

(249) **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP**
MEETING of December 14, 2017

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, December 14, 2017 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

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

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

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Approximately 13 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ryan Dunne, 720 Pine Ridge Road thanked the Board for all they have done. He asked Mr. Much to share his email list with the new 4th ward Commissioner.

Ms. Amy Moulton, 714 Truepenney Road also asked Mr. Much to share his email list. Mr. Much stated it is not township business.

Ms. Carol Fanconi, 103 Quaint Road spoke on communication with the township and asked if she can sign up on the township website to receive information. Mr. Much noted the township has Facebook pages and Mr. Dougherty said all Commissioners have emails addresses on the website. She requested to get whatever information she could.

Laurie Friedman, 707 Hemlock Road said she would sign up on the website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative Meeting of November 9, 2017

Mr. Baker moved for approval of the minutes of the November 9, 2017 legislative meeting. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0 with Mr. Much, Mr. Kenworthy and Mr. Dougherty abstaining as they were not present.

Budget Meeting of November 16, 2017

Approval of Budget Meeting Minutes is not necessary, but it was noted that they would be placed in the Minute Book.

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SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Maddren submitted his report noting that title insurance was ordered for the Peck property subdivision. **Summit School (DCED grant deed restriction)** – Mr. Much moved to approve the Declaration of Restrictions and Declarations subject to Mr. Maddren’s final approval. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Wireless Broadband resolution opposing HB 1620 - Mr. Maddren explained this applied to multiple small antennae placed on utility poles but noted it is not time sensitive and some municipalities have adopted the resolution.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania stated he submitted his report and recommended the release of escrow #4 for the Kinder Park Housing Development. Mr. Much moved to authorize the release subject to any fees owed being paid to the township. Mr. O’Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0. It was noted escrow release # 3 was authorized last week.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings stated the Leiper House was holding an Open House Sunday 12/17 from 1:00-5:00pm, beverages will be served and it is open to the public. He also noted the Red Cross would be holding their Blood Drive on January 3rd from 2:00 -7:00pm at the Administration Building’s meeting room. Mr. Cummings stated the CDBG application is due January 11th and that there would be a public hearing held on January 4th at 7:30pm. He noted the township newsletter is in the works and the County has supplied a list of items that can be sent for the Holiday Cheer for Troops. Mr. Cummings stated the deadline for rebate of property taxes and the County has notified us they are beginning their reassessment project where vans will be driving around the neighborhoods and taking pictures of properties.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Summit School – (DCED grant deed restriction) – Mr. Baker noted that this was done under the Solicitor’s report.

Resolution No. 2017-13 (Willow Road Land Swap with Blanton) – Mr. Cummings explained this authorizes the swap of same-size lots between the Township and Mr. Daniel Blanton and noted Mr. Blanton is in the audience. He noted the Board discussed the conditioning the swap on consolidation of all of Mr. Blanton’s lots. Mr. Blanton noted the history of lots and asked if it was a legal requirement, and if not, his answer is to not consolidate the lots just now. After further discussion, Mr. Baker moved to approve Resolution 2017-13. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Much noted that this was his last meeting and thanked the Board members, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Grady, Mr. Catania, Chief Splain, Ms. Lisa Swan, Ms. AnneMarie Cooke, Ms. Marianne Leamy, Ms. Maureen Feyas, Mr. Darryl Dixon and his staff as well as Mr. Jack Gresch and Mr. Rich Haywood. Mr. Baker thanked Mr. Much for his eight years of service and work for his ward. Mr. Baker noted they had many laughs and he is happy to call him a friend. Mr. Much then gave the Police Report.

Regulations on vacant properties – Mr. Much asked to table discussion until next month’s agenda.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Resolution 2017-15 (2018 Recycling Fee of \$53.00) - Mr. Kenworthy moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Motion to approve Warrant List – Mr. Kenworthy’s went through the warrant list. He noted the hydrant bill irks him but there is not much that can be done about it. Mr. Kenworthy then moved for approval of the warrant list. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion. Mr. Much asked about the SPCA bill. Chief Splain said there was much cut from the bill and that the township should recoup some funds from residents for three animals. Mr. Dougherty asked about the \$1,000 for street lights. Mr. O’Connor asked about lights in the Mills of Rose

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Valley. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

2018 Budget – Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 797 – Mr. Kenworthy noted we have worked on the budget now for months and moved for approval. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion. Mr. Kenworthy thanked the Board for their hard work and consensus. Mr. Kenworthy noted the budget is a 4.98% tax increase. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Ratify Resolution No. 2017-11 (Establishing 2018 sewer rental rate) – Mr. Kenworthy noted the Board passed the resolution last week and set the annual sewer rental rate of \$460 per unit.

Ratify payment to DELCORA on billing issue with flows from Rose Valley – Mr. Kenworthy noted the settlement last week with DECLORA and we just need to note in order to ratify the approval.

Mr. Baker thanked Mr. Kenworthy for his eight years of service. Mr. Much agreed he was an asset to the Township. Mr. O'Connor also said he was sorry to see him go.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Knapp thanked Mr. Much and Mr. Kenworthy for their service on the Board as well.

Request received to install cell tower on Swarthmore College property off Avondale Road – Mr. Knapp stated this will be tabled until next meeting.

Request to change zoning for 116 E & 120 E, Baltimore Pike from R-2 to PO – It was noted we are waiting for the planning commission to review the proposal which should occur in January

Motion on subdivision at 502 Vernon Street (Kahmer) – Mr. Knapp asked Mr. Catania to address his review comments. Mr. Catania responded that several items are still outstanding. Mr. Kahmer said he has had nothing but problems with this project. He noted the problem with the storm sewer location. Mr. Knapp said he would like to act but there are still many remaining engineering comments to be addressed so no action was taken.

FIRE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Dougherty thanked Mr. Much and Mr. Kenworthy as well for their hard work and dedication in making the township a better place.

Demolition of 805 Forrest Avenue - Mr. Dougherty noted we are waiting for an answer on receiving additional community development funds requested from the County.

Ratify adoption of Ordinance No. 796 (Fire Code amendments) – Mr. Dougherty noted we adopted this ordinance last week.

Ratify adoption of Resolution 2017-14 (Category 4 Casino exclusion) – Mr. Dougherty noted we adopted this resolution last week.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Sullivan thanked both Mr. Kenworthy and Mr. Much for working in the spirit of cooperation and in a non-partisan way.

LED streetlights – Mr. Sullivan noted the work is to begin in January and will take several months to complete.

Wallingford Avenue and Copples Lane sidewalk – Mr. Sullivan noted these two projects have been completed.

Moore Road sidewalk – Mr. Sullivan stated the project is in the design phase.

CMAQ (E. Possum Hollow sidewalk) – Mr. Sullivan noted the initial design is completed.

Multi-modal sidewalk for East Rose Valley Road Walkway extension – Mr. Sullivan noted the RFP's for design are to be received in 2018.

PA Small Sewer Grant Project to reline Creekside Ln and Beatty Run – Mr. Sullivan noted the low bid amount was \$107,690.50 and the grant total was \$147,721. He asked if they can expand the scope of work. Mr. Catania recommended to award the bid to the low bidder and then see if the grant can be adjusted. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan moved to approve contracts A & B to Abel in the low bid amount with a notation to try to expand the scope. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

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PA Small Sewer to replace Parkridge Drive storm sewer outfall – Mr. Sullivan noted the bid results ranging from \$155,100 to \$300,870 and noted a deficiency in the low bid. He moved to reject all bids and to authorize a re-bid. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

PA Small Sewer Grant due February 28th – Mr. Sullivan noted this grant for sanitary sewer work is due February 28 and we will consider this early next year.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Leaf collection – Mr. O'Connor noted next week is the last leaf collection for the township.

Mr. O'Connor thanked Mr. Kenworthy and said it was a real pleasure to work with him. Mr. O'Connor also thanked Mr. Much and said they were classmates. He noted his hard work and great leadership skills as the face of the Board.

Mr. Much and Mr. Kenworthy were given parting gifts and wished well.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Much noted the next meeting is a Reorganization Meeting on January 2, 2018. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.