

**(30) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
MEETING of JANUARY 10, 2013**

A legislative meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Nether Providence Township, duly advertised and posted in accordance with law, was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 10, 2013 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Much  
Commissioner Sullivan  
Commissioner Noyes  
Commissioner O'Connor  
Commissioner Baker  
Commissioner Kenworthy  
Commissioner Dougherty (arrived late as he was dropping off Scout Certificates)

Gary Cummings	Township Manager
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
Thomas Flannery	Chief of Police
Michael Maddren	Township Solicitor
Dennis Sheehan	Assistant Township Manager
Lisa Swan	Finance Director

**PUBLIC** Seven persons were in attendance

**ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr Much led the pledge which was recited by all.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Walt Bulach, 799 Pennsylvania Ave, said he wanted stop signs at New Jersey and Pennsylvania Avenues. Mr Baker noted we had a study prepared and he did not think stop signs were not warranted there but Dover Court at Pennsylvania Avenue did meet the warrants and were installed. Mr Baker will see if that stop sign was part of last year's study. Mr Baker asked the Chief to monitor speed in the area. There was a discussion on speed bumps as well.

Cheryl Vella, 7 Hickory Lane, said she is here about an issue concerning students crossing Providence Road in the morning at Hickory Lane. She stated the pedestrian crossing is before the flashing signal. She said she was also speaking for residents at 4 Hickory Lane and asked if the flashing signal could be moved. Alternatively could there be a guard or pedestrian sign. She noted some students cross from the sidewalk opposite Hickory Lane to the Hickory side. It was noted the school owns a lot on Hickory Lane. Mr Sullivan suggested putting out temporary pedestrian signs and said the school district should be contacted about this issue.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Legislative meeting of December 13, 2012**

Mr Noyes questioned who seconded the Budget adoption motion and requested the sewer rental be re-worded. After discussion, it was noted Mr. O'Connor seconded the budget motion. Mr Much moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mr O'Connor seconded the motion which was approved by a vote of 4-0-2, Mr Kenworthy and Mr Dougherty were not present at the meeting and Mr Baker stepped out prior to the motion.

### **SOLICITORS REPORT**

Mr Maddren stated he reviewed the Puzzleface Agreement and said he discussed with Mr Sheridan and they agree to the agreement. Mr Much asked if everything previously discussed was in agreement. Mr Sullivan said he would like to review it and stated we can act at our February work session. Mr Sullivan also noted a blank on paragraph 6. Mr Maddren stated it is an escrow amount to be filled in for engineering fees for the Township as well as the sewer authority engineers. Mr Sheridan noted the proposal is for temporary sewer connection and he feels it has been scrutinized and it completely indemnifies the Township. After further discussion the Board will defer action until the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (vacancies on Sidewalk Committee and UCC appeals board and motion to ratify appointment of CDCA representative**

Mr Cummings noted existing vacancies and asked the Board to ratify the CDCA appointment. Mr Dougherty noted that Ms Reuther said she would continue but was ok if the Board wished to appoint someone else. Mr Sullivan said she wanted to continue. It was noted Andrew Pennoni was appointed last week.

### **ENGINEERS REPORT**

Mr Catania submitted his report and noted that the Washington Avenue sewer project is proceeding. Mr Much asked about extra payment for work on the Beechwood Road sewer. Mr Catania said it was for base work and was for material only. Mr Much said Beechwood Road residents a very unhappy with JMC, noting that they destroyed property and gardens and he feels request is out of line. Mr Much noted he received over 75 complaints.

### **MANAGERS REPORT**

Mr Cummings spoke on E-waste collection sponsored by the PRC to be held January 12 and listed items allowed. Mr. Cummings asked the Board to authorized application for County Aid for road resurfacing. Mr Much moved to approve the Townships application for County Aid. Mr Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Mr Cummings spoke on a proposal to place a clothing drop-off container at the highway garage. Mr Dougherty suggested we ask the library if they are interested. Mr Sullivan was not in favor of inviting non-residents to the highway garage. The Board discussed Acme as a possibility but no action was taken.

Mr Cummings noted \$500 for water tests at the Leiper House was on the warrant list and asked Mr Sheehan to look into filtration system. The Board discussed alternatives to solve the issue.

### **BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AG&B-Strathmore Court**- Mr Kenworthy said last month there was a list of issues from the Township Engineer to be addressed by the developers. Mr Brown said he was not here last week but will have his engineer address the items as soon as possible.

Mr Kenworthy noted a ZHB Meeting on Monday January 14<sup>th</sup> to allow for a Child Learning Center at 7 S. Providence Road. He noted this is a commercial operation, and he knows there will be plenty of opposition. Mr. Kenworthy stated he will be out of town that evening. Mr. Noyes stated he would attend.

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Motion to approve warrant list** – Mr Dougherty reviewed the warrant list and noted he had questions answered earlier. Mr Dougherty moved to approve the warrant list. Mr Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

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### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Fire apparatus study (letter of intent)** – Mr Much noted we want to have PA DCED to perform a study on reviewing the level of apparatus of NPT Fire Departments for adequacy. Mr Much moved to authorize to send letter of intent to DCED. Mr Dougherty seconded the motion. Mr Baker wanted clarification that this is just advisory and not binding. Mr Noyes noted DCED could review apparatus or the entire operation. Mr Sheehan noted it is just a review of apparatus. He also noted the study should take only a few days. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

### **RECOGNITION OF EAGLE SCOUT**

Mr Much noted Eagle Scout Court of Honor and noted we gave out two certificates of recognition. Mr Baker read the certifications to Daniel Lordan and Alex Schaff.

### **GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **Motion to ratify Resolution 2013-1 (2013 CDBG application priority list)**

Mr Noyes noted the Board passed Resolution 2013-01 and mentioned it tonight to have it reflected in the minutes.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr O'Connor noted Christmas tree collection will continue through the end of January.

### **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Motion to authorize advertising of scavenger ordinance** - Mr Baker moved to advertise the Scavenger Ordinance. Mr Kenworthy seconded the motion. Mr Noyes noted some people put items out for free and asked if that posed a problem. Mr Maddren said he hoped our inspectors would not interfere if that is the case. He also noted this is outside the scope of the ordinance. The motion passed 7-0.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT**

TE Project status – Mr Sullivan noted the infrastructure project is moving along.

**ADJOURNMENT**- Next meeting is the work session on February 7