

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – October 24, 2024**

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, October 24, 2024—Committee Meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:

Commissioner Barnes  
Commissioner Garson  
Commissioner Carbone  
Commissioner O’Connor  
Commissioner Henry

ALSO PRESENT:

Dave Splain                      Police Chief  
Maureen Feyas                Township Manager  
Robert Scott     (Late)    Township Solicitor

EXCUSED:

Commissioner McKenzie  
Commissioner Cooper  
Commissioner Carbone

No member of the public was in attendance.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Approval of Minutes-** Mr. Garson made a motion to approve the October 10th minutes. Mrs. Henry seconded the motion which, passed 4-0

**SOLICITORS REPORT** – None

**ENGINEER REPORT-** None

**Government Relations Report-** Matthew Garson

Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement for Fire and EMS study with Swarthmore Borough. Mr. Garson said Nether Providence Township is partnering with Swarthmore Borough to conduct a joint Fire and EMS service study. The parties wish to retain A.J. McCarthy, Pennsylvania Director of the International Association of Fire Chiefs – Eastern Division, jointly with Emergency Vehicle Response (“EVR”), a consulting company to conduct the Service Study. Mr. Garson made a motion to accept the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement for the Fire and EMS study with Swarthmore Borough. Mrs. Henry seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

**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 are due Nov 30<sup>th</sup> – Mr. Garson said the Chief is writing up a proposal summary. Vote on at the next meeting. The Nether Providence Township Police Department is requesting Local Law Enforcement Funds to purchase six License Plate Recognition (LPR) police cameras from Costars PLATELOGIQ utilizing VIPER software. PLATELOGIQ operates the largest stationary LPR in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with over 830 cameras collecting over 22 million plate reads per week from more than 465 agencies. Grant

applications are due November 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Garson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-19 whereas the Nether Providence Township Police Department applied for a statewide Local Share Grant for \$115,000 for license plate recognition cameras. Mrs. Henry seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

**Finance and Administration Committee Report** by Matthew Garson

Bills List- Mr. Garson made a motion to approve the Bills List:

A/P Bills Amount \$543,144.73

AP Interim \$1,269,811.36

A/P Card \$57,394.13

Mrs. Henry seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Budget Update-

Mr. Garson said the current draft of the budget has a projected 5.96% tax increase. Which they are working on decreasing. All fixed numbers have been entered into the budget. Waiting on the recycling and sewer numbers.

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

Family Day – Thank you to our Public Works Department for setting up and breaking down all the games/activities.

- Thank you to all of our community volunteers who help run the games
- Thank you to DELCO Storm Cheerleading who has their girls monitoring several games
- Thank you to all of our vendors
- Thank you to all of our donors

Brookhaven Auto Wash & Detail Center

William E Howe & Co, CPA's

Steve Luongo's Towing

Victoria Sheridan & Jessica Mudrick Team

Steve Luongo's Towing

Apex Cleaners

GO2Tech

Cirili Associates Inc

State Rep Leanne Krueger

Community Arts Center

Albert Federico Consulting

Dunlap SLK CPAs

Kevin Crowley GC?BLDR

Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd

ASD - Answering Service for Directors

CBIZ

Law Offices of Robert W Scott

Tancredi's Auto Repair

Catania Engineering

Curbside leaf collection- Mrs. Barnes said Curbside leaf collection 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. The recycling contract with B & L, expiring at the end of 2024, offers two choices for the Board: Extend the current contract: The rate will increase from \$78.34 to \$92.58 per household for one additional year. Mrs. Barnes made a motion to extend the recycling contract with B& L at \$92.58 per household. Mrs. Henry seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Extreme Dry Weather Notice from Fire Marshal -Due to the extremely dry Weather, the Fire Marshal has ordered, in addition to the No Open Burning ordinance there will be a ban on any type of burning outdoors, including fire pits, outdoor fireplaces, and Chiminea until further notice

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

Review of drainage pit for public works parking lot- He said at the last meeting, the Board approved a change order to asphalt the parking lot area at the public works garage. However, after further review, it was determined that the existing grades are too flat to allow for proper drainage. To address this, it was recommended to install an inlet box and connect it to the main drain. We have received three proposals for the drain installation, with Lanzetta Landscaping submitting the lowest bid of \$10,850.00. Mr. O’Connor made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Lanzetta Landscaping for \$10,850.00. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Henry Lane Bid Opening results He said the Township received 13 bids and the low bid was from N Abbonizio Inc in the amount of \$558,535.00. The H2O Pa grant covers \$450,225. There was \$157,302 in ARPA funds allocated for this project. This grant contract is from December 19, 2023 – September 30, 2026. The board will vote on at the next meeting.

Replacement of township generator- Mr. O’Connor said there is a gas leak coming from in between the starter and engine. It could be a bad gasket or a cracked engine block that is causing the leak. The generator is currently out of service. To replace the gasket is estimated \$8,000, if the engine block is cracked it will be about \$4,000. The generator is around 10- years old and is close to hitting its hours used lifespan. Carl’s recommendation would be to replace the generator. To replace the generator \$28,130.00 plus the cost to replace the concrete pad. The board asked Maureen to get quotes from CoStar companies.

Public Works Department update: He said John Ellis is working on mapping the difficult sewer lines. 25% throughout the process, which should be completed in early February. Catania Engineering has a mapping system once John gets the GPS coordinates. They said because of the aging systems they are doing reactive repairs instead of preemptive. Asking for two more employees for the workload. Asking for a new sewer truck to better service township sewers. Lastly a camera.

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

None

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT** – Maureen Feyas

Ms. Feyas noted the Electronics/Shredding Event on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Strath Haven High School Brookhaven parking lot. A list of what is accepted and what has a cost can be found on the Township website and Facebook. The Leiper trail was finished and re-opened for use.

Mr. Garson said the next meeting is on November 7th, 2024. The meeting was adjourned around 8:00 PM.