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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of March 13, 2014**

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 13, 2014 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Much
Commissioner O' Connor
Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Kenworthy

Gary Cummings	Township Manager
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
Dennis Sheehan	Assistant Township Manager
Lisa Swan	Finance Director
Robert Elmore	NPT Sergeant

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

Commissioner Noyes
Commissioner Baker
Commissioner Dougherty
Solicitor Maddren

PUBLIC Approximately 3 people in attendance

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elysa Howe of 450 Washington Avenue said she heard that at a neighborhood meeting, there were complaints about her dogs. Mr. Much stated there were complaints at the meeting at the South Media Fire Company. She said they are friendly dogs and they only let them off the leash when no one is around. Mr. Much said we did have a multitude of complaints and if the code officer or police have not contacted them then she is okay. It was noted they are large dogs.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Cummings noted there are vacancies on the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative meeting of February 20, 2014

Mr. Much moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2014 meeting. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0.

SOLICITORS REPORT

There was no report as Mr. Maddren was not present.

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ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania submitted his report and noted the prioritized list of roads to be resurfaced. He stated that resurfacing the 8 worst streets will cost at around \$315,000. He also noted Avondale between Rte 320 and Rose Valley needs to be done. Mr. Sullivan asked how the roads were rated as Meadows is in bad shape as a "3". Mr. Much asked if Mr. Dixon could improve any of the streets and for Mr. Catania to work with him. Mr. Kenworthy asked about Kershaw Road and Mr. Catania said it was removed due to Aqua work. Mr. Catania said he is still waiting to hear back from Aqua. He also noted Garguile is starting the West Brookhaven Road sewer project on March 31st versus next week.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings gave his report stating the Drug Take Back will be held on March 24 at the Police Station and "Give Kids A Smile" days are April 16th and 18th where children can go for free dental visits. Mr. Cummings informed the Board that the Public Works dump truck #7 had engine failure and the repair would cost approximately \$9,700. A new truck would come in between \$50,000 and \$60,000. The blown engine was most likely a result of the excessive need to plow snow this year. Mr. Cummings stated he would like to get updated Community Maps and noted they are provided at no cost to the Township.

Mr. Cummings noted the NPAA baseball season opens April 6th with a parade, the Delco Council Historical Committee meeting would be held April 5th at 8:30pm in the Furness Library and the CRC presentation on Native Plants would be held April 6th at the Old Mill from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. Mr. Cummings stated the TAP grant and DCNR grant priorities were submitted to the Board. He stated Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Dixon went through the DCNR proposal and recommended upgrading Bullens Lane Park due to its current condition and useage. After discussion, the Board agreed to submit the application for improvements to Bullens Lane Park. It was noted Gouley Estate money and Hampton Inn money could be used as a match for the project which is estimated at \$40,000.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT

NPAA Baseball Requests - In Mr. Baker's absence Mr. Much noted Mr. Dixon is looking at the list and is still deciding what the Public Works department can do. The Board will discuss this next month.

Motion to authorize to receive bids for the Leiper House roof – Mr. Much moved to authorize to receive bids upon verification of CDBG funds. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0.

Summer Camp – Mr. Much noted registration starts April 2nd and for those interested to apply for positions as camp counselors.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Township Actuary (selection) - Mr. Much noted the cost is negligible between Mockenhaupt and Conrad Siegel. Mr. Sheehan noted he spoke with Middletown Township and they had no issues with Conrad Siegel. Mr. Sullivan suggested we speak with other municipalities who have police pension plans. Board members noted the township staff has to work with the actuary and stated we will discuss the selection at the April 3 meeting.

Motion to Approve Warrant List – Mr. Much reviewed the list and asked for questions. Mr. Kenworthy asked about the high ammunition cost and Sgt. Elmore said it was for the entire year. Mr. Much moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0.

GovDeals Auction – Motion on bids for mowers and police car – The Board reviewed the GovDeals resolution accepting the high bids. Mr. Sullivan moved to approve the resolution. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed 4-0.

Motion to use DVIT Risk Control Grant for 2014-2015 in amount of \$7,094 for police keyless entry system – Mr. Much moved to approve DVIT funds for the keyless entry system. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed 4-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Civil Service testing – Mr. Cummings noted the ad for civil service testing for police officers would run March 9th and we will accept applications until April 11th. Thereafter, the written, physical and oral exams would be scheduled.

Mr. Much thanked Delaware County Council and Marianne Grace for the \$30,000 grant for a new SUV Police Vehicle and \$10,000 grant for salaries for Police Bike Patrol. Mr. Much noted the SUV costs were around \$48,000 but we do have \$10,000 in Drug Fund and \$15,000 in Police Capital. Mr. Sullivan asked if we would then sell a vehicle or if not, forego purchasing a new vehicle next year. Sgt. Elmore noted we need two SUV's for the winter but the Chief's plan was to use one SUV sparingly. The Chief will be asked if he wishes to sell a vehicle. Mr. Much moved to purchase a new SUV with the \$30,000 and use balance from the Drug Fund and Police Capital. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. Mr. Kenworthy wanted the vehicle replacement schedule to be revised/updated for next month. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0. Mr. Much recognized Sgt. Elmore for helping the Township's Public Works Director Mr. Dixon who had fallen ill and had to be taken to the hospital by ambulance. Mr. Much then gave the Police report. He also noted the PD received \$500 from PECO for use in DUI Checkpoints.

Sidewalk installation on Manchester Avenue – This issue will be placed on the April agenda.

Route 320 roundabout proposed by Swarthmore College – Mr. Much stated he discussed this with Swarthmore Police Chief Craig and we will hear more as it develops.

FOP Contract - Mr. Much stated we have working on the Police contract with the FOP for the last year or more and have finally come to an agreement. He moved to approve the latest proposal from the FOP as relayed from the Township Solicitor. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed 4-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. O'Connor noted he received the resurfacing list and wished Mr. Dixon well in his recovery.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

SRTS meeting with Wallingford Avenue residents held yesterday – Mr. Sullivan stated he attended the meeting with the impacted residents last night and noted PENNDOT made us move the sidewalk back but that impacted residents more. He noted the engineer showed pictures and maps and the meeting went well.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is April 3rd.