

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
January 22, 2026

A public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Commissioner Keller
Commissioner McKenzie
Commissioner Henry
Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner Hillemeier

ALSO PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Cooper & Commissioner Barnes

Executive Session Announced to be held after the meeting.

Public Comment:

- **Chris Santa Maria (307 Henry Lane):** Raised concerns about the condition of the bridge over the train tracks on Providence Road and requested a stop sign at the intersection of Copples Lane and Avondale Road due to visibility issues.
 - *Response:* The PennDOT Engineer has inspected the bridge and deemed it safe, though it will be monitored. Code enforcement has sent letters to neighbors regarding shrubbery blocking visibility at Copples/Avondale, and a traffic study may be conducted.
- **Jeff Jonkey (216 Martroy Lane):** Requested a blinking light or better signage for the stop sign on Avondale Road leading to Martroy Lane due to the steep hill and hidden visibility.
 - *Response:* The request will be forwarded to the Police Chief and Engineer for review.

- **Brian Treston (16 East Brookhaven Road):** Asked about connecting "sidewalks to nowhere" on Brookhaven Road and the general Walkable Wallingford plan.
 - *Response:* Commissioner McKenzie confirmed that connecting sidewalk gaps is a priority and part of current grant applications.

Agenda Amendment: Motion to adopt the revised agenda to include Resolution 2026-4 (Sale of Vehicle) under the Finance and Administration Report.

- **Motion:** McKenzie
- **Vote:** 5-0 (Motion Carries)

Committee Openings: There are openings on the **Historical Commission** and the **Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)** (term expires mid-2027). Interested residents should contact the Township.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the minutes for November 20, 2025, and December 11, 2025, was tabled due to the absence of Commissioners Cooper and Barnes and the refusal of new commissioners who were not present at those meetings.

Reports:

- **Solicitor's Report:** No report.
- **Engineer's Report:** No report.

1. Public Safety Committee Report (Presented by McKenzie for Cooper):

- **EMS Updates:** New EMS Solicitor Ben Reid attended the last meeting. The goal for the EMS authority to be operational by the end of 2026 is considered achievable.
- **Data Analysis:** Commissioner Cooper with the EMA working group is analyzing ambulance call data by property type (residential, commercial, roadside, institutional) to determine potential fee structures.

2. Government Relations Report (Mike Keller):

- **PennDOT TASA Program (Providence Rd Sidewalk):** Motion to accept the proposal from **Stantec Consulting Services Inc.** for Right of Way consultant services, not to exceed **\$40,000**.
 - **Motion:** Keller
 - **Vote:** 5-0 (Motion Carries)

- **DCED Multimodal Grant** (*Providence Rd Sidewalk Phase V - Rose Valley to Putters*): Motion to appoint **Catania Engineering** as the design engineer for this phase.
 - **Motion:** Keller
 - **Vote:** 5-0 (Motion Carries)
- **DCED Multimodal Grant** (*Providence Rd Sidewalk Phase VI - Putters to Springhaven*): The Township was awarded a \$514,000 grant. Motion to appoint **Catania Engineering** as the design engineer.
 - **Motion:** Keller
 - **Vote:** 5-0 (Motion Carries)
- **DCED PA Small Water and Sewer Grant** (*Henry Lane Phase II*): The Township was awarded \$110,000 to fund storm sewers on Henry Lane.
- **Brookhaven Road Parking:** A safety study by Catania Engineering was recommended regarding the necessity of "No Parking" signs near the Public Works facility.

3. Parks and Open Space Committee Report (Beth Henry):

- **Free the Trees:** Event planned for April to remove invasive English Ivy, in collaboration with the EAC and Boy Scouts.
- **Dugouts:** Projects at Hepford and Bullens Parks are underway. Concrete pads are pending.

4. Finance and Administration Committee Report (Kaitlin McKenzie):

- **Resolution 2026-3 (TD Bank Signatories):** Motion to approve signatories (McKenzie, Feyas, McClellan, Laubscher) for the new "Nether Providence Township Motor License Fund" account.
 - **Motion:** McKenzie
 - **Vote:** 5-0 (Motion Carries)
- **Bills List:** Motion to approve the Bills list in the amount of:
 - Bills List (\$255,325.18)
 - Interim Bills (\$141,603.17)
 - PC Card (\$29,887.52).

- **Motion:** McKenzie
- **Vote:** 5-0 (Motion Carries)
- **Additional Payment for Enterprise (ACH Payment):** Motion to approve an additional payment of **\$10,784.64** (Referred to as "ACH payment").
 - **Motion:** McKenzie
 - **Vote:** 5-0 (Motion Carries)
- **Alternate Engineer Appointment:** Motion to correct the record and appoint **Linn Architects** as the alternate engineer for 2026 (replacing the erroneous announcement of T&M Engineering).
 - **Motion:** McKenzie
 - **Vote:** 5-0 (Motion Carries)
- **Resolution 2026-4 (Sale of Vehicle):** Motion to sell the 2012 Ford F250 to **Tri-State Property Maintenance** for **\$4,800**.
 - **Motion:** McKenzie
 - **Vote:** 5-0 (Motion Carries)
- 2026 Meeting schedule for all Township meetings has been posted to the Township Website

5. Community, Health, and Environment Report (Shaina Barnes - Absent):

- No report provided.

6. Infrastructure and Public Works Committee Report (Robert O'Connor):

- **Wallingford Ave Sanitary Sewer Repair:** Motion to accept the proposal from **Lanzetta Landscaping, LLC** for sewer repair between 204-530 Wallingford Ave in the amount of **\$32,289**.
 - **Motion:** O'Connor
 - **Vote:** 5-0 (Motion Carries)
- **Public Works Report:** Update provided on fleet maintenance, storm water inlet repairs, and the conclusion of leaf collection season.

7. Building and Zoning Committee Report (Alex Hillemeier):

- **0 Providence Road:** The Planning Commission will meet on **Monday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m.** to hear a land development application for a proposed group home on the property.

Manager's Report:

- **Snow Emergency:** Residents are asked to park in driveways during the upcoming weekend storm.
- **Hazardous Waste:** First county collection event is April 18th.
- **Electronics Recycling:** Small electronics bin available at Public Works (M-F, 7am-3pm).

Adjournment: Next meeting is the Workshop Meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2026.