

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP

October 23, 2025

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, October 23, 2025.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

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 Barnes

3 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-

Garden City Fire Company No. 1 412 Moore Road – Wallingford PA 19086

The Garden City Fire Company would like to present the budget proposals for the 2026 budget. In the past four years, the fire company has been very successful recruiting and retaining qualified firefighters. The stipend program, which pays the firefighters per alarm, and the marketing campaign have been instrumental in the recruitment and retention success. These programs have been made possible by the federally funded SAFER grant that we received four years ago. The SAFER grant concludes November 2025. If we want to continue this program, we must replace the funding. Our current operating budget will not support the funds needed to move forward. At this point we cannot apply for another grant until next year. If we are awarded another SAFER grant, we will not receive funds until 2027 – 2028. Without the needed funding for this program, there will be a reduction in attendance for emergency alarms. The following request is for additional funding over and above our current operating budget.

- To continue the stipend program at the current rate of \$10.00 per call per firefighter, the annual total will be \$52,000.
- We would like to continue the marketing campaign with an annual cost of \$10,000.
- To fund a grant writer to apply for the SAFER grant and additional grants, the cost is \$20,000.
- To increase attendance at day time alarms, we would like to institute an additional stipend

program. We would man a crew of 3 qualified firefighters to be available at the fire house to respond to day time calls. We will staff two four hour shifts per day for a total of 8 hours per day 5 days a week. Each of the three firefighters would receive \$40 per shift. The annual total per year for this program is \$62,000.

- Total annual cost for stipend, marketing, and grant writing is \$144,000 for 2026.

In addition, we would like permission to replace or refurbish our 2008 Squad Engine and start specification to replace our 2009 Ladder truck. The lead time for delivery of new apparatus is 4 to 5 years.

Louis DiDomenico, President, Garden City Fire Co. No.1 was in attendance

Public Works Department:

Nick Diminnico from the Public Works Department presented the department's requests and budget considerations for the upcoming year.

Union Salaries – Full-Time Employees- Nick noted that the department is assuming a 5% salary increase for full-time union employees, pending final union contract negotiations.

Storm Inlet Repairs - The department plans to repair approximately four to five storm inlets next year, including two on Leslie Lane, one on Governors Drive, and an inlet project on Penn Valley. With the allocated funds, the department intends to purchase additional inlet grates to keep in stock for emergency repairs.

Capital Equipment Requests

- **Paint Machine:** The existing paint machine broke during the past painting season and was temporarily repaired to complete the work. The department is requesting a new paint machine for next year.
- **Flat Bed and Dumpster:** The department is requesting the purchase of a flat bed and dumpster to be used with the hook truck purchased last year. Once the flat bed is delivered, the sale of the large blacktop trailer will offset most of the cost of these purchases.

Vehicle Repair and Maintenance- There will be an increase in vehicle repair and maintenance expenses due to the growing number of machines requiring preventive maintenance.

Additionally, some vehicle repairs will continue to be outsourced, as certain diagnostic programs are not cost-effective to purchase given their limited use.

Personnel – Hiring Request- Nick requested consideration for hiring one additional full-time laborer next year. Two seasonal full-time employees are expected to retire within the next one to two years, and hiring a new employee in advance would allow adequate time for training and transition.

Police Department:

For 2026, the proposed Police Department budget totals \$3,213,862, representing a 4.9% increase over last year. This increase is primarily driven by contractual salary adjustments, a 6.5% projected rise in healthcare costs, and the planned replacement of two aging police vehicles in accordance with the Township's vehicle replacement plan. Operational costs have remained stable, and where possible, I have sought offsets through reimbursements, grants, and non-tax revenue sources. Our authorized staffing level remains unchanged at 25 total personnel, including 16 sworn officers, one office manager, and eight crossing guards. This ensures we maintain the same level of patrol coverage, investigative capability, and school safety services that our community expects. On the capital side, I am requesting funding for two essential vehicle replacements — a 2026 Dodge Durango Pursuit and a 2026 RAM Detective Vehicle — both replacing older, high-mileage units. In addition, I plan to purchase a Jamar Technologies Black Cat II+ Radar Kit, which will enhance our ability to perform accurate traffic studies and respond to roadway safety concerns. That radar purchase will be funded entirely through BusPatrol program revenues, not Township tax dollars.

In summary, this budget maintains all current services, supports our personnel, replaces aging equipment, and continues our investment in technology and training. It positions the department to meet both present and future demands while respecting the Township's financial limits.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Committee Openings- Historical Commission, EAC mid-term expires 2027

Approval of Minutes – Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve the minutes of August 28th, September 11th, and September 25th. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

SOLICITORS REPORT – None

ENGINEER REPORT-

Palmers Lane Drainage Improvements-

- Joseph J. Daniel \$39,168.48
- Jurich Inc \$39,633.00
- A to U Services \$41,000.00
- Eagle Contracting \$53,500.00
- Premier Concrete \$68,500.00
- Depaul and Company \$84,500.00
- G&B Construction \$92,528.00

Beatty Run Stream Bank Stabilization Bids-

- Bane Excavation \$425,690.45
- Joseph J Danielle LLC \$450,257.68
- Eagle Contracting & Landscaping \$516,850.00
- Mayfield Site \$528,950.00
- JMC Contractors \$563,975.00

Mr. Catania said he would bring his recommendations for these bids to the next meeting.

Finance and Administration Committee Report by Kaitlin McKenzie

Budget Presentation – Garden City Fire Company, Police, Public Works was Done at the beginning of the meeting.

Recycling Bids- She said, on October 1st the Township held a public bid opening for the Collection of Curbside Recycling Services. Two bids were received and read aloud:

1. B & L Disposal

- Bid Form A – Base Bid (2 Years)

- Year 1: \$92.58 per unit
- Year 2: \$96.28 per unit

Optional One-Year Extensions:

- Year 3: \$100.13 per unit
- Year 4: \$104.13 per unit

Bid Form B – Base Bid (1 Year)

- Year 1: \$92.58 per unit

Optional One-Year Extensions:

- Year 2: \$96.28 per unit
- Year 3: \$100.13 per unit

2. JP Mascaro

Bid Form A – Base Bid (2 Years)

- Year 1: \$132.00 per unit
 - Year 2: \$135.60 per unit
- Optional One-Year Extensions:
- Year 3: \$140.52 per unit
 - Year 4: \$145.20 per unit

Bid Form B – Base Bid (1 Year)

- Year 1: \$132.00 per unit
- Optional One-Year Extensions:
- Year 2: \$135.60 per unit
 - Year 3: \$140.52 per unit

B & L Disposal submitted the lowest bid for both Bid Form A and Bid Form B.

Ms. McKenzie made a motion to accept the contract with B & L Disposal as the lowest responsible bidder, Option B, 1-year base contract at \$92.58 per unit. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

LSA Grant – Sewer Truck – The current sewer truck is 18 years old, and its camera system is no longer operational. Replacement parts for the system are no longer available, making it necessary to replace the vehicle to maintain sewer operations effectively. A motion is needed to approve Resolution 2025-20 to apply for the Local Share Assessment grant in the amount of \$419,810.56 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be sued for the purchase of a new sewer vacuum truck.

Government Relations Report- Max Cooper

EMS Updates- Mr. Cooper said the combined revenue for the last 2 months has \$24,00.00 and it is projected to see an escalation in revenues as more bills go out and payments come in. In addition to managing a collaborative EMS agency, they are also discussing with larger groups about potentially building the EMS authority structure. He said that since the last meeting, Media and Upper Providence have joined as members of the working group. Now a total of 6 municipal areas are part of the working group. Discussion for hiring a legal counsel for setting up the Authority Structure fees in setting it up. Then a discussion was held on how to share the legal fees amongst the 6 municipalities. Mr. Scott suggested base fees be shared by the population. Mr. Cooper will bring that suggestion back to the working group and continue to update the board.

Parks and Open Space Committee Report by Beth Henry

Parks Committee Updates – Mrs. Henry said following the inspection from the DCNR, the park grants projects at Gouley, Sapovits, and Martha Burton have been approved.

The Public Works crew has finished extending the grass area next to the dugout at Bullens Park. By extending this area of Bullens Park, there will be more room for the new dugouts that will be installed and create a larger buffer area between the dugout and the street.

Boy Scout Thank You – A huge Thank you to Jack Gainey who built a pavilion and picnic benches and Frankie Griffin who constructed a fire pit with a seating area, all at Leiper Park.

Public Safety Committee Report – Matthew Garson

Ordinance to install Stop Signs on Copples Ln at Palmers Ln- Mr. Garson made a motion to approve Ordinance 865 Amending the code of Nether Providence Township, Chapter 242 – Vehicles and Traffic, Article VI Miscellaneous provisions at Section 243-37 Schedule V to establish stop intersection on Copple Ln at Palmers Ln. Mr. cooper seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Request for a stop sign at Beaumont Dr and Laurel Ln. He said the Township received a petition for the installation of a three-way stop sign at Beaumont Drive and Laurel Lane. The Township engineer will evaluate the intersection.

Panhandling Ordinance – Mr. Garson informed the Board that the Township Code currently does not include a provision addressing panhandling. He provided a sample ordinance from another municipality for the Commissioners to review and consider. Ms. McKenzie requested that Mr. Scott advise the Board on possible next steps.

Finance and Administration Committee Report by Kaitlin McKenzie

Martha Burton Proclamation-

WHEREAS, the Nether Providence Township Board of Commissioners recognizes and honors individuals whose unwavering dedication and service leave an indelible mark on our community; and

WHEREAS, Martha Burton has exemplified the highest qualities of civic commitment, leadership, and compassion, demonstrating tireless dedication, deep respect, and abiding love for the residents of Nether Providence Township and the South Media community neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, through her years of selfless service and unyielding devotion, Martha Burton has uplifted and strengthened the community, fostering unity, inspiring goodwill, and encouraging countless others to serve with the same spirit of generosity; and WHEREAS, Martha Burton's actions have created a lasting legacy, ensuring that her influence and inspiration will continue to enrich the lives of many for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to honor Martha Burton with a day of remembrance in recognition of her exceptional contributions to the Township and its people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nether Providence Township Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims Thursday, October 9, 2025, as "Martha Burton Day of Remembrance" in Nether Providence Township, and encourages all residents to join in celebrating the life, service, and enduring legacy of this extraordinary member of our community.

LSA Grant – Sewer Truck – The current sewer truck is 18 years old, and its camera system is no longer operational. Replacement parts for the system are no longer available, making it necessary to replace the vehicle to maintain sewer operations effectively.

A motion is needed to approve Resolution 2025-20 to apply for the Local Share Assessment grant in the amount of \$419,810.56 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the purchase of a new sewer vacuum truck.

PECO Green Region Grant – Ms. McKenzie made a motion to approve Resolution 202-21 Authorizing Application to the 2025 PECO Green Region Open Space Program for the Furness Park Invasive Remediation Project. Mr. Garson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Bills List- Ms. McKensie made a motion to approve the Bills List in the amount of:

A/P Bills List TOTAL – \$373,913.19

AP Interims List – TOTAL - \$344,123.28

P Card - TOTAL –\$19,274.16

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

Community, Health, and Environment Report – Kait McKenzie

Family Fun Day - A big thank you to the Township Public Works Department and Township staff for organizing and running Family Fun Day. Your hard work made the event a great success despite the rain.

Thank you to our sponsors:

Brookhaven Auto Wash,

Al Federico Consulting,

Law Office of Robert Scott,

Cirili Associates Inc,

Go2 Technologies,

ASD Dunlap,

SLK CPAS,

Kevin Crowley Construction,

Steve Luongo's Towing,

Apex Cleaners,

Sheridan Mudrick Group,

Catania Engineering,

Charles A Higgins and Sons.

Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – Robert O'Connor

Curbside leaf pick up schedule

- The Public Works Department will begin the annual leaf pickup starting the week of October 13th.

- Week of November 3rd: Wards 2, 3 & 4
- Week of November 10th: Wards 1, 5, 6, & 7

The full schedule is available on the Township website and Facebook pages.

Public Works Updates – He 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. Additionally, a crew has been working on sanitary sewer maintenance and investigating sewer issues around the township. This week, there have been crews working on root cutting sewer lines in the Wallingford Hills area to prevent sewer backups.

The storm pipe project has been completed on Knoll Rd. After finding a sinkhole on Knoll Rd, Public Works determined that the storm pipe had to be replaced due to the condition of the pipe. The Public Works crew has replaced three sections of pipe and tied them back into the storm inlets. In the upcoming weeks, this section of road will be paved to restore the area.

Leaf collection season has started for the Township. We have had crews out collecting leaves throughout the township, and leaf collection season is off to a good start.

Over the last couple of weeks, the Public Works crew has also been involved in many events around the township. These events include the Delco 10 Miler, Family Fun Day, and the Citizens Against Trash (CAT) Club. The Public Works crew did a great job ensuring that these events went well.

The Public Works crews also made multiple mulch deliveries and bagged leaf pickups, along with collecting trash throughout the township's parks and buildings

Building and Zoning Committee Report- Candice Carbone

700 Washington Ave – She said 700 Washington Ave is coming before the Planning Commission on Monday November 3rd at 7:30PM with an application to subdivide one single family lot into 2 single family lots. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT – Maureen Feyas

Reminder, there is a small e-recycling container at the Public Works Department to drop off small electronics along with leaves and sticks.

Electronics Recycling & Shredding Event – November 8th 9am-1pm at Strath Haven High School, Brookhaven parking lot. Small fees for some items cash or check please. The fee list is on the township website.

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

Ms. McKenzie said the next meeting is on November 6th, 2025. The meeting was adjourned around 8:40 PM.