

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – November 18, 2021

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, November 18, 2021. Legislative Meeting

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Dave Grady Township Manager
Chief Splain Police Chief

EXCUSED: Commissioner Cooper & Commissioner King

Mr. Knapp chaired the meeting. He announced that Executive Session was held before the meeting.

Approval of October 21, 2021 Minutes- Mr. Knapp made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2021 Board meeting. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Mr. O'Connor abstained.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions- Mr. Knapp shared with the Board of reappointments and openings available:

Planning Commission: 1 opening
EAC: 2 openings
Shade Tree: 1 opening
Historical: 2 openings
Zoning (alternates): 2-3 openings for alternates

PUBLIC COMMENTS –No public comment present.

SOLICITORS REPORT – Mr. Scott was absent.

ENGINEER REPORT- Mr. Catania said his items would be discussed later in meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT- Micah Knapp

Marijuana decriminalization- Mr. Knapp made a motion to adopt ordinance 833 which created a new chapter, 166, of the Code of the Township called "Minor Public Health Violation", which establishes civil penalties for the possession of small amounts of marijuana as a public health violation. Mr. Knapp read the ordinance, which reduces the penalties from criminal to civil in nature. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT – Matthew Garson

Gouley Park- Mr. Garson made a motion to approve the match funding for Gouley Park (Summit Site) Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) project in the amount of \$73,935 for the demolition and improvements at the site. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

1012 Glen Rd Demo- Mr. Garson made a motion to approve the bill for M. Razzi Inc. in the amount of \$44,64.00 for the demolition of 1012 Glen Road as part of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program Grant. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT – Micah Knapp

Marijuana Sales- Zoning locations- Mr. Garson made a motion to send a draft of the marijuana sales zoning ordinance to the Planning Commission. The ordinance would establish certain definitions and further regulate the location of medical marijuana dispensaries, medical marijuana growers/processors, significant tobacco retailers, and vape shops as permitted uses in the industrial district. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Mr. Knapp was opposed.

U&O Updates- Mr. Knapp said this would be discussed at a future meeting.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Kaitlin McKenzie

Delaware Valley Trust- Ms. McKenzie made a motion to accept a 2-year agreement with Delaware Valley Health Trust. She noted the Township has been happy with the health insurance services they have provided. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Advertise 2022 Budget Ordinance- Mr. Knapp suggested the commissioners do a line-by-line review at the December 2nd budget meeting. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to advertise 2022 Budget including

General Government	\$829,021
Police	\$2,773,299
Public Safety, Health, & Welfare	\$542,654
Public Works	\$1,513,074
Culture, Recreation, & Conservation	\$211,255
Debt Service	\$560,104
Miscellaneous Expenses and Other Uses	\$1,212,794
TOTAL \$7,642,201	

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

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

A/p Card	\$55,823.82
A/P Interim	\$ 4,692.21
Bills	\$ 591,945.92

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

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT- Micah Knapp

CDBG Hearing on December 9, 2021 – Mr. Knapp said the Township would be holding a hearing on December 9th at 7:30 PM for public input regarding the 2022 Community Development Block Grant program. The CDBG program can only serve areas of low-moderate income, and the Garden City Manor section of the Township is the only area that qualified. Improvements can be structural, such as sewer line work, road work, or drainage, or they can be for parks improvements. Last year, the Township applied for improvements for Hepford Park, but the Township was not awarded the funding.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT – Robert O’Connor

Highway Report- Mr. O’Connor shared highway report which included:

- Leaf collection schedule started
- Completed traffic garden on Springhaven
- Completed painting of crosswalks & stop bars
- Installed silt socks in Furness to help prevent water from washing the path away. Also did other minor repairs to the path. Repair work to the Bungalow.
- Normal Township maintenance activities (roads, sewers, etc.)

Yard Waste Hours- Mr. O’Connor said the Township reached out to Swarthmore to get some info. Their yard waste hauler is B&L, and it costs about \$36K a year for a twice a month borough-wide collection. In addition to the \$36K labor costs, they spend about \$15-20K on yard waste disposal. We’ve also reached out to Rose Valley about it, and their manager said she’d discuss with their Board to see if there would be interest in joining together.

INFRASTRUCTURE REPEORT – Martin Molloy

Green Light Go Program Open- Mr. Molloy reported the grant cannot be used for the Turner and Baltimore pike traffic signal. He said another program might be used for this location- Automated Red Light. He said this location remains a high priority.

Transportation Capital Budget Project Itemization Bill- Mr. Molloy shared information on the updated Bill from Harrisburg. The Pennsylvania House of Representatives Transportation Committee is planning to consider the Transportation Capital Budget Project Itemization Bill for bridges on highways and over railroads later this session. Act 127 of 2014 was the last time the General Assembly enacted an itemized bridge project authorization bill, and a new bill is needed to update the current list of authorized bridge projects. Legislative authorization is only the first step in a long process for a bridge project to be undertaken. This authorization does not appropriate funding, provide for actual spending, alter or create any budgets or adjust or increase any taxes. This legislation simply permits the expenditure of state capital funding within existing budgets for an itemized project once it is ready to proceed. Once legislative authorization is granted, a bridge project must then be programmed and approved by the local Metropolitan Planning Organization (the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission in our region) and the State Transportation Commission through the Twelve-Year Transportation Program. For a bridge project to be itemized under this bill, it must be a locally-owned or state-owned bridge, be at least 20 feet in length, and be over \$300,000 in estimated project costs. The Board decided to make the program aware of bridge and pedestrian improvements to Wallingford Road and Providence Road.

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. Also, Delaware County is offering a pediatric vaccine clinic for children ages 5-11. The Red Cross Blood Drive is being held at the Township building on 12/29, and donors can register online. A tree planting event will happen at Martha Burton Park and Sapovits park on 11/20 at 10:00 AM to plant 12 trees. The Township Administration Building is a drop-off site for the Media Food Bank throughout the holiday season, and so far over 100 items have been collected. Mr. Grady said there was a change to the next EAC meeting date, which would be December 15th at 6 PM.

Mr. Knapp said the next meeting is a budget meeting on December 2nd. The meeting was adjourned around 8:30 PM.