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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of October 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, October 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 Dougherty
Commissioner Noyes
Commissioner Kenworthy
Commissioner Baker
Commissioner O'Connor

Gary Cummings	Township Manager
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
Dennis Sheehan	Assistant Township Manager
Michael Maddren	Township Solicitor
Lisa Swan	Finance Director

PUBLIC Approximately 7 people in attendance

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Much led the pledge which was recited by all.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Linderman of 227 Grandview Road spoke on the BOCA Appeals Board noting the different regulations for 1996 BOCA Property Maintenance Codes and the ICC. He stated the Board of Appeals for each code have different requirements. He recommends the Township adopt 2009 ICC Property Maintenance Code noting only three members are required on ICC Appeals Board. It was noted it would be adopted by ordinance. Mr. Sullivan asked to see the differences between codes. Mr. Maddren noted the county has an Appeal Board the township could opt-in to use. Mr. Much said Board will look into this.

Anna Lynn Smith of 107 Wallingford Avenue stated she was a Civil Engineer and interested in being on the Sidewalk Committee. She stated she sees the need for improvement in sidewalks in the Township and noted Copples Lane and Avondale Road as examples. She indicated she will have time to attend meetings. Mr. Kenworthy stated crossing bridges is a big issue and asked for her thoughts on fundraising. Ms. Smith stated her experience with infrastructure projects. Mr. Much moved to appoint Ms. Smith to the Sidewalk Committee. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative meeting of September 12, 2013

Mr. Noyes noted he couldn't recall a comment made but was ok with what was documented. Mr. Much moved to approve the minutes. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed 6-0, with Mr. O'Connor abstaining.

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SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Maddren noted there was nothing prohibiting an ordinance setting user fees for the fire companies but municipalities cannot bill for services.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania submitted his report and noted bids for rehabilitation of sanitary sewer manhole are set for October 24th.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings gave his report noting Senator Pileggi's Kids Fun Fair is on October 12, the last household hazardous waste collection will be held at Upper Chi Municipal Building on October 19th. He also noted the Oy Vey 5k/10-k race is on October 27th and the Panther Pajama Run is on November 9th.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to approve the warrant list - Mr. Dougherty summarized the warrant list and took a question on the DVIT and DELCORA bills. Mr. Dougherty then moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed 7-0.

2014 Budget Schedule – Mr. Dougherty noted the next Budget Meeting would be Thursday October 17th and that we will be getting into it deeper and the public is welcome.

Settlement of Gertrude Gouley Estate – Mr. Dougherty noted the long-time contested estate of Mrs. Gouley has been settled and the township has received a check in the amount of approximately \$686,000. He thanked the family for the donation. Kathryn Miller of Highland Ave noted Henry Gouley was responsible in getting the County to create Rose Tree Park. Mr. Noyes noted it is a discretionary gift and the Board agreed to sign but to hold off until Mr. Maddren has reviewed it.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Much gave the Police Report noting recent vehicle break-ins with one vehicle stolen and all were unlocked. He urged residents to be vigilant, to lock doors and call 911 if you see or hear anything suspicious.

Purchase of vehicle for Police Chief - The Board reviewed a proposal to get a new car for the Police Chief. Mr. Kenworthy asked if the numbers supplied were estimates. Mr. Sullivan said we should not lease it. After discussion, Mr. Much moved to purchase the vehicle using funds from the Drug Forfeiture Fund, the Police Capital Fund and General Fund to total \$27,000. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. Mr. Much noted the Police Department would only get one vehicle in next year's budget. Mr. Sheehan stated we were thinking of using the old Chief's car as the Code vehicle. Mr. Much thought the vehicle was in bad shape. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Traffic Calming Speed Humps on Vernon Street - Mr. Much noted complaints on Vernon Street and suggested speed humps be considered. After discussion the Chief will be asked to put a speed counter there.

GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Noyes noted bids will be received on October 24th for the CDBG to replace sanitary sewers in Garden City Manor and South Media. He also noted he would have liked to have attended the Town Hall Meeting in South Media.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Malvern Development Group (Rabena Bros) escrow release in amount of \$46,340.25 (Manchester Ave) –

Mr. Kenworthy moved to approve this release as recommended by the Township Engineer. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

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Billboards along Baltimore Pike before Springfield Twp ZHB – Mr. Kenworthy noted there was a Springfield Township zoning hearing meeting on a billboard proposed on Baltimore Pike just next to Smedley Park. Mr. Sullivan stated he was hoping we could send a letter. The Board agreed to have Mr. Maddren send a letter to the Springfield Township ZHB attorney.

Request for waiver of single lot escrow fee - Mulhern Lot on W. Brookhaven Road – Mr. Kenworthy explained the request to waive the \$2,500 single-lot escrow fee as he owns both adjacent parcels. The Board declined. Mr. Dougherty noted the Kinder Park development will be before the Township ZHB on October 21st.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. O'Connor gave his report and noted the township awarded the storm sewer and street maintenance projects last week to Ridley Excavating in the amount of \$29,445.80.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT

Mr. Baker gave his report noting the First responders 5k race will be held on October 19th.

Mr. Baker read the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation for Holcomb Behavioral Services. Mr. Baker moved to sign the proclamation. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Family Fun Day – Mr. Baker stated Family Fun Day was held on September 14th and was a huge success. He noted we raised \$4,500 in individual contributions and revenue above that and are awaiting a contribution from TD Bank. He recognized all those who donated funds as well as Wawa and Boathouse for food and drink donations. He acknowledged groups attending including SMFC, GCFC, Media Ambulance, Chester City Fire, SHHS Robotics, Delco Cruisers and others. He wanted to thank all the township staff including Darryl Dixon and Frank Freeman for making the games. He would also like to make \$75 donations to groups that came out. Mr. Dougherty noted Mr. Baker did so much work to plan Family Fun Day and really wanted to thank him.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

H2O Grant - Brookhaven Road sewer project bids and allocation of costs - Mr. Sullivan noted letters were sent out to 11 households but he wanted to table action until we hear from 5 others or wait until a majority is reached.

SRTS (Wallingford Avenue sidewalk project) – Mr. Sullivan noted the Township had the first meeting with PADOT on a safety review. He said the plan is to follow the existing walk but PADOT wanted to move it away from the road. Mr. Sullivan said that based on this initial meeting, he feels we need to get State Representative Hackett involved.

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