

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – September 26, 2024

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, September 26, 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

10 members of the public were in attendance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Burton asked if there is a video recording at Sapovits basketball courts for some vandalism that took place. Bleachers were bent, netting burned, etc. Chief said to give him the day and time and he will investigate.

James Mason: Wanted to thank the Board for everything they are doing at the lower part of Sapovits. The community is very excited about the softball field.

Funded Organizations:

Helen Kate Furness Library:

Library visits We expect to see over 38,000 visitors this year, which demonstrates a consistent growth rate of about 16%. Programs, Since January, we've offered 207 programs for all ages, engaging 4,582 people - a 22% increase as compared to last year. Maintaining Facility, Repaired roof and flashing on the original room of the library to prevent further water damage. New: We plan to invest in energy efficient lighting through PECO's LED rebate program. Project anticipated for last quarter of 2024. circulation We expect to circulate about 125,000 physical and digital items this year - a 12% increase over 2023. New: We launched our Library of Things, offering over 50 unique, nontraditional items that can be borrowed. This was funded entirely by a grant and individual community donations. Since March, these items have been checked out over 300 times. fundraising & finances Since January, we've offered 207 programs for all ages, engaging 4,582 people - a 22% increase as compared to last year. 2022: 3,903 attendees 2023: 6,125 attendees 2024: 7,350 expected attendees programs Year to date fundraising: \$84,042 Grants: \$2,000 Upcoming event: Our annual Well Red Fundraiser on November 9th at 7pm New: We participated in DelcoGives Day and ranked 1st on the small organization leaderboard and 11th overall in total funds raised. Our fundraising efforts also earned us an additional \$7,277 in bonus funds. Our people Repaired roof and flashing on the original room of the library to prevent further water damage. New: We plan to invest in energy efficient lighting through PECO's LED rebate program. Project anticipated for last quarter of 2024. Staff: 4.6 full-time equivalents Board: A working board with 20 members Volunteers: 57 volunteers who have collectively donated 2,709 hours to the library so far this year. for 2025, we request \$177,000 Our

overall expenses are projected to increase by 5% in 2025 due to growth in our usage, programs, and services. We are requesting a 3.5% increase in funding to support this growth.

South Media Fire Company:

Repairs made this year were the front apron, repaved parking lot, and replacing all interior lights in the company. Kept expenses in line for the year. Truck maintenance is the most significant increase. Fundraising includes partnering with Providence Animal Shelter. The annual fundraising is mailed out to the residents. Always looking for recruits. Within the high school and having tables at local events. Ms. McKenzie asked about the 2023 Audit General Report which had flagged a finding. Mr. Hopkins said they needed to add a signature of the treasure to the investment account. Ms. McKenzie asked if the finding was fixed last year or this year. Mr. Hopkins said they fixed the finding almost immediately and sent in documentation for adding the signature. Ms. McKenzie asked them to forward the documentation to Solicitor Scott.

Committee Openings- Parks, Shade Tree, and EAC

Ms. McKenzie reminded the board they had been emailed a list of committees opening with a description. She asked everyone to please share the information with their ward.

Approval of Minutes- Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the August 8th and the September 12th minutes. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which, passed 7-0

SOLICITORS REPORT – None

ENGINEER REPORT- None

Government Relations Report- Max Cooper

License Agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Nether Providence Township for the existing Air Monitoring Station. Mr. Cooper said the Township has an air monitoring station located in a secured, caged area on the property. This station is part of an annual agreement between Nether Providence Township and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP). A copy of the current agreement has been submitted to Bob Scott for his legal review. Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve the License Agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Nether Providence Township for the existing Air Monitoring Station to continue the air monitor station. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Parks & Open Space Committee- Beth Henry

Turf field rental and fee- Mrs. Henry said Maureen reached out to members of the COG to see what others were charging for turf field usage. The descriptions or entities were a little different, but the pricing was around the same. Pricing, numbers of people, and organization. Discussion of allowing outside organizations to use Township fields. The BOC agreed to wait on opening up the field for use beyond the two Athletic Associations until later in the Fall and when the work has been completed.

Regarding the Turf Use policy, Mrs. Henry directed the BOC to the draft document on OneDrive and asked for suggestions to this wording.

Public Safety Committee Report – Matthew Garson

Potential ordinance for regulation of domestic animals-

Mr. Garson said there has been some discussion on crafting an ordinance regulating domestic animals. Bob Scott has drafted a preliminary ordinance for the board to review. Discuss later in the Fall.

Potential ordinance regarding parking and storage of vehicles- He said a potential ordinance regarding parking and storage of vehicles in the rear yard, not on a hardened paved surface. The board had discussed this at the last meeting. Bring Bob Scott into the discussion next meeting.

2024 Volunteer Fire Relief Allocation- He said the Township was awarded \$112,303.91 in state aid from the Volunteer Fire Relief Association. This money was received on September 18th. The Township must award the funds to the fire companies no later than November 17, 2024. Mr. Garson made a motion to split 50/50 between

the two fire companies for \$112,303.91 subject to South Media providing evidence of the amended audit finding. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Finance and Administration Committee Report by Kaitlin McKenzie

Review Mockenhaupt Police and Non-Uniform MMO- Ms. McKenzie made a motion to adopt the uniform MMO for \$705,753 and the Non- uniform MMO for \$ 114,813. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

General Municipal Pension State Aid- The 2024 Commonwealth General Municipal Pension System State Aid was awarded in the amount of \$251,622.21. These funds must be distributed by Friday, October 25th. Vote on the next meeting.

Budget Funded Organizations – Ms. McKenzie shared what the funded organizations were asking for this year.

- Helen Kate Furness Library- \$177,000 a 6k increase from last year
- NPAA- None
- NPAA Wrestling- \$6,000 a \$2,000 increase from last year
- South Media Fire House- \$72,000 a \$6,000 increase from last year
- Garden City Fire House- \$72,000 a \$6,000 increase from last year

She asked Board members to look at the numbers and voting will happen at the next meeting.

Community, Health, and Environment Report – Shaina Barnes

Family Day – October 12 – noon – 3 rain date Oct 13. She said our annual 12th Annual Family Fun Day is coming up on October 12th from noon to 3. There will be a rain date for October 13th 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 the Curbside leaf collection will begin the week of October 14 for wards 2, 3, & 4. The week of October 28th 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.

Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – Robert O’Connor

Review of a change order for asphalt parking lot area – He said the public works department has asked to resurface the yellow and blue areas on the map enclosed. Charles, Bob Linn, and Maureen visited the site, it was determined that the blue concrete area should remain. The yellow-shaded area should be considered. We received a quote from LJ Paoella Construction to furnish and install all necessary labor, material, and equipment to mill and overlay 10,000 sf of 1.5” mill and 1.5” of asphalt top for \$36,038.72. Mr. O’Connor made a motion to approve the change order for the asphalt parking lot repaving. Mrs. Barnes seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. (Ms. McKenzie stepped out for a minute)

Building and Zoning Committee Report- Candice Carbone

Planning Commission- Meeting Monday, October 7th at 7:30 pm. A proposed lot line revision for #5 & #10 Allen Street, Media

INTERIM TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT – Maureen Feyas

Ms. Feyas noted the next Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off is Saturday, October 12th at the Upper Chichester Municipal Building located on Furry Rd, Upper Chichester. Registration is open. Bulk Trash event on October 19th in 2 locations. Hepfrod Park and Media Fure Company. Bird Town events- annual Media Eco Fest (Saturday, September 28th, 10 am–2 pm at Heritage Park, 5th & Broomall Streets, Media and Birding at the Harvey Run Trail Sunday, October 13 .

Budget timeline: October 10th is the next budget meeting.

Ms. McKenzie said the next meeting is on October 10th, 2024. The meeting was adjourned around 8:30 PM.