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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of June 13, 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, June 13, 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 Noyes
Commissioner Kenworthy
Commissioner Baker – arrived late and left prior to adjournment

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

PUBLIC Approximately 4 people in attendance

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Much led the pledge which was recited by all. Mr. Much wished his daughter a Happy Birthday since he could not be with her tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steven Hann – 404 Austin Court - Noted some kids in Garden City cannot afford to pay for sports and he was thinking of starting a youth soccer program (501C3) and giving scholarships. He said he has funding set up and would need government help. Mr. Much asked if he has contacted NPAA officials and he said he is not interested in working through NPAA as he is targeting local kids. He said his program is more of a soccer recess. He wants kids to have fun and wished to use Hepford Park. He said it would be a free alternative to NPAA.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Frank DeFroda from Barbacane Thornton was present and he summarized the audit for the township's 2012 fiscal year and stated he would be available to answer questions. Mr. DeFroda said he was happy with the report and he worked well with the township's staff. It was a good year for the Township.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative meeting of May 9, 2013

Mr. Much moved to approve the May 9, 2013 minutes. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed 5-0-1 with Mr. Kenworthy abstaining as he was not present.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (vacancies on Sidewalk Committee, Historical Commission and UCC appeals board)

Mr. Much moved to appoint Chris Martin to the Historical Commission. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

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SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Maddren had nothing to report.

Mr. Baker arrived at this time 7:56 pm.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania submitted his report noting resurfacing was completed except for punch list items and the Brookhaven Road sewer is to be rebid. He noted the Laurie Lane and Beatty Run sewer construction was underway. Mr. Much asked for status of the Beechwood Road project noting he received a report of a sink hole. Mr. Catania said he would discuss it with Mr. Dixon.

Mr. Much also asked about repairing the paving at the rear of SMFC off Leiper St and if it is eligible for CDBG funding. Mr. Cummings will check it out and discuss with Chief Ed Kline.

Mr. Baker asked about getting outlets on new Hepford Park lights and Mr. Catania supplied a quote of \$3,785 from the contractor. Mr. Baker asked to see if the County would fund or use Community Enhancement Funds. Mr. Sullivan said he was concerned about the liability and unauthorized use. It was noted it is GFI circuit and the panel box could be locked. Mr. Catania will look into the County funding.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings gave his report and mentioned the County is spraying to help prevent West Nile Virus. He also noted the Well Read Library fundraiser is on June 15th and that the MS4 report was submitted to DEP. Mr. Cummings noted Summer Camp employees will be CPR trained using DVIT safety grant funding. He spoke on storm water and the effects of car washing chemicals getting into our water system. Mr. Dougherty asked about residents placing grass clippings in the street. Mr. Cummings said that it is more of a clogging concern the water quality issue.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to approve the warrant list - Mr. Dougherty went through the warrant list and moved for approval. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Much gave the Police Report.

Police Chief Search

Mr. Much noted that Chief Flannery is retired and the Board agreed to sign an agreement with Detective Sgt. Splain as our new Chief of Police. Mr. Much moved to appoint Mr. David Splain. Mr. Noyes noted there were over 40 applicants and finalists were excellent. Mr. Sullivan noted he thought there were other better candidates and will abstain from the vote. Mr. Baker said it is disgraceful that members do not give their full support to Mr. Splain. Mr. Noyes said he also thought there was a better candidate. Mr. Baker said Detective Sergeant Splain was the best candidate. Mr. Dougherty said he agreed with Mr. Baker and Mr. Much said he also agreed. The motion passed 5-1-1 with Mr. Sullivan abstaining and Mr. Noyes voting No.

Mr. Baker left at this point stating he did not want to stay due to the lack of a unanimous vote.

Motion to sell old vehicles (Car #7 and Explore)

Mr. Much asked Mr. Kenworthy to look at the best way to turnover both our police and highway fleet, as he has spoke on the need to do that. Mr. Kenworthy said he would be happy to work with the township staff to prepare the program. Mr. Much acknowledged Chief Flannery in the back and the Board thanked him again for all his service. Mr. Much noted the Explorer is on its last leg and Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Cummings suggested keeping the Malibu and selling the Explorer instead. It was noted the Board discussed getting a new car for the Chief. Mr. Much moved to place car #7 and the Explorer on GovDeals. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion. Mr. Sullivan noted the money from the sale of car #7 is to offset the cost of the new Charger. It was noted we are still waiting on receiving possible funds from the county as well. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

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GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Noyes noted there is no new business and made mention that the scarab is up in years and we have applied for funding from DEP.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Kenworthy noted there is no new business.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. O'Connor stated that leaf mulch is still available.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT

Mr. Much gave the report in Mr. Baker's absence and noted the Summer Recreation program starts June 24 and runs through July 26 and that Family Day will take place in September.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Project

Mr. Sullivan noted we are still working on planting and getting dirt for the rear properties of Church Lane.

H2O Grant - Brookhaven Road sewer project (bids opened and rejected June 6) – motion to authorize to receive new bids

Mr. Sullivan noted we received bids last week and they were very high so we rejected all bids last week. He also noted the residents were paying one third the cost.

Mr. Catania stated he is considering putting in two systems, a gravity system on the east side of the road and a low pressure system on the west side. He stated he will supply plans next week and also asked to be re-authorized to bid. He said Mr. Cummings will supply plans to the Board when received. Mr. Sullivan moved to authorize to advertise for a gravity system on the east side and a low pressure system on the west side of Brookhaven Road. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion. After discussion on cost, the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Much noted that Chief Splain will start on July 1st.

Mr. Much also noted we will have a combined work session and legislative meeting on July 11th and on August 1st.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.