

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP**  
**MEETING of April 14, 2016**

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, April 14, 2016 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Much  
Commissioner Baker  
Commissioner Sullivan  
Commissioner Dougherty  
Commissioner Kenworthy  
Commissioner O'Connor  
Commissioner Knapp

Gary Cummings	Township Manager
Dave Grady	Assistant Township Manager
Mike Maddren	Township Solicitor
Lisa Swan	Finance Director
David Splain	Chief of Police
Charles Catania	Township Engineer

**PUBLIC**

Approximately 3 people in attendance.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Much led the Pledge of Allegiance which was recited by all.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were none

Suburban Waste Services – CEO Dave Dienno was present. Mr. Much spoke on a recent truck accident involving a truck in service for Suburban Waste. Mr. Much noted the accident was not reported to the police department and asked Chief Splain to comment. Chief Splain said he had no knowledge of the accident and cited Section 1345 of the vehicle code noting the driver is obligated to stop the vehicle and supply their name and registration. He must also notify the police department and said the driver could be subject to a fine. The Chief also noted that if the vehicle couldn't be driven they must also notify police and this was not done. Mr. Much noted fluid ran down the street and into an inlet. Mr. Grady stated the incident at 7 Sharpless Lane still has not been rectified. Mr. Dienno stated the accident happened at 4:45PM and he did not know the severity of the accident until he arrived. He noted PADOT was notified and they did an inspection finding that the brakes were working but there was no steering. He stated they gave information to the homeowner and went back the next morning. He said drug testing was done and it was negative and the truck was still in the yard if the police want to look at it. Mr. Dienno further stated he would be glad to share records on the truck with the Police Department and be fully responsible for the damage. Mr. Much said nothing was done to the property and they just threw oil dry down on the anti-freeze and it was not cleaned up. Other recycling issues were discussed. Mr. Dienno will work with Mr. Grady and will get the information on the accident to the Chief.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Mr. Dougherty read the list of all those interested in being appointed and their terms and moved for reappointment as follows:

Historical Commission - Chris Martin and Dick Linderman to 3 year terms expiring in December 2013.

Parks Commission - Jessica Spangler and Scott Spangler to 3 year terms expiring in December 2018.

Planning Commission - John Dickerson to a 4 year term expiring in December 2019.

Shade Tree Committee - Joy Clauss to a 3 year term expiring in December 2018.

Sidewalk Committee - Paul Fritz, Erin McGuire & Mike Cleary to 2 year terms expiring in December 2017.

Zoning Hearing Board - Robert George to a 3 year term expiring in December 2018 and Marie McGuire as the Alternate member

Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Ratify Appointment of Michael Trout to the Civil Service Commission – Mr. Dougherty noted Mr. Trout was appointed to the Civil Service Commission last week and moved to ratify the appointment. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Jon Lichtenstein from Furness Library was present and stated that circulation is up 10% from last year, due mostly to the additional funding and purchases. He also noted PECO has helped to upgrade the lighting and that the May Fair will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Knapp thanked the library for the reception. Mr. Lichtenstein noted the Chadwick Meeting Room was recently upgraded with grant funds and donations.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **Legislative Meeting of March 10, 2016**

Mr. Baker moved to approve the minutes of March 10. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0-2, with Mr. Much and Mr. Knapp abstaining as they were not present.

## **SOLICITORS REPORT**

Mr. Maddren stated legal matters were addressed in the executive session but noted that he may have comments on other agenda items.

## **ENGINEERS REPORT**

Mr. Catania stated he has submitted his report and noted parking issues by Kinder Park.

## **MANAGERS REPORT**

Mr. Cummings noted there is a rain barrel workshop at Widener and the Furness Park clean-up is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. He stated the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual CRC Stream Clean-up Day will be on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 11:00 am with clean ups to occur at Smedley and Leiper Parks as well as at the Taylor Arboretum. He noted a luncheon for volunteers will be held at Ridley Creek Park following the clean up. Mr. Cummings also noted the Township Community Clean Up Day will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at both Hepford Park and South Media Fire Company from 9:00am to 4:00pm and it is for Township residents only with ID being checked. Mr. Baker said Suburban Waste should be changing the dumpsters on a regular basis. Mr. Cummings stated Temple grad students including Randy Rook from the EAC are drafting a Master Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

## **BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Zoning Hearing on 224 N. Providence Road continued – Mr. Knapp noted the Zoning Hearing for 224 N. Providence Road was continued again but noted they are still in violation and need to have a hearing and suggested a special date. Mr. Maddren will reach out to the other attorneys.

**Floodplain permit application and fees** – Mr. Maddren said he reviewed these and they are good. Mr. Knapp moved to approve the form of application and fee schedule. Mr. O’Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Caln-Nether development proposals** – Mr. Knapp noted it is a non-actionable item.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**LED Streetlight Procurement Program (Ratify IGA)** – Mr. Sullivan noted the Board agreed to approve the investment grade audit at the last meeting.

**CMAQ grant due April 21** – Mr. Sullivan noted they were reviewing making application for a roundabout at Routes 320 and 252, to install a walk on Possum Hollow walk from the train station to Providence Road, and to place a sidewalk on E. Rose Valley Road from the Leiper-Smedley Trail to Providence Road. Mr. Dougherty suggested parking improvements near the train station and he suggested placing them on Turner Road noting Mr. Catania had prepared a plan to add spaces and a sidewalk. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan moved to make a CMAQ grant application for a new sidewalk on Possum Hollow Road from Providence Road to the train station and to ask SEPTA to support and to contribute to the match. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-1 with Mr. Baker voting no.

**Copples Lane sidewalk project schedule and inspection consultant selection** – Mr. Sullivan noted there is no price competition as rates set by PA DOT. He stated the Board agreed to go with Michael Baker International.

**Wallingford Avenue sidewalk project** – Mr. Sullivan noted that bids had been received and JMC Inc. came in significantly lower than other bidders at \$414,444.20. He stated DVRPC is looking to fund the overage. Mr. Sullivan moved to award the contract to the lowest bidder JMC at their bid amount of \$414,444.20. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Motion to approve warrant list** – Mr. Kenworthy noted large Home Depot bill and road salt bills on the prepaid list. He also noted healthcare and quarterly payments to funded organizations which are large. He moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. O’Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Ratify authorization to apply for DCNR grant for purchase of Summit School** – Mr. Kenworthy moved to ratify the decision to apply for grant funding. Mr. O’Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Ratify approval of interest rate conversion for 2006 note to 6 years at 1.477% (adopt Resolution 2016-4)** – Mr. Kenworthy moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. O’Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Ratify tax assessment appeal settlement for 610 E. Baltimore Pike** - Mr. Kenworthy moved to ratify the settlement. Mr. O’Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

### **FIRE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Community Map and Guide (review content)** – Mr. Dougherty asked the Board to review the content.

**Fire Company bonuses for fundraising** – Mr. Dougherty stated he talked to GCFC and will meet with SMFC in May.

**Relist SMFC pumper on GovDeals** – Mr. Dougherty moved to relist the South Media pumper truck on GovDeals and at minimum or \$50,000. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

### **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Summer Recreation program** – Mr. Baker noted that registration will be held this Monday.

**Ratify acceptance of \$825,000 grant for Moore Road sidewalk** – Mr. Baker moved with Mr. Sullivan seconding. All were in favor by a vote of 7-0.

**Race for First Responders (held in mid-October – either 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>)** – Mr. Baker spoke on possibly getting a committee and will report next month.

**Fencing/bushes for Bungalow** – Mr. Grady noted a fence would cost about \$875.00 and 20 plants would cost \$450 but would take 1-2 years for the plants to form a boundary. The Board asked Mr. Dixon to get additional fencing prices.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Much gave the Police Report noting 2 new police vehicles arrived, and noted 2 officers attended a talk at the high school with parents about heroin overdoses.

**Stop Signs for intersections where the normal right-of-way rule does not apply** – Mr. Catania stated he reviewed Grandview and Ridgewood and Woodcrest and Grandview and he recommended stop signs but he still has to complete the study.

Mr. Much thanked AnneMarie Cooke for the Tax Collectors Report.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Motion to award road resurfacing contract** – Mr. O'Connor noted road resurfacing bids were received. After much discussion Mr. O'Connor moved to award the contract to Innovation Inc. for the base bid and alternates 1, 2, and 3. Mr. Much seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Much noted the next meeting is the work session on May 5<sup>th</sup>. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.