

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – November 11, 2021

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, November 11, 2021. Legislative Meeting.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner Garson
Commissioner Cooper
Commissioner King
Commissioner Molloy

ALSO PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner McKenzie & Commissioner O' Connor

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

Approval of October 28, 2021 Minutes- Mr. Knapp made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2021 Board meeting. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Swearing in of Officer Michael Dolan-

Chief Splain introduced Judge Gallagher to swear in Officer Michael Dolan. Mr. Knapp and Chief Splain welcomed Mr. Dolan to the Nether Providence Police Department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Jeremy Rosenburg- Dogwood Lane: Mr. Rosenburg thanked the Board and Township for fixing the speed bumps on Plush Mill Rd.

SOLICITORS REPORT – Mr. Scott said the items would be covered later in the meeting.

ENGINEER REPORT- Mr. Catania was excused from the meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT- Micah Knapp

Approval of hiring PT Officer- Mr. Knapp made a motion to approve the hiring of part-time officer Michael Dolan. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Marijuana decriminalization- Mr. Knapp reported the ordinance had been advertised and would be ready to vote on at the next Board meeting.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT – Matthew Garson

Welcome sign- Mr. Garson asked Board to discuss locations for another Township welcome sign. After discussion about a few locations, Mr. Knapp asked Mr. Grady to ask Public Works to review the location of Providence Road near Irving Road for a welcome sign.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT – Max Cooper

November Zoning Hearing Board agenda- Mr. Cooper provided the agenda for the upcoming Zoning Hearing Board meeting. He said the only item on the agenda was 4 Bullens Lane, who is requesting a special exception under Section 300-8.H(1)(a) to allow a home professional office at the site.

Escrow Release for Media Walk- Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve the release of an escrow based on the recommendation for approval of the Township Engineer in the amount of \$21,819.80 to Progressive New Homes. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Marijuana Sales- Zoning locations- Mr. Cooper asked the Board to review the draft of the marijuana sales zoning restriction, which had been drafted by Solicitor Scott. The ordinance would amend the zoning ordinance by establishing certain definitions and further regulating the location of medical marijuana dispensaries, medical marijuana growers/processors, significant tobacco retailers, and vape shops as permitted uses in the industrial district. Mr. Knapp noted this would not affect preexisting uses or nonconforming uses, and it would not impact PantryOne. Mr. Knapp said he had concerns and would not vote for the ordinance. The Board agreed to have the Planning Commission review the ordinance.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Micah Knapp

SpyGlass Telecom Audit Approval- Mr. Knapp said SpyGlass performs telecommunications audits for entities to determine if there are potential savings in the telecommunications contracts, and their fees are based on the amount of savings found. Mr. Knapp made a motion to approve retaining SpyGlass to do an audit on all telecommunications for the Township. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Police Vehicle Sale Approval- Mr. Knapp made a motion to approve the sale of a 2016 Dodge charger in the amount of \$13,800.00. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

First Reading of Proposed 2022 Budget- Mr. Knapp read the first Proposed budget for 2022.

General Government	\$852,793.00
Police	\$2,892,993.00
Public Safety & Health	\$531,964.00
Public Works Dept	\$1,435,553.00
Recreation & Culture	\$ 216,214.00
Debt	\$ 524,098.00
Misc.	\$ 1,409,061.00
Total	\$ 7,862,676.00

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT- Stephanie King

CDBG Hearing on December 9, 2021- Ms. King announced there would be a public input hearing on December 9th at 7:30 PM for those who wish to share input towards the Township's Community Development Block Grant application.

General Code-Code update- Ms. King made a motion to approve the reprint of the Township Code book onto 8 ½" x11" paper at a cost of \$1,290. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Mr. Knapp took a moment to recognize Veteran's Day. He thanked all Veterans for their service.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT – Micah Knapp

Yard Waste Hours- Mr. Molloy shared concerns he had received from residents concerning the yard waste drop off hours and the pick-up list which would frequently be filled to capacity. It was noted that the Public Works yard is only open on Monday and Tuesday mornings and the first Saturday of the month because it is necessary for a Public Works employee to monitor the drop-off. Micah shared the Township's insurance company expressed concerns about having the public enter the Public Works Facility due to the heavy equipment at the site. Mr. Molloy asked about getting bids for an outside company to do the service. The Board asked Mr. Grady to gather information about what other municipalities do and to see if Rose Valley would be interested in joining.

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 the Board will continue to research other grants that could be used for this intersection.

Turner Rd/Knoll Rd- Mr. Molloy said the Township had reached out to PennDOT earlier in the year to ask them for a safety review of Turner Road and Knoll Road, as a number of accidents had occurred at the curve near the intersection. PennDOT agreed to add more signage in the area. Mr. Molloy said the Township will continue to ask PennDOT to review for additional safety options, such as high friction pavement.

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, and he said the info is available on the County's website. He said the Delco Wellness line is now open 484-276-2100. You can call or email delcowellness@co.delaware for Covid information and wellness resources available. He noted the Red Cross would be holding a Blood Drive at the Township Building on 12/29, and you can register online. He said the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program is now open and to call 1-866-857-7095 or apply at compass.state.pa.us. A tree planting event will happen at Martha Burton Park and Sapovits park on November 20th at 10:00 AM to plant 12 trees. He said the Township Building is a drop-off site for the Media food bank throughout the holiday season. He said there are two EAC meeting schedule changes: meetings will be held 11/17 at 7 PM and 12/15 at 6 PM. He thanked the Veterans, including Commissioner Cooper, for their service to the country.

Mr. Knapp said the next meeting is a budget meeting on November 18th. The meeting was adjourned around 9:00 PM.