# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP September 25th, 2025

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, September 25th, 2025.

## **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:

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 Commissioner Garson

8 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.

#### **Funded Organizations Presentations-**

Helen Kate Furness Library- We expect to see over 38,000 visitors at the library again this year. In December of 2024, we completed the LED retrofit of the library through PECO's rebate program. Since January, we've hosted over 215 programs for children, teens, and adults - engaging more than 4,600 people. So far this year, we've raised \$122,000. Our annual Well Red event, held on September 20 and attended by over 150 people, was our most successful yet- raising \$18,500 for the library. For the second year, we participated in Delco Gives Day, earning a total of \$16,406.

Staff: 4.8 full-time equivalents. A 16-member working Board of Directors. The library's volunteer team of 60 people have collectively donated 2,300 hours so far this year. The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) created a Monarch Waystation on the library grounds this spring and received first place for Youth Gardens in the Penn State Master Gardener Competition. In 2025, we installed activity-based tile floors in the children's library (thanks to a generous donor), repaired our two automatic front doors, and added larger gutters to the building to mitigate water damage. We are on track to circulate over 135,000 items by the end of 2025. Our museum pass circulation has increased by 27%, prompting us to add the Please Touch Museum and Brandywine Zoo passes. For 2026, we request \$184,000. Our overall expenses are projected to increase by 5.7% in 2026 due to rising costs, as well as growth in our usage, programs, and services. We are requesting a 4% increase in funding to support this growth.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**Approval of Minutes** – None

#### **SOLICITORS REPORT** – None

ENGINEER REPORT- bridge bids came in. It will be discussed later in the meeting. Knoll Road-Sinkhole. Township's contention is it's a PennDOT problem, although PennDOT denies. It continues to go back and forth on who is responsible for this sinkhole. Nick said he can fix it for under \$5,000 and go to PennDOT with bill. Or there is a similar problem on Rose Valley Road. Nick is asking for authorization to say to PennDOT, we will fix the Knoll Road one, and they fix the Rose Valley Road one. BOC Agreed.

## Government Relations Report- Max Cooper

<u>EMS Updates-</u> Mr. Cooper said Media formally passed the agreement to have the borough manager as the representative of Media on the working group. Discussion about including other municipalities in this agreement. Middletown Township was brought up. Max will reach out and have a discussion with them about possibly joining the agreement.

## Parks and Open Space Committee Report by Beth Henry

Beatty Run Bridge Improvements Bid Results –Mrs. Henry said Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup> was the bid opening for the Houston Park – Beatty Run Bridge Improvements. We had 6 companies submit bids ranging from \$46,740.00 to \$173,734.00. JMC Contractors submitted the low bid of \$46,740.00. The Township Engineer has reviewed the bids and feels we should accept JMC Contractors' Bid for \$46,740.00. Mrs. Henry made a motion to accept JMC Contractors' Bid of \$46,740.00. Mrs. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

<u>Township Parks Updates</u> – She said Martha Burton Park, Sapovits Park, and Gouley Park were inspected on September 12th, and we are waiting for the full report to be released and approved.

Since the last meeting, the upper parking lot at Gouley Park has been seal coated, and the parking spots have been painted. In the upper lot, we added two van-accessible handicap parking spots where the path connects to the lot. Also, at Gouley Park, a contractor has been at the park fixing the corner of the turf. They have added drainage around the corner of the field to collect the water before it reaches the turf. The work should be completed by Friday of this week.

A crew has also replaced a section of sidewalk at Huston Park that was causing a tripping hazard.

## **Public Safety Committee Report** – Kait McKenzie

<u>DELCO 10 Miler</u> - She said the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Delco 10 Miler is scheduled for Sunday, September 28, 2025. This race begins at Rose Tree Park and ends at Subaru Park, traveling through four municipalities, including a significant stretch along Providence Road (Rt 252) in Nether Providence Township. The Nether Providence Police will be stationed at 10 intersections in the Township. The Township Public Works Department will be stationed at about 20 intersections. Providence Rd will be closed from 8:00AM with an estimated reopening of 9:30AM. Cross traffic will be permitted at controlled intersections when there are large breaks between runners, to minimize disruption for local residents and emergency access. Please plan accordingly

Westminster Dr. Road Resurfacing – Ms. McKenzie said the Township received monies from Aqua in lieu of repaving Oak Knoll Rd. It is being asked to amend the Phase 2 road resurfacing bid to include Westminster Dr., which has been listed as a road in need of repaving. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to amend the bid. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

<u>2025 Fire Relief Allocation</u> – The Township was awarded **\$120,829.05** in state aid for the Volunteer Fire Relief Association. These funds must be distributed to our two fire companies. In past years, the aid has been divided equally between them. The board is in agreement to continue the 50/50 split. Ms. McKenzie

made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-14 is introduced to allocate the funds as follows:

- Garden City Fire Company: \$60,414.52
- South Media Fire Company: \$60,414.53

Mr. Cooper seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program) Grant Manchester & Glenwood — She said the Township has received several complaints regarding the intersection of Manchester Avenue and Glenwood Road, where residents have expressed concerns about the difficulty and danger of exiting Glenwood Road. This intersection is located on Manchester Avenue just after the SEPTA bridge heading toward Media. A traffic study conducted by the Police Department found that Manchester Avenue is an area of low enforcement activity. The posted speed limit is 35 MPH, and the average traveled speed was determined to be 33.9 MPH. Despite compliance with the speed limit, residents continue to report hazardous conditions when exiting Glenwood Road. The residents on both corner properties have been asked to trim their shrubs to improve visibility. To further address safety concerns, Township officials would like to work with the Township Engineer to apply for the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP), which can provide a free evaluation and recommendations for improving safety at this intersection. Ms. Mckenize made a motion to prepare and submit an application to the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) to evaluate and provide recommendations for safety and traffic improvements at the intersection of Manchester Avenue and Glenwood Road. Mr.Mrs. Henry seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

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

Amending 2025 MMO Resolution – She said during the review of the 2026 MMO calculation, it was noted that the incorrect numbers had been referenced in resolution #2024-17. Resolution #2025-17 reflects the correct allocations of \$705,753 for the Police Pension and \$114,813 for the Non-Uniform Pension. The plans were properly funded in 2025. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-17, reflecting the correct allocation for the 2025 Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans. Mrs. Henry seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Review Acrisure 2026 Police and Non-Uniform MMO – Resolution 2025-15 – funds to be allocated to the Pension Plans. \$535,908 for the Police Pension Plan and \$91,126 for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to adopt resolution #2025-15. Mrs. Henry seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Amending 2024 Municipal State Aid Resolution – She said during the review of the 2026 State Aid allocations is was noted that the incorrect number had been referenced in resolution #2024-18. Resolution #2025-18 reflects the correct allocations of \$176,163.55 for the Police Pension and \$75,498.66 for the Non-Uniform Pension. The plans were properly funded in 2025. Ms. McKenzie made a motion is to approve resolution #2025-18, reflecting the correct allocation for the 2025 State Aid. Mrs. Henry seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

2025 General Municipal Pension State Aid – The Township has received is 2025 application from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act 205 of 1984 in the amount of \$286,623.76. To comply with the Municipal Minimum Obligation for Year 2025 prepared by the Township Actuary, Acrisure. The fundas are to be allocation \$213,301.40 to the Police Pension Plan and \$73,322.36 to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-16. Mrs. Henry seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

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

Bills List Total - \$208,166.13

Interim Total \$200,479.96

Procurement Card Total - \$48,563.86

Mrs. Henry seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

#### Community, Health, and Environment Report – Kait McKenzie

<u>Family Fun Day</u> – She said we're excited to host Family Fun Day on Saturday, October 11th, from 12–3 PM! To make this event a success, we need amazing community volunteers to help with activities, games, setup, and more.

Adults and children over the age of 16 are permitted to volunteer. All students will get a certificate for

volunteer hours.

The Township Facebook page has a link for people to sign up and volunteer. This link below is in case you would like to post this is your community email groups. https://www.signupgenius.com/.../10C044DA4A72.../14028853...

#### Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – Robert O'Connor

<u>Public Works Updates</u> - Mr. O'Connor said Township vehicles and equipment were maintained 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. Additionally, a crew has been working on sanitary sewer maintenance and investigating sewer issues around the township. With the recent paving in the township, crews have been out opening manhole lids to ensure they function properly during an emergency; crews have also been out raising manholes to grade. We also have a crew currently working on getting all the leaf machines' preventative maintenance done so they will be ready for leaf season. The public works crews also made multiple mulch deliveries and bagged leaf pickups, along with collecting trash throughout the township's parks and buildings. Over the last week, we have also had a crew complete and fix the insurance risk control issues found around the township.

Curbside leaf pick up schedule – He said the Township is going to start curbside leaf pick up in Wards 2, 3, & 4 the week of October 13th, pick up will begin in wards 1, 5, 6, & 7 the week of October 20<sup>th</sup>. The leaf collection schedule is in the commissioners information packets as well as posted on the Township Facebook page.

<u>Henry Lane change order revision</u> – Mr. Catania said adjustments to final quantities were needed. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to approve the change order in the amount of \$874.00 for Henry lane. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

#### Building and Zoning Committee Report- Kait McKenzie

14 New Jersey Ave – She said Rockwell Custom appeared before the Township Planning Commission on August 4, 2025 to present revised site plans. This project has been reviewed and approved in 2024, but the house plans changed from that time from 3 story models to 2-story models with slightly different footprints. The Township Planning Commission recommends the minor revisions to the plans. Ms. McKenzie made a motion to accept the new site plan. Mrs. Henry seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

# **TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT** – Maureen Feyas

She said, Thank you to Scout Jack Gainey for the construction of the pavilion at Leiper Park, Thank you to Frankie Griffin for the construction of the Fire pit and benches at Leiper Park. Thank you to Junior Girl Scouts Elizabeth Gaffney, Ana Lorch, Maeve Conrad, Paisley McHugh and Roxy Maybury, they created a pollination garden in the rear of the Township Building near the entrance. This project was to help them to earn their Bronze Award. Household Hazardous Waste Event Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Upper Chichester Municipal Bldg, 8500 Furey Rd Upper Chi you must register in advance. Check the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority website for registration information.

Electronics Recycling & Shredding Event – November 8<sup>th</sup> 9-1 at SHtrath Haven High School, Brookhaven parking lot.

Bulk Trash Event – Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 10-2 at Hepford Park & South Media Fire Company

Ms. McKenzie said the next meeting is on October 9th, 2025. The meeting was adjourned around 8:10 PM.