

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – June 9, 2022

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, June 9, 2022. Workshop Meeting.

### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT:

Commissioner Knapp  
Commissioner McKenzie  
Commissioner Barnes  
Commissioner Garson  
Commissioner Cooper  
Commissioner Knapp  
Commissioner Molloy

#### ALSO PRESENT:

Dave Grady	Township Manager
Robert Scott	Township Solicitor
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
Chief Splain	Police Chief

Excused: Commissioner O'Connor

About 30 members of the public were in attendance.

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

**Swearing in of Officer Michael Dolan** – Chief Splain introduced Officer Dolan, and explained Officer Dolan is being promoted from a part-time to a full-time officer. Judge George Dawson swore in Officer Dolan, whose family was present. His swearing in was met with a round of applause. The Board of Commissioners congratulated Officer Dolan in his promotion.

**Recognition of Officer Michael Coverdale**- Mr. Garson thanked officer Coverdale for his 8 years of service to the Township, and he wished him luck in his move to Florida.

Mr. Garson thanked Chief Splain and the Police Department for their assistance with coordinating the Strath Haven High School car parade for the seniors.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – No public comment.

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

**ENGINEER REPORT**- Mr. Catania said an updated stop sign survey at Hastings and Beech street will be ready at the next meeting.

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT**- Max Cooper

**Municipal Assistance Program Grant – Comprehensive Planning**- Mr. Cooper explained that this is a grant program through the Department of Community and Economic Development that could cover 50% of the costs of a comprehensive plan. The Township did a rough budget of \$20,000, and we are asking for a \$10,000 grant. Mr. Cooper made a motion to adopt Resolution number 2022-16. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

**PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT** – Matthew Garson

Love our Parks – June Parks Commission Events – Mr. Garson said Furness Park has an event scheduled for this Saturday from 9 AM to noon. There will be vegetative cleanups and weeding. There also will be activities for kids, including a scavenger hunt. A sponsor is providing refreshments. Other activities are being planned for later in the month in other parks.

Hepford Movie Night – He said the Township will be hosting a movie night at 7 PM at Hepford Park on July 9th. The fire companies will be in attendance to help raise funds and share educational materials. There will be snacks like popcorn and ice cream. The Sandlot will be shown. There is no cost to attend, and he said there is a good chance that the new Hepford playground will be ready for use.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT-** Micah Knapp

ARLE Program Grant Request – Turner and Baltimore Pike – Resolution to Apply – Mr. Knapp said there have been many discussions over the years about adding a traffic signal at the intersection of Baltimore Pike and Turner Road due to concerns about traffic turning left from Turner Road onto Baltimore Pike and the high rate of speed in the area. PennDOT reviewed a request a few years ago and suggested that the signal would not receive PennDOT’s support, and instead suggested banning a left turn. The concern with doing so is that traffic would be rerouted through the Grandview neighborhood. It seems like there may be interest from the Board in exploring it again and asking for the support of our State Representative and State Senator. The project is expected to cost in the range of \$535,000 and there is no match. The grant is due June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Knapp made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to apply with Resolution number 2022-12. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

E. Rose Valley Rd and Avondale Rd intersection – PennDOT Review – He said the Township received a request from a resident, through Rep. Krueger’s office, to review the intersection of East Rose Valley Road and Avondale Road. The request was for a three-way stop at the intersection. Currently, traffic heading westbound on East Rose Valley/Yale does not need to stop. Traffic heading eastbound on East Rose Valley only stops if turning left onto Avondale. All traffic on Avondale stops at the intersection. Rep. Krueger’s office said they would support any request for a review from the Township. Mr. Cooper asked to combine the pedestrian feasibility in this. The Board and Mr. Catania agreed with asking for the review.

Ratify Stantec Engineering Agreement for Providence Rd. ROW acquisition – The Board approved engaging Stantec Engineering to perform right-of-way acquisition for Providence Road. Solicitor Scott had some amendments and has been working with Stantec with those changes. Mr. Knapp made a motion to ratify the agreement from Stantec, contingent upon Stantec accepting Mr. Scott’s changes. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Engineering Design for Providence Road – Mr. Knapp said the Township is considering options for the engineering design for the recently awarded Transportation Alternative Program grant. For consistency with the rest of the Providence Road sidewalk design, and because the Township has had a good experience with Traffic Planning and Design (TPD) Inc., the Township is waiting for a proposal from TPD.

Fire Relief Audit – Garden City Fire Co – Mr. Knapp said the Auditor General recently completed its three-year audit of the Garden City Fire Company’s Fire Relief Association Funds. There was one finding regarding three undocumented expenses, totaling \$785, from 2018. The Fire Company reimbursed the Relief Association for the \$785, which works out to be 0.5% of the \$149K that they received. Yesterday, a Daily Times story noted there were “problems” with the audit, but it did not provide the context for the materiality of those problems. Based on the materiality of the undocumented expenses, and after discussions with Chief O’Rourke and President DiDomenico, the Township does not have any concerns with the findings.

### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** – Kaitlin McKenzie

Board Room Floor Work – ARPA Funds – Ms. McKenzie said the Township received two quotes for work on the Board room floors. One was \$7,500, and the other was \$3,000. The work would cover the floor upstairs and the stairs. She recommended accepting the \$3,000 quote from Mr. Sandless. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to accept the Mr. Sandless quote in the amount of \$3,000. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

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

P-Card	\$31,096.43
Interim	\$135,612.53
A/P	\$603,459.54

Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

### **COMMUNITY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT-** Shaina Barnes

2022 Summer Camp Registration Open – Ms. Barnes said camp registration is nearly full. Camp begins the week of June 27th, and runs for five weeks, Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 AM to noon.

Bird Town USA Resolution – She said the Board approved applying for this at the last meeting but was not aware that a resolution was needed. Ms. Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution to adopt initiatives to be recognized as a Pennsylvania Audubon council bird town Pennsylvania “Bird Town”. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT** – Matthew Garson

Speed Humps on Putnam Blvd – Mr. Garson said this topic will be discussed at next meeting when Mr. O’Connor is back.

Putnam Blvd Streetlight Request- Mr. Garson said the utilities have to be located before the quote can be finalized. Public Works has been researching this, and more information should be available at the next meeting.

Surrey Rd Streetlight Request- Mr. Garson said the Township received a couple of responses at this point. The Board decided to wait on a decision until more responses are received.

Pine Ridge Streetlight Request- Mr. Garson said there was talk about the need to fix a sink hole, caused by a failing storm sewer pipe. This could be paid through ARPA funds. The cost estimate was around \$100K, but the lowest bid was \$279,400 and the highest was \$732,715. Mr. Catania recommended rejecting the bids so that the project can be reevaluated. Mr. Garson made a motion to reject the bids. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Sewer Work- Black Rock Park (NP-owned sewer) – Mr. Garson said there is a Township-owned manhole in Ridley Township’s Black Rock Park. The manhole has become clogged with debris. The scope of the work is beyond what Public Works can do. Darryl obtained a quote from MOR Construction in the amount of \$8,800. This expense could come from the sewer capital fund, which has a healthy balance. Mr. Garson made a motion to accept the quote from MOR Construction in the amount of \$8,800. Mr. Molloy seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Possum Hollow Guiderail- Mr. Garson said East Possum Hollow is being resurfaced. The milling was completed Thursday, base repair will take place on Friday, and the paving will happen on Monday. The guiderail will be installed on Wednesday, and the road should be open to two-way traffic by the end of the week of the 13<sup>th</sup>. Regarding the guiderail, it appears there is a project savings of \$85,000, which is reduced by \$5,000 for inlet box work, and \$70,000 from the road resurfacing. Additionally, there was guiderail that was purchased and customized for the project, but about 200 linear feet of it was not needed. The supplier will not accept the return since it was customized. The cost is about \$16,000 for the guiderail, so after the remaining savings, it would leave about \$6,200 that the Township would need to pay for out of pocket for the additional guiderail. It can be saved for the future in case the guiderail on Possum Hollow gets damaged. The Township also can explore using it along Avondale Road. Mr. Garson made a motion to approve an expenditure up to \$6,200 for the additional guiderail from East Possum Hollow Road. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

### **BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT** – Marty Molloy

Fencing Regulations – Amendment Consideration for outward-facing requirements – Ms. McKenzie said the fence regulations currently read: “Fences and walls must have the finished side facing out toward the adjacent property or right-of-way.” The concept of “finished side” is not defined, and there have been questions about post and rail fences that have chicken wire/ chain links on them, and which side of the fence it should be on. The Board discussed clarifying the ordinance. The Board asked Mr. Grady to ask other Townships what their fence requirements are.

R5-B Zoning Amendment- Mr. Molloy said a Public Hearing and Ordinance Adoption will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup>, and this is the zoning amendment that would allow townhomes in the R5-B zoning district.

### **TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT** – David Grady

Mr. Grady said PennDOT is paving Baltimore Pike and Crum Creek Road throughout the summer months. He said the 2022 Farmer’s Market Nutrition Program is available to provide eligible Delaware County seniors with fresh fruits and vegetables from local Farmers Markets. Eligibility for \$24 worth of vouchers per person. For general program information, call (610) 497-3550. This program is sponsored by the PA Department of Agriculture. Mr. Grady said that in July of 2022, the “988 Direct Line for Suicide Prevention and Crisis Support” hotline would be implemented. People who call, text, or chat with 988 will be connected to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The existing Lifeline phone number (1-800-273-8255) will remain available.

Mr. Garson said the next meeting is a combined meeting July 14th. The meeting was adjourned around 9:00 PM.