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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of July 11, 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, July 11, 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

Gary Cummings	Township Manager
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
Dennis Sheehan	Assistant Township Manager
Lisa Swan	Finance Director
Darryl Dixon	Highway Supervisor
Kim Daniel	Police Executive Assistant
Maureen Feyas	Executive Assistant

EXCUSED: Michael Maddren Township Solicitor

PUBLIC Approximately 40 people in attendance

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Much led the pledge which was recited by all. Mr. Much spoke to a packed house.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE CHIEF DAVID SPLAIN

District Justice Larry McKeown of Collingdale spoke on how Officer Splain has been such a great Law Enforcement Officer. He then swore in David Splain as Police Chief of Nether Providence Township to a great round of applause from a full meeting room. Mr. Splain was accompanied by his three children. Mr. Much congratulated Chief Splain and presented the Police Chief's Badge to Chief Splain. Mr. Much recognized State Representative Joe Hackett who was present to support Chief Splain. Chief Splain spoke and noted he has been a resident of Wallingford for 38 years and a Yeadon Police Officer for 28 years. He thanked the Board for the opportunity and thanked the Township police officers present and said he was looking forward to working with them. There was a break while the crowd supporting Chief Splain dispersed.

Upon reconvening, Mr. Much noted Rep. Hackett was instrumental in getting a water filtration system for the Leiper House and thanked him.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Roy Beatty of 37 Waterford Way stated that at 9:45 pm the other night he noted a person waving burning paper who said his car had gotten stuck at Houston Park. He stated it was so dark on Waterford Way and Harvey Road as there were no lights. Mr. Much said we will look into it.

Mr. Murely of West Chester spoke on behalf of a friend at 316 S. Providence Road and asked what the goal is with the Coletta family. Mr. Much said he can't speak about this as it is a matter of litigation.

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Joe Coletta stated Dave Coletta is his father. He noted he and his 2 brothers were kicked out of their house as the house was condemned. His father put a modular house to live in and he said their constitutional rights were violated.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (Vacancies on Sidewalk Committee, and ZHB Alternate)

Ms McGowan spoke on her interest in the Sidewalk Committee. Mr. O'Connor moved to appoint Ms. McGowan to the sidewalk committee. Mr. Much seconded and she was appointed by a vote of 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative meeting of June 13, 2013

Approval was tabled until the next meeting.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Maddren was excused from the meeting. There was nothing to report.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Act 537 Plan update

Mr. Catania submitted his report and spoke on the draft Act 537 Plan. He noted DELCORA looked at alternate plans to using the Philadelphia S.W. Plant and the options and their costs. Mr. Catania stated that midway through their review, Philadelphia reduced its cost and DELCORA signed a 15 year agreement and DELCORA is concentrating on reducing inflow and infiltration (I&I). He noted the draft Act 537 Plan requires us to adopt a sewer lateral inspection ordinance or have our own I & I reduction plan. We have an opportunity to submit comments and then adopt the plan by resolution. He stated we would have 12 months to adopt the lateral ordinance. Once approved by DEP it was noted there was a 30 day comment period. There was discussion on options in 537 Plan.

Mr. Much asked Mr. Catania about remedies for sink holes on Beechwood Road. Mr. Catania said Aqua leak detection crews will be checking for leaks.

Creekside Lane - Mr. Catania said a 40ft section of sewer needs to be repaired at a cost estimated at \$12,000. He noted we have an existing maintenance contract with Ridley Excavating. Mr. Much moved to authorize repairing the line. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. After discussion on the cost the motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings gave his report and noted the Sidewalk Committee recommended a sidewalk along Meadow Lane to the Wallingford Swim Club along with crosswalks on Providence Road. Mr. Baker noted people cutting the corner on Northeast side of E. Rose Valley Road and the Northeast corner of Providence Road and people (kids/students) need a place to stand. There was discussion on placing delineators to mark the area. Mr. Noyes noted they may want to consider pedestrian islands. Mr. Cummings will ask PENNDOT to review. Mr. Sullivan noted we should request the pedestrian cross walk signs and to paint a crosswalk. He would like to see distinctive areas and asked to have PENNDOT review safety and we propose a pedestrian island on the southeast corner as well.

Mr. Cummings noted INR (pension advisors) are attending the August 1st meeting to give a pension report. He also noted there is a DELCO Crisis Intervention agency and noted cost savings by belonging to DVIT. He also noted we will be looking into using the DVIT safety grant for a car counter.

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Much noted the Pickle Run is coming up and we received a letter from Christine Reuther asking the Township to support the run. After discussion, the Board agreed to support the run with providing barricades and police.

Mr. Much read a letter asking the township for a donation of \$1,000 to the Center for Resolutions and Township Youth Aid Panel. Mr. Much made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Center for Resolutions. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion but said he had a concern about drawing boundaries. He would like to say that the donation is in support of the Youth Aid Panel for the Township and that this is relayed to the Center for Resolution. All agreed and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Much gave the police and fire report. He noted that he attended the Media Borough Planning Commission where the super Wawa was reviewed and said it will have major traffic impact on traffic in the 4th Ward. He spoke on his concern with the Chief's car and that it is not in good shape and we need to look at a replacement.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Kenworthy noted there is no new business.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to approve the warrant list - Mr. Dougherty went through the warrant list and moved for its approval. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed 7-0.

The Board agreed to solicit bids on electric rates as it was noted the current contract expires at the end of 2013.

Mr. Dougherty stated that two vehicles are listed on GovDeals.com and that bids will be taken until July 29. He noted good bids amounts are on the site already.

The Board discussed the requests for sewer and recycling waivers for two residents. The rebate regulations were briefly reviewed and after discussion it was agreed they would be looked at on a case by case basis. Mr. Dougherty moved to waive the deadline for Ms. Silverman. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0. Mr. Dougherty moved to extend the deadline and income maximum for Ms. Roundtree. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. O'Connor noted the recycling contract expires at the end of 2013 and that we needed to decide on an extension next year. The Board discussed and they were inclined to take bids in the event we can get a lower price. Mr. Sheehan noted that J.P. Mascaro would like to be included in discussions to rebid.

Mr. O'Connor then gave the highway report.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT

Mr. Baker noted the Summer Recreation program would be entering its third week tomorrow and he has attended often. He reported it was a lot of fun so far and thanked all of the counselors. He also noted the air conditioning at WES has been very helpful. Mr. Baker mentioned he would like to have Family Fun Day on Sunday, September 15th. Mr. Much asked all Board members to help out.

GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Noyes stated the Hepford Park lighting noting it's 75% complete. Mr. Baker noted he wanted to extend the wiring for future receptacles and install 2 outlet receptacles that cost \$711 each. The township balance would not change.

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Mr. Noyes noted Wallingford Presbyterian Church is requesting assistance next Tuesday for a big event and wanted help to prevent commuter parking. He stated Mr. Dixon was helping with barricades.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

H2O Grant

Mr. Sullivan noted the W. Brookhaven Road sewer extension went out for bids for a gravity line for 10 houses and all were rejected because they came in too high. The Board then authorized the design to have a gravity sewer as well as a pump system and he noted he is hopeful bids will come in lower. Mr. Sullivan stated there is a question as to how to split the cost, but we need to go out to bid. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan moved to authorize to receive bids on the revised plan and take separate bids for Part A and Part B, being a gravity and a pump system. It was noted some costs of the pumps are bound to the gravity system. Mr. Sullivan noted the H2O grant reduces the costs to the residents to 1/3rd.

TE Grant

Mr. Sullivan noted we got supplemental funding and moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-4 (Second Supplemental Reimbursement Agreement). Mr. Noyes seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Dougherty spoke on the Right-To-Know request and issue brought up by Mr. Cummings and said he will discuss it with Representative Hackett and Senator Pileggi.

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