

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP

Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2026

Call to Order & Roll Call

Attendance: Township Manager Maureen Feyas, Township Solicitor Robert Scott, Township Engineer Catania

- Commissioner Kait McKenzie (Ward 4)
- Commissioner Mike Keller (Ward 2)
- Commissioner Max Cooper (Ward 1)
- Commissioner Beth Henry (Ward 3) **Absent**
- Commissioner Hillemeier (Ward 7)
- Commissioner Robert O'Connor (Ward 6) **Absent**
- Commissioner Barnes (Ward 5)

Executive Session: Announced to be held following the public meeting.

- **Historical Commission Openings:** The Board reminded residents that there are current vacancies on the Historical Commission and encouraged interested individuals to contact the Township Manager.

Approval of Minutes

- **January 5, 2026 Reorganization Meeting & September 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes:**
 - **Motion:** Approved the minutes for the January 5th reorganization meeting and September 10th meeting.
 - **Vote:** Passed 4-0.

Library Presentation: Helen Kate Furness Library

- **Presentation Highlights:**
 - Anticipating over 40,000 visitors and 139,000 item circulations this year. E-book checkouts reached over 40,000.
 - Earned **PA Forward Gold Star** status across 5 areas of literacy.
 - Completed waterproofing and sump pump repairs for the children's restrooms funded by private donors. Active water infiltration issues in the Chadwick meeting room are currently being evaluated for remediation.
 - Hosted the annual "Well Red" fundraiser, raising \$20,000.

- **2027 Budget Request:** Requested \$187,000 from the Township (a 2.75% increase over last year).

Reports & Committee Business

2. Public Safety Committee Report (*Max Cooper*)

- **EMS Updates:** Received official confirmation from the state that the new EMS Authority is legally incorporated. The organization and board will schedule meetings in the coming weeks. Media Fire/EMS provided official 90-day notice of service area boundary adjustments.
- **Fire Committee:** Next meeting tentatively planned for October 20th.
- **Walkable Wallingford 2.0:** Connecting with a local municipal planning professional to assist with technical planning needs.
- **Governors Drive Safety:** Traffic study showed minimal speeding incidents. Discussions will continue on volume mitigation strategies and fire-apparatus-friendly speed bump designs.

3. Government Relations Report (*Mike Keller*)

- **700 Block Brookhaven Rd Pedestrian Crossing:**
 - PECO completed repairs on the hole near the utility pole.
 - Traffic Planning & Design (TPD) proposal for a formal pedestrian crossing study is priced at \$6,300.
 - Police traffic study recorded 60,000+ vehicles with an average speed of 31 mph (posted 35 mph). Radar warning signs are recommended.
 - The Manager reached out to SEPTA, and they confirmed there is no official bus stop there.

Public Comment

- A resident addressed the Board regarding safety and pedestrian crossing concerns on Brookhaven Road at Putnam Boulevard, highlighting issues with vehicles using the shoulder to pass turning cars, as well as transit stops and crossing challenges for elderly residents.

4. Parks and Open Space Committee Report (*Kait McKenzie*)

- **Parks Updates:**

- Houston Park trail restoration is in progress. Trails remain temporarily closed for construction safety.

5. Finance and Administration Committee Report (*Kaitlin McKenzie*)

- **Turner Road Guardrail & Fencing:** Construction scheduled to start October 5th, with trail bridge fencing beginning next week.
- **2026 Volunteer Fire Relief Association Funds:**
 - **Motion:** Adopted **Resolution 2026-16** allocating state fire relief funds equally between Garden City Fire Co. (\$59,004.98) and South Media Fire Co. (\$59,004.97).
 - **Vote:** Passed 5-0.
- **2026 State Aid Pension Allocation:**
 - **Motion:** Adopted **Resolution 2026-17** allocating state aid funds as \$196,284.28 to the Police Pension Plan and \$71,970.91 to the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan.
 - **Vote:** Passed 5-0.
- **LSA (Local Share Account) Grant:** Application opening for joint purchase with Swarthmore Borough for a front-end loader for the leaf composting site.
- **Bills List:**
 - **Motion:** Approved the Bills List (\$181,957.85), Interim Bills List (\$806,127.89), and PCard List (\$28,852.68).
 - **Vote:** Passed 5-0.

6. Community, Health, and Environment Report (*Shaina Barnes*)

- **EAC Updates:** Speaker Series event scheduled for October 6 at 7:00 PM on overwintering wildlife habitats.
- **Historical Commission / Leiper House Committee:** Second committee meeting completed. Building inspector/engineering review confirmed the foundational structure is solid. Next meeting scheduled for October 21 at 7:00 PM.
- **Family Fun Day:** October 10th from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Middle School parking lot.

7. Infrastructure and Public Works Committee Report (*Kait McKenzie*)

- **Public Works Report:** Wood chips replenished at playgrounds. Sidewalk construction along the Swim Club is nearing completion.
- **Providence Road Aqua Work:** Work schedule shifted back to daytime hours and to accommodate local feedback; project completion projected for spring with Saturday work added.

8. Building and Zoning Committee Report (*Alex Hillemeyer*)

- **Providence Rd & East Rose Valley Rd / Meadow Ln Intersection:** Residents reported severe morning congestion and left-turn delays exiting Meadow Lane onto Providence Road during peak school drop-off and commute times. The Township Engineer noted that minor signal timing adjustments could be made with minimal effort and cost, avoiding an expensive full traffic study. Past evaluations with PennDOT show limited physical space along Providence Road for dedicated turn lanes. The Board also discussed potential coordination with the school district regarding drop-off patterns. Staff will evaluate low-cost signal timing options while Commissioner Hillemeyer gathers further constituent input.

Manager's Report

- **Curbside Leaf Collection:** Begins October 12th in Wards 2, 3, and 4; Wards 1, 5, 6, and 7 start October 19th.
- **Delaware County Household Hazardous Waste Event:** Scheduled for October 17th at the Emergency Services Training Center in Sharon Hill (preregistration required).
- **Job Opening:** Township is accepting applications for a part-time seasonal Public Works employee.

Adjournment

- **Next Meeting:** Workshop Meeting on October 8, 2026.