pursue the listing of the Township building for upgrades and improvements along with the Public Works building for the RCAP grant. Ms. King seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. Commissioner Molloy arrived at this time.

1012 Glen Road Demolition- Mr. Garson made a motion to accept the low bid for the demolition and asbestos abatement at 1012 Glen Road in the amount of \$49,400 from Razzi Construction. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT – Max Cooper

Wireless 5G Infrastructure Zoning- Mr. Cooper made a motion to Adopt Ordinance 832, which adds chapter 217 “Small Wireless Facilities” to the code to allow for and regulate small wireless facilities within the public rights-of-way in the Township, per Act 50 of the State. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Marijuana Sales- Zoning locations- Mr. Cooper said there are no active marijuana dispensaries in the Township and none are currently pending. Mr. Scott said it would be difficult to regulate marijuana if it becomes legal, since cigarettes and alcohol are currently legal, but the Board could regulate within certain distances from schools. Ms. McKenzie suggested only allowing in the industrial districts. The Board is going to discuss at a future meeting.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Kaitlin McKenzie

American Rescue Act Funds- Ms. McKenzie shared a list compiled by Mr. Catania, which included pricing. Ms. McKenzie asked the Board to look closely at the list and discuss at next meeting.

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

Fire Relief Distribution Resolution- Ms. McKenzie said the Township receives Fire Relief Funds from the state and the amount needs to be split evenly between the Township’s two fire departments. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-25 where the Fire Relief Association funds of \$84,640.25 would be distributed to Garden City Fire Company in the amount of \$42,320.13 and the South Media Fire Company in the amount of \$42,320.12. Compiler’s note: a final vote was not taken.

MMO Resolution and Adoption of Assumptions- Ms. McKenzie made a motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2021-24 which says the Township has calculated its 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) in consultation with the Township’s actuary, Mockenhaupt Benefits Group, and in compliance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act, Act 205 of 1984, in the amount of \$634,485, with the funds to be allocated to the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$467,820 and the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan in the amount of \$166,665. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

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

A/P Procurement card	\$65,076.92
A/P Interim	\$51,051.91
A/P Bills List	\$82,601.13

Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT- Stephanie King

Family Fun Day- Ms. King shared the flyer for The Township’s Family Fun Day on Saturday October 2nd at Strath Haven Middle School. She also shared the volunteer Sign-up Genius link, as she mentioned the event still needed volunteers.

Halloween Competition- Ms. King shared the flyer for the 2nd annual Halloween Competition. Judging will take place the week of October 25th.

Township Map- Ms. King said the last Township map was done in 2016, and he recommended doing a new one for 2022. Mr. Grady noted that Hometown Press prints and mails newsletters along with printing of Township maps. Ms. King made a motion for Hometown Press to be the distributor of the Township maps and newsletters. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT – Robert O’Connor

Streetlight Additions- Considerations- Mr. O’Connor said he would have a conclusion for the next meeting after discussing with a few neighbors.

Leaf Collection Schedule- Mr. O’Connor shared the new 2021 Leaf collection schedule provided by the Public Works Department. The schedule can be found on the Township website and Facebook page.

INFRASTRUCTURE REPEORT – Martin Molloy

E. Possum Hollow Sidewalk Project- Mr. Molloy shared information about the project’s timeline. He also shared the detour details during the sidewalk’s construction. Traffic will only be able to travel eastbound towards the train station. Traffic traveling westbound will need to follow the detour.

Pine Ridge Road- Stormwater Sink Hole- Mr. Molloy informed the Board the sink hole from a stormwater pipe has reappeared. He said funds to repair the sink hole can come from American Rescue Act Funds. Mr. Catania is working on the plans for it.

TA- Set Aside- Additional Grant Design Costs- Mr. Grady shared that the Township would have extra costs as the grant is requiring more detailed plans from Catania for the grant. The Board was in favor of expending the funds for the extra design costs.

PennDOT Multimodal Grant Opportunity- Mr. Molloy shared the grant requires a 30% match and is due November 5th.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT -

Mr. Grady said there is information on the Delaware County website for vaccination options. He suggested residents keep checking the County website for information on booster shots. He said the County Office of Services for the Aging (COSA) is celebrating senior month in September. The census data is now available on the county website, and the Township’s population is now around 14,500. The solid waste Authority is holding a public meeting on September 30th to discuss long-term disposal options. He said to be on the lookout for the South Media Fire Company fund drive in the mail. He noted the Delaware County Health Department is established and which will mean changes for food establishment inspections, among other things. The final Household Hazardous waste event for the year will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at Upper Chichester Municipal Building at 8500 Furey Road in Upper Chichester and pre-registration is required for this event.

Mr. Knapp said the next meeting is a budget meeting on October 7th. The meeting was adjourned around 9:00 PM.