

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP – July 24th, 2025

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, July 24th, 2025.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Maureen Feyas	Township Manager
Caity Kennedy	Assistant Township Manager
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
Bob Scott	Township Solicitor
Chief Splain	Police Chief

Excused: Commissioner Carbone

2 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:

James Madison 613 Washington-

He requested to remove the 2 streetlights on his property. One in the front of his yard and one in his back yard. He himself had requested to have the lights installed for reasons. Those reasons have now changed, and he doesn't need them anymore. He is requesting that the lights be taken down now.

Mrs. Henry responded and told him there is currently a poll going out to neighbors affected by the lights to get their opinion on removal. She will follow up with Mr. Mason after the poll is complete.

Committee Openings- Historical Commission

Approval of Minutes – Ms. McKenzie made a motion to adopt the minutes for May 8th, May 22nd, and June 12th. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

SOLICITORS REPORT – None

ENGINEER REPORT- None

Government Relations Report- Max Cooper

EMS Update- EMS Working Group Update

Mr. Cooper provided an update on the EMS issue.

The "*Swarthmore Plan*," which focuses on enhancing existing EMS services based in Swarthmore. This plan proposes to upgrade one of Swarthmore's current BLS (Basic Life Support) ambulances to an ALS (Advanced Life Support) ambulance to provide needed coverage that was lost with the Crozer closure. An agreement was negotiated between

five municipalities: Nether Providence, Swarthmore, Rutledge, Rose Valley, and Morton to share cost of upgrading and staffing the ALS ambulance. Each municipality would pay a proportionate cost based on past call data. Morton decided to go with another agency. The Board decided to maintain the agreed-upon level of funding among the four remaining municipalities and agreed that NPT would front what would have been Morton's share. Over 10 years, the additional cost fronted by NPT will be subtracted from future bills.

Ratification of ALS Cost Share Agreement – He said at the June 12th meeting the Board voted to engage in an Advanced Life Support Ambulance Cost Sharing Agreement with the Borough of Swarthmore and the Borough of Rose Valley. Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve the Ratification ALS Agreement. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. Plan and ALS will be ready by August 2nd.

Resolution to form Regional EMS Working Group – Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-11, which states: authorizing participation in a multi-municipal working group for purposes of investigating the formation of a joint municipal authority for the purpose of providing emergency medical services to the residents of such member municipalities, Max Cooper was appointed as the Township's representative. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Verizon Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement – Mr. Cooper said Verizon Pennsylvania LLC has reached out to the Township to renew the Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement between Nether Providence Township and Verizon. Bob's associate Carl Ewald is reviewing this for the Township. Usually takes a couple of months. Updates will be passed on.

Building and Zoning Committee Report- Kait McKenzie

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – MS. McKenzie said the Planning Commission – 414 New Jersey Ave – This application was previously presented to the Board of Commissioners in late 2024. At that time, the Board approved the subdivision and land development plan for ten (10) semi-detached residences and one (1) single-family detached residence. The Developer, Rockwell Wallingford LLC, has since made significant changes to the approved Land Development Plan. As a result, the revised plan must be reviewed again by the Township Planning Commission. The Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 4th, at 7:30 PM at the Township Building. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Parks and Open Space Committee Report by Beth Henry

Parks Committee Updates – She said the parks committee is in the process of planning Love Our Parks events. Keep an eye out for more details.

Parks Updates – Mrs. Henry said there has been significant progress with the park projects. The asphalt four-square pad at Martha Burton Park has been completed. At Martha Burton, we have also installed more sections of the fence, along with preparing the areas to paint the parking spots and the four-square pad. Work has also continued at Sapovits Park; the asphalt walking path, picnic area, and parking spots have been completed. The dirt has also been graded around the path and has been seeded and hayed. The new ADA benches and grills have also been installed at Sapovits Park. The multi-purpose court at Sapovits Park is scheduled to start resurfacing and painting late next week, weather pending. Martha Burton and Sapovits Park are nearing completion, and we hope they will be inspected sometime in August. After these two parks are completed, the crew will then move to Gouley Park to begin the walking path.

Manchester & Emerald ADA Ramps – She said the Township has received (3) bids for the installation of the ADA ramps at Manchester Ave and Emerald St. Premier Concrete Inc. \$21,750.00, Albert G. Cipolloni Jr. & Sons, Inc. \$22,677.31, MOR Construction Services, Inc. \$23,775.00. Make a motion to accept the bid from Premier Concrete in the amount of \$21,750.00 to perform the work. Mrs. Henry made a motion to accept the bid from Premier Concrete in the amount of \$21,750.00. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Public Safety Committee Report – Matthew Garson

Sapovits Park camera – He said the Township has recently engaged with Global Securities to install cameras at Sapovits Park. Global Security was on-site Wednesday, July 23rd to survey the park. We are waiting for pricing information.

Resolution 2025-10 – Multimodal Transportation Grant – Providence Rd – Mr. Garson said the Township has received funding over the last several years from a state-funded grant program that has been used to install a sidewalk on Providence Road from Copples Lane to Rose Valley Road, and that work is now complete. A grant awarded earlier

this year will fund the next stretch of sidewalk from Rose Valley Road to Putters Lane, and that work is in the design process. We are now applying for grant funding to continue the sidewalk from Putters Lane to the Country Club Drive as we continue to work our way south on Providence Road. The match requirement for this grant is waived for municipalities. Separate grant funding through PennDOT has been secured to install sidewalk on Providence Rd from 320 to Waterford Way, and the Township will apply for a second round of that grant funding this fall to extend the sidewalk north from Waterford Way. Make a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-10 Nether Providence Township hereby requests a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant of \$628,475.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Providence Rd Sidewalk. Mr. Garson made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-10 Request a MTG grant in the amount of \$628,475.00 for sections on Providence Road sidewalks. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Proposed Ordinance to adopt the 2018 International Fire Code – He said the Township is currently working under the 1996 Fire Code. The Fire Code has been updated to a 2018 Edition of the International Fire Code. Asking for a motion to advertise an Ordinance to adopt the International Fire Code, 2018 Edition. Mr. Garson made a motion to approve the advertising of an Ordinance stating, adopting chapter 5 (fire service features) and appendix D (fire apparatus access roads) of the 2018 edition of the International Fire Code. Ms. McKenzie seconded the emotion, which passed 6-0.

Finance and Administration Committee Report by Kaitlin McKenzie

Resolution 2025-09 – Signatory for Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) Program – She said the Township was awarded a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Grant for the installation of a sidewalk along Providence Road, from Chester Road to Waterford Way. Dave Grady was the original authorized signatory for the grant. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-09 a resolution that delegates signature authority to the Township Manager, allowing them to execute all necessary documents related to the grant. Make a motion to adopt ordinance 2025-09, a Resolution of the Township Commissioner of Nether Providence Township delegation of signature authority to the Township Manager for execution and/or implementation of State Funding, including the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) Program Federal -Aid Reimbursement Grant Agreement. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Petition to Amend Sewer Tax Ordinance – She said this informational: The document is a petition from Jarrett J. Donaghy, Esq., on behalf of Ducklings Early Learning Center, requesting that Nether Providence Township to amend Section 215-1A of the Sewer Tax Ordinance. The petition highlights that Early Learning Centers, which primarily serve infants and young children (ages 0-5), are currently classified as "Day Schools" and taxed at \$688.00 per Unit (based on 8 students per Unit). This classification is argued to be unfair as it does not reflect the lower sewer usage of Early Learning Centers compared to traditional day schools, which serve older students and have higher water consumption and larger facilities. The petition proposes two solutions:

1. Create a new classification for Early Learning Centers with a sewer tax rate that reflects their lower usage.
2. Provide an exception to the Day School classification, offering a reduced tax rate or alternative calculation methods based on actual usage, square footage, or restroom facilities.

July Bills List – MS. McKenzie made a motion to approve the Bills list in the amount of:

Bills List Total - \$617,038.85

Interim Total \$453,398.26

Procurement Card Total - \$38,060.38

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

Community, Health, and Environment Report – Shaina Barnes

EAC Updates- Thank you to Chris Mano, and wish him the best as he is moving out of the Township. An opening is now available at EAC.

Historical Commission Updates- There is an opening on the committee.

Summer Camp – She said we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing staff, dedicated volunteers, and supportive parents for making this summer camp such a fun and memorable experience. We couldn't have done it without you, and we're already looking forward to next summer!

Family Fun Day Vendors - The Township is now accepting vendor applications to join us for Family Fun Day on Saturday, October 11th. For more information, please visit our Facebook page. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mona Price at mprice@netherprovidence.org or Shaina Barnes at sbarnes@netherprovidence.org.

Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – Robert O'Connor

Public Works Update – Mr. O'Connor said the Township vehicles and equipment were maintained over the last two weeks according to the maintenance schedule. Crews have been out fixing stormwater inlets, cleaning inlets, and cutting brush away from signs and roadways around the township. Crews have also continued repainting stop sign stop

bars around the township as part of our summer painting. We plan to continue painting stop bars and crosswalks throughout the summer. Additionally, a crew has been working on sanitary sewer maintenance and investigating sewer issues around the township. The public works crews also made many deliveries and bagged leaf pickups, along with collecting trash throughout the township parks and buildings. There are two sinkholes that have formed in the township, one at Knoll and Turner and the other at Osborne and Rose Valley. Both sinkholes seem to be caused by the deterioration of the state's stormwater pipes. Both areas have been steel plated. The state has been notified and has come out to investigate the areas, but we are waiting for a letter of responsibility from the state to clarify who is responsible for the pipes.

Hemlock sewer – He said there is a section of the sanitary sewer pipe broken on Hemlock Ln. The Township Engineer was able to secure 2 quotes, A to U Services for \$11,880.00 and SWERP for \$12,860.00. Make a motion to accept bid. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to accept the low bid from A to U Services for \$11,880.00. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

2025 Road Program Phase 2 Bid results – He said the Township put out to bid the Phase 2 of Road Program resurfacing included Oak Knoll Rd and a section of Pennsylvania Ave to Hastings Ave. The bid opening was held on July 17th, resulting in 5 bidders. AF Damon Company came in at low bid of \$106,121.00. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to accept the bid from AF Damon for \$106,121.00. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Sale of Truck #6 – Mr. O'Connor said Carl Schaefer (Public Works Shop Foreman) is recommending the sale of the 2012 Ford F250 Super Duty XL 6.2L Truck. Truck #6 has been pulled from service due to the repairs that are required to make it safe for daily use. The value of the truck is estimated to be around \$9,000 and the truck needs work around \$5,212.00 to be safe to be on the street. I make a motion that the Board authorize the sale of the 2012 Ford F250 Super Duty XL 6.2L Truck (identified as Truck #6), as recommended by Carl Schaefer, Public Works Shop Foreman. The vehicle has been removed from service due to safety concerns and the extensive repairs required—estimated at \$5,212—to return it to a safe operating condition. Given the estimated market value of approximately \$9,000, it is in the best interest of the Township to proceed with the sale rather than incur the cost of repairs. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to approve the sale of the 2012 Ford F250 Super Duty XL 6.2L Truck. Truck #6 has been pulled from service due to the repairs that are required to make it safe for daily use. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT – Maureen Feyas

She said Delaware County Mental Health Services has a Mental Health Office now open for Community Care Behavioral Health:

(610) 713-2365 DelcoHSA@co.delaware.pa.us. The flyer is on the Township website and Facebook page for more information.

Ms. McKeznie said the next meeting is on August 28th, 2025. The meeting was adjourned around 8:15 PM.