

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – October 10, 2024**

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, October 10, 2024—Committee Meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:

Commissioner McKenzie  
Commissioner Barnes  
Commissioner Garson  
Commissioner Carbone  
Commissioner O'Connor  
Commissioner Henry  
Commissioner Cooper

ALSO PRESENT:

Dave Splain	Police Chief
Maureen Feyas	Assistant Manager
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
Robert Scott	Township Solicitor

1 member of the public were in attendance.

Ms. McKenzie chaired the meeting. She announced that the Executive Session would be held after the public meeting.

**Appointment of Township Manager:** Ms. McKenzie made a motion to appoint Maureen Feyas as Township Manager. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 7-0. She also informed everyone that the new Assistant Township Manager Caity Kenedy will start November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Committee Openings- Parks, Shade Tree, and EAC**

Ms. McKenzie made a motion to appoint Jennifer Ashbrook to the EAC. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

**Approval of Minutes-** Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the September 26th minutes. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which, passed 7-0

**SOLICITORS REPORT** – None

**ENGINEER REPORT-** Mr. Catania said the base to street repaving will start October 21<sup>st</sup> for those street that were torn up from Aqua work. Parts of Avondale, and Sykes.

**Government Relations Report-** Max Cooper

**Parks & Open Space Committee-** Beth Henry

**Turf field rental and fee** – Mrs. Henry asked Board members to look in the shared folder and review the draft.

**Public Safety Committee Report** – Matthew Garson

**Local Share Account grant applications due Nov 30<sup>th</sup>** – The Chief is writing up a proposal summary. Vote on at the next meeting.

**Resolution 2024 Volunteer Fire Relief Allocation -** Mr. Garson made a motion to adopt resolution 2024-14 for Volunteer Fire Relief Association Funds for \$112,303.91. Allocate the Fire Relief Association Funds as follows: Garden City Fire Company \$56,151.96 and South Media Fire Company \$56,151.95. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

**Community, Health, and Environment Report** – Shaina Barnes

Family Day – October 12 – noon – 3 rain date Oct 13. She said our annual 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Fun Day is coming up on October 12<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3. There will be a rain date for October 13<sup>th</sup> if necessary. We will have food options, games, a petting zoo, police, fire trucks, and more. Admission is free as well as most activities. We need volunteers to assist in running the games! The sign-up list is on the Township website and Facebook page.

Curbside leaf collection- Mrs. Barnes said Curbside leaf collection will begin the week of October 14 for wards 2, 3, & 4. The week of October 28<sup>th</sup> for wards 1, 5, 6, & 7. Residents are asked to please keep the leaves off the roads and on the edge of their lawns to not clog the storm drains. Please make piles as long as you can along your front yard. The schedule is available on the Township website and Facebook page

2025 Recycling Contract- She said our recycling contract with B & L expired at the end of 2024. Currently, the rate is \$78.34 per household. We have the option to extend the contract for another year at \$92.58 per household. The board can vote to accept the one-year option or put this out to bid. Ms. McKenzie made a motion for the Township Manager to go out to bid for the 2025 recycling contract pending review by the manager and solicitor. Mrs. Henry seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

**Finance and Administration Committee Report** by Kaitlin McKenzie

General Municipal Pension State Aid allocation & resolution – She said the 2024 Commonwealth General Municipal Pension System State Aid was awarded \$251,622.21. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-18 regarding Municipal Minimum Obligation for Year 2024, prepared by the Township’s actuary, Mockenhaupt Benefits Group, the funds are to be allocated as follows: Police Pension Plan \$176,163.55 & Non-Uniformed Pension Plan \$75,498.65. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed 7-0.

Resolution Pension Plan trustees and signers- Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-15 acknowledging the trustees of the employee pension plan and police pension plan. To remove David Grady; retain Kaitlin McKenzie, President of the Board of Commissioners; and add Maureen Feyas, Township Manager, as authorized trustees and signers for the employee pension plan and police pension plans. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Resolution Computershare signatures- Ms. McKenzie Made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-16 for the Township to use the services of Computershare for debt service and life insurance. Township Manager, Maureen Feyas, and the President of the Board of Commissioners, Kaitlin McKenzie, are hereby authorized to sign checks and conduct business on behalf of the Township for Computershare matters. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Budget – Public Works – 2025 Draft Budget-

Ms. McKenzie Highlighted a couple of line items for the rest of the Board to take a deeper look into for the next meeting including:

- MMO’s- Uniformed- options were discussed
- Full-time salaries
- Repairs to Township building HVAC
- Overtime for the Police Department
- Union Salaries
- Insurance

She said the largest increase was the MMO and asked Mr. Scott and Maureen to get more information on this and the others mentioned. She opened a discussion on Funded Org mainly South Media Fire Company with the request for new ambulance equipment. This will be discussed in more depth at the next meeting.

**Infrastructure and Public Works Committee** – Robert O’Connor

**Building and Zoning Committee Report-** Candice Carbone

**INTERIM TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT** – Maureen Feyas

Ms. Feyas noted the next Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off is Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Upper Chichester Municipal Building located on Furry Rd, Upper Chichester. Registration is open. Bulk Trash event on October 19<sup>th</sup> in 2 locations. Hepfrod Park and Media Fure Company.

Ms. McKenzie said the next meeting is on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The meeting was adjourned around 8:30 PM.