

(37) **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP**  
**MEETING of March 14, 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, March 14, 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 Dougherty  
Commissioner O'Connor  
Commissioner Baker  
Commissioner Kenworthy  
Commissioner Noyes

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
Darryl Dixon	Highway Director

**PUBLIC** 32 persons were in attendance, which included members of both fire companies.

**ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Much led the pledge which was recited by all. There was a moment of silence for the passing of Township police officer Dave Bennett's father.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bonnie Smith, 206 Knoll Road, noted that the Township and Multi-Municipal EAC have worked well together and thanked the Board for its support. She noted they are working on a joint application to fund an Open Space plan.

Tom Gallagher, 107 Mulberry Lane, said he is co-director of the 5k race for First Responders and has worked together for 2 years with Wilson Oil and the Susan G. Komen Foundation. He stated Wilson Oil obtained a number of sponsors and silent auction items. He noted representatives of South Media Fire Company, Garden City Fire Company, the Public Works Department and Chief of Police helped direct the 350 runners and walkers this past October. He wanted to thank them all for helping to put on the run. He thanked the Board, Mr Cummings and Mr Sheehan who was a foremost runner in the race. Mr Gallagher noted that they couldn't have pulled it off without Mr Dixon or his highway crew. He thanked Ms Reuther and resident volunteers who acted as marshals. He thanked the cub scouts who handed out water and recognized ambulance crews. He especially thanked Dave and Betsy O'Connell of Wilson Oil and said they put on the best finish line festivities. Mr. Gallagher The next race is October 13, 2013. Mr and Ms O'Connell said they were pleased to participate and glad it makes such an impact. Mr O'Connell said it wouldn't happen if not for the work of Betsy who did a great job of getting sponsors. Betsy said she was really proud they increased donors and it was noted the Pickle Run a week earlier netted \$1,600. The three first responder groups (the Fire Companies and the Police) were then presented with a check in the amount of \$1,965.64 each with the fire companies receiving an additional \$800 each for the Pickle Run. Mr Much recognized Tom Gallagher and Christine Reuther for their efforts. He thanked the O'Connells and Wilson Oil for putting on the race and the first class affair. Mr Much noted Mr Dixon is the best PWD supervisor ever and again thanked all fire personnel while noting the fire department

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fund drive is underway and he asked all residents to give.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **Legislative meeting of February 14, 2013**

Mr. Much moved for approval. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

### **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (vacancies on Sidewalk Committee and UCC appeals board and ZHB alternate) Motion to ratify appointment ZHB and Vacancy Chair appointments**

Mr Cummings noted the vacancies on the various committees..

### **SOLICITORS REPORT**

Mr. Maddren had nothing to report.

### **ENGINEERS REPORT**

Mr. Catania submitted his report and noted 2 bids are on the agenda. Mr Much asked for status of the Beechwood Road issue. He noted the contractor installed cold patch today and will make permanent surface in the spring. Mr Baker said he talked to residents who were concerned about disturbance to Houston Park due to Laurie Lane sewer extension and wanted to make sure the impact would be minimal. Mr. Catania stated some trees will have to be removed but the contractor will have to stabilize the site.

### **MANAGERS REPORT**

Mr. Cummings noted 150 tax delinquent properties were turned over to the county representing less than 2% of total properties. He also noted the Fire Companies expressed interest in engaging a fire recovery service to recoup costs of responses. He noted there will be a prescription Drug Take-back day at the Police Department on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mr Much asked Mr Dixon to step up and speak on the letter he wrote on Sapovitz Park. Mr Dixon asked that part of the park be closed for a period of time, about 2 months for reseeding. The Board discussed who would be affected and Mr Dixon said NPAA Soccer and Media Rugby teams would be but that he checked with them. Mr Much suggested we should put up construction fencing and Mr Sullivan suggested adding signs. The Board discussed using mulch and the cost of fencing. The Board agreed to close the fields on or about April 1. Mr Baker said he didn't think NPAA and Media Youth Rugby had to contribute to the expense but they could.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. O'Connor gave the highway report and noted the Public Works Department has leaf mulch available for purchase. Mr O'Connor temporarily left the meeting after his report.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Award bid on Beatty Run sanitary sewer rehabilitation subject to Commonwealth approval** - Mr Sullivan noted the township received bids for two projects and moved to award this contract to Ridley Excavating Company at the low bid amount of \$33,000. Mr Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

**Award bid on Laurie Lane and Carr/Holy Trinity sanitary sewer subject to Commonwealth approval** - Mr Sullivan moved to award the contract to Cleaver Cable Company at the low bid amount of \$189,350. Mr Much seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

**TE Project – Selection of retaining wall** - Mr Sullivan noted the process of changing the retaining wall due to construction layout and to reduce disturbance to adjoining properties. Mr Catania stated the wall is about 500 sq ft and estimated the cost to be around \$10,000. He recommended we go with the in-stock wall and the Board agreed. Mr Sullivan noted Mr Cummings prepared a memo on the replacement. Mr Kenworthy said we need to get the wall in first and then can discuss tree replacement at the April work session.

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

**Resolution No. 2013-4 (Multi-Municipal Open Space Plan) and Commitment Letter** – Mr Kenworthy summarized the open space plan and moved to approve the resolution. Mr Much seconded the motion. Mr Noyes asked about the old plan and Mr Kenworthy said this replaces the old one and can be used to support and implement projects and grants. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Much gave the fire report and then the police report. He also noted that Chief Flannery is retiring after 4 years and said he has done a fantastic job and we will be posting an advertisement for a replacement. He thanked the Chief for his service. Mr Baker stated he wanted to personally thank Chief Flannery and he will be missed.

**Restrict parking on S. Providence Road (across from Irving Lane/Road)** – Chief Flannery noted he spoke to one resident and he said it was okay to split the difference with the parking restriction and he is waiting to hear from his wife.

Mr Much noted a new Super Wawa may be coming in Media and he is concerned about the cut-through traffic on Surrey Road. He asked the Chief to monitor traffic use.

### **GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Resolution No. 2013-3 (Rooftop Solar Challenge II)** - Mr Noyes noted a grant opportunity on rewriting ordinances to facilitate installation of rooftop solar panels. He noted it is free except for use of staff time. He stated the deadline for submitting a committal letter is tomorrow. He moved to authorize sending the letter. Mr Kenworthy seconded the motion. It was noted legal and advertising costs are reimbursable. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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

**Motion to approve the warrant list** – Mr. Dougherty went through the warrant list and made a motion to approve the warrant list. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

**INR Pension Report (surrender of Dearborn annuities)** - Mr Dougherty spoke on the surrendering of the Dearborn annuities. The Board agreed to authorize surrendering of the two policies.

### **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT**

Mr Baker noted we had already spoke on closing the field at Sapovitz Park. He noted there is a CRC sponsored stream clean-up being held on May 4<sup>th</sup> and NPE Earth Day will be held on April 29 at Hepford Park. Mr Baker also noted the Summer Recreation program was taking place at WES this year and that registration at the township building started April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is the work session on April 4<sup>th</sup>.