

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – October 28, 2021**

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, October 28, 2021. Legislative Meeting

**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. Garson chaired meeting until Mr. Knapp arrived

No members of the public were in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Garson made a motion to approve the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Mr. O'Connor abstained.

Mr. Garson made a motion to approve the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There was no public comment.

**Proclamation- 10/28 Hope for Hallie Teen Mental Health Awareness Day** – Mr. Garson said the Board had proclaimed October 28<sup>th</sup> as the Hope for Hallie Teen Mental Health Awareness Day, and he thanked the organization for their work in promoting teen mental health awareness in the community.

**Solicitor's Report-** Mr. Scott had nothing to report.

**Engineer's Report-** Mr. Catania reported the Gouley Park stream bank stabilization project was complete. He also reported the Garden City sanitary sewer relining project was complete.

**Public Safety-** Matthew Garson

**Marijuana decriminalization-** Mr. Garson made a motion to authorize the advertisement of a new section to Chapter 166 Minor Public Health Violations, establishing civil penalties for the possession of small amounts of marijuana as a minor public health violation. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

**Smithfield Road-** Mr. Garson said temporary "no parking" signs will be placed on one side of Smithfield Road during Strath Haven High School's home football games. He said cars had been parking on both sides of the road, which could make it difficult for vehicles or first responders to travel down the road.

**County Health Department Inspections begin in January-** Mr. Garson reported Township Health Inspector Carl Spangler will retire in January as the Delaware County Health Department will take over. Mr. Spangler served the Township for 26 years as the health inspector. Mr. Garson thanked Mr. Spangler for his years of service and wished him a happy retirement.

**Parks and Open Spaces-** Matt Garson

**Gouley Park-** Mr. Garson said the Township's scope for the demolition project had finally been approved through the State's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program. He noted the Township is collecting items for the State and will be submitting for reimbursement soon. After that, he said the Township can focus on Phase II.

Micah Knapp arrived

**Building and Zoning**- Max Cooper

Media Walk- Mr. Cooper reported Media Walk is asking for a minor adjustment to the sites of two houses where the entrances will be moved to the opposite side of the homes. Mr. Catania said it would have an insignificant impact to the stormwater management plan. Mr. Cooper moved to approve Progressive New Homes' adjustments to Lots 11 and 13. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Escrow Release for Media Walk- Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve Progressive New Homes' escrow release in the amount of \$3,871.00, per the recommendation of the Township Engineer. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

**Finance and Administration**- Kaitlin McKenzie

Police Pension Restatement- Ms. McKenzie said the Township is waiting to hear back from the FOP regarding a change proposed by the FOP counsel.

ARA Funds- Ms. McKenzie said the Board will continue considering projects for the use of the American Rescue Act Plan Funds.

Budget Review- She said the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting may not be necessary. The Township is waiting on several items before further adjustments can be made.

Warrant List-

Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the Warrant list in the amount of:

A/P Procurement Card in the amount of \$58,130.95

A/P Interim in the amount of \$194,716.28

A/P Bills list in the amount of \$448,007.36

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

**Community Enhancement**- Stephanie King

Halloween Competition- Ms. King announced the winners from the Halloween decorating contest:

1<sup>st</sup> Place- 100 Ash Road

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- 503 Scott Lane

3<sup>rd</sup> Place- 232 Grandview Road

Honorable Mentions:

611 Vernon Street

817 S. Providence Road

Ms. King congratulated the winners and thanked everyone who participated in the competition.

**Public Works**- Robert O'Connor

Streetlight Additions- Mr. O'Connor made a motion to approve the streetlight addition at the intersection of Cooper Drive and Wilder Road. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Highway Report- Mr. O'Connor shared the September report from the Public Works Department. Their work included performing leaf machine repairs, responding to emergency sewer line calls, the removal and disposal of a shed at Houston Park, and the completion of Furness Park trail repairs.

Low Volume Road Grant Application- Mr. O'Connor made a motion to approve applying for the Low Volume Road Grant program for Forrest Avenue. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

**Infrastructure**- Marty Molloy

E. Possum Hollow Sidewalk Project- Mr. Molloy explained that the sidewalk's construction is now scheduled to begin in the spring. The contractor, Road-Con, decided to delay the project's start, and the PennDOT contract allows them to do so. The Township challenged the decision unsuccessfully.

Act 537 Plan- DELCORA- Mr. Molloy said the Planning Commission had reviewed the project and did not have an official recommendation. Mr. Silverstein, who is on the Planning Commission and Environmental Advisory Committee, wrote an opinion to the Board where he expressed concerns of the environmental justice of Delcora's plan. Mr. Molloy had drafted an opinion, but after discussion, the Board decided against sending comments. The plan

will go to the DEP next, and the Board will have an opportunity to vote on the plan after the DEP review. Mr. Molloy asked the Board to be ready to vote when the time comes.

Green Light Go Program Open- Mr. Molloy said the PennDOT Green Light Go Grant program is meant for improving or adding traffic signals, and there is a 20% match requirement from the Township. Ms. McKenzie asked if they could apply for a light on Baltimore Pike and Turner Road. Mr. Grady said the Township had talked to PennDOT in the past about this, and the State was not supportive of a traffic signal at the intersection. Ms. McKenzie asked if the Township could try again and asked Mr. Grady to set up a scope meeting with PennDOT to discuss again.

**Managers Report**- Mr. Grady said the County website has information about vaccines and how to schedule shots and boosters. He said the Township will be hosting a blood Drive on December 29<sup>th</sup> from 2 PM to 7 PM, and you can sign up to donate on the Red Cross website. He said the LIHEAP Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is available to help with heating bills for the winter and to please visit <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/> for more information. He said the Community Action Agency of Delaware County has a free weatherization program for qualified applicants, and more information can be found at CAADC.org. The Shade Tree Commission will be holding a tree planting event on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM, and they will be planting 12 trees. Mr. Grady reminded residents that house numbers should be visible so that first responders can easily locate homes when responding to an emergency.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Knapp stated the next meeting will be a budget meeting on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was adjourned around 8:30 PM.