
GOVERNMENT

Clergyman, engineer hailed for civic service

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A Monsignor and an engineer have been recognized for long-standing community service by the Nether Providence Board of Commissioners. **Nick Cirilli**, who has served on the township's Environmental Committee since it was started 13 years ago, is stepping down to devote more time to his engineering management consulting business.

Council President Joseph F. Mulcahy thanked Cirilli at the board's regular meeting Thursday for his committee labors and for his past work as a substitute township engineer.

Msgr. Frederick J. Stevenson, pastor emeritus of St. John Chrysostom Church in Nether Providence, was recognized for many years of service to the people of the township.

Msgr. Stevenson, who came to the parish in 1967, celebrated his 50th Jubilee Mass in May. He was ordained in 1942.

Commissioner J. Mervyn Harris said Msgr. Stevenson had been active in the community for years, helping with projects such as the township's tricentennial.

Commissioner John Spychalski, a member of the St. John's congregation, said Msgr. Stevenson had helped the whole community, not just his own parish.

"He gives of his time to people of

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all denominations," Spychalski said. "I've never heard him say no."

Both men were given embossed copies of the *History of Nether Providence Township*.

In other business:

- The board rejected a proposed subdivision of the property at 214 Plush Mill Rd. Commissioner William Peck, who made the motion to reject the plan, said the 30-foot-wide access to the three lots shown on the plan did not meet township requirements for a 40-foot-wide access.

- The board noted that police reported four burglaries and 19 bicycle thefts in the southern part of the township during the past month and urged residents to take precautions.

- The board accepted Richard Kahmer's bid of \$5,010 for its property at 610 Vernon (Forrest) St. Township Manager Gary Cummings said after the meeting that the property, half of a twin "in bad shape," had been taken by the township for unpaid sewer fees.

- Cummings reported that no bids were received for the township's retired detective cruiser. Bids were due at 8 p.m. Thursday for the light brown, 1982 Chevrolet Malibu diesel, Cummings said.
