

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of December 8, 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, December 8, 2016 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

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

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Baker
Commissioner Dougherty

PUBLIC

Approximately 25 people in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ZONING HEARING BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mr. Much made a motion to reappoint Hugh Gillespie and Kenneth Ezzell to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Rodger McAnnany of 27 Willow Road explained his concern with a narrow road and problem with backing out of the driveway as a neighbor puts rocks along the road. Mr. Sullivan stated he talked to our Solicitor and Mr. Maddren said he will look into it and we may have to get a title search done.

2. Stacey Ferry of 709 Hemlock Road stated she doesn't believe the pipeline is serving the citizens well and asked the Board to look into the safety risks to the public. She feels it is high risk to the community and the environment and noted it runs through highly densely populated areas. She requests the Board pass a resolution of concern.

3. Gary Address of 211 Pine Road stated he works for the union and the workers are of the highest quality and the quality is documented with Sunoco. He said there are approximately 900 people from this area working on the pipeline. He said if safety is a concern it is not due to the work on the line.

4. Chara Armon of 309 Dogwood Lane said her concern is not with the workers but with the design and safety record of Sunoco.

5. Nino Campobasso of 309 Dogwood Lane asked the Board to pass a Resolution of Concern.

6. Jennifer Sharp of 725 Pine Ridge Road stated Energy Partners did away with union jobs.

7. Aaron Crow of 405 Ryanard Road asked how close the pipeline is and how will it affect the township. Mr.

Maddren said the information supplied stated it is over 1 mile away.

8. Kelly Nicholson of 414 Plush Mill Road said it is about 1.5 miles from Nether Providence Township.

9. Sylvia Kempf of 205 W. Rose Valley Road asked how much control the Board would have after it was installed and asked that action be taken now. Mr. Maddren and Mr. Much said we will have no control afterwards as well. Mr. Much and Mr. O'Connor noted the pipeline is not within our jurisdiction.

10. Joni Carley of 910 Twyckenham Road stated the issue extends over man-made boundaries and the concern is with the safety record. She stated a lot of money will be needed for emergencies that could arise and that would affect all of us.

11. George Milligan of 302 Smithfield Road stated he is a retired steamfitter who worked on pipelines. He understands the concern when you hear what is in the lines and it is hazardous, but believes the safety record is good. He stated Sunoco has many lines and he is not aware of any problems and noted refineries have been here for a hundred years.

12. Gary Andress of 211 Pine Road said he lives here too and noted people may be concerned due to problems people have seen on the news.

13. Stacey Ferry of 709 Hemlock Road said no one from Sunoco is here so how do we hear from them? She said a resolution will give a path to being educated about the line noting we will be directly impacted by it. Mr. Maddren noted that there have been hearings at which Sunoco and those who opposed the line have testified so residents could review testimony and educate themselves. He said resolutions passed now will not cause a reopening of the hearings. Mr. Maddren said the comment period has closed and he is not sure it can be reopened. He stated it will take time for him to research.

14. Chara Armon of 309 Dogwood Lane said it is an above ground line and adjacent municipalities have expressed concern. She said it is important to have these efforts to forward to the EPA as the concerns are with the design of the line. Mr. O'Connor noted conflicting concerns.

15. James Peterson of 4 W. Brookhaven Road asked how long the fact finding will take. Mr. Much said this just came up and the Board only meets twice a month but he expected to have more information at the next meeting. Mr. Much expected we can have information by the January 12 meeting.

16. James Harper of 611 Columbia Mills Court stated he worked on a pipeline and said there have been great safety advances. He also said he has a pipeline in his back yard but knowing the workers and the training he has a high comfort level.

17. Ben Hall of 2 Church Road said we have an opportunity to voice a concern and the government will have a bigger voice against a large corporation. He said he heard they may be using loopholes with respect to classification and using corporate power to steamroll over regulations.

Mr. Kenworthy left at this time (8:15 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative Meeting of November 10, 2016

Mr. Cummings noted some minor changes. Mr. Much moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2016 meeting. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Budget Meeting of November 17, 2016

Mr. Much moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2016 meeting. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0-1 with Mr. O'Connor abstaining as he was not present.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Maddren stated there was nothing new to report and that business was discussed in Executive Session.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania stated Strathmore Court needed to perform some basin work and there is a request to release remaining funds except for \$3,000. Mr. Catania said everything else has been completed. The Board agreed to see if the work could be completed and they could then address the release next week.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings noted an upcoming free Social Security session will have information on benefits. He stated Aqua will be starting main replacement on Copples Lane at Avondale Road and will include water mains in the Smithfield/E. Country Club horseshoe and Hempstead Lane. He stated Aqua also plans to replace mains on Beechwood Road in February and W. Rose Valley Road from Brookhaven to Providence in the fall of 2017. Mr. Sullivan said Rose Valley is extremely busy so will need a well thought out detour plan. Mr. Cummings noted that the Camp Fair will take place in January so parents can get information from all the surrounding summer camp programs including Nether Providence's summer program. Mr. Cummings stated we received a request for a letter to support PA DOT's grant application for funding for an I-476 managed shoulder project which would allow motorists to use the shoulder of the road during rush hours. He noted the Community Arts Center holiday sale ends Saturday, December 10th and the Leiper House is having an Open House on Sunday December 18th from 1:00 to 5:00pm. Mr. Cummings stated a lead paint testing brochure is available and the County has cold weather resources for those in need. He stated the Community Development Block Grant application is due January 11th and the public hearing will take place on January 5th.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

2017 Budget – In Mr. Kenworthy's absence Mr. Much stated the budget will be reviewed at next week's meeting.

Motion to approve Warrant List – Mr. Much reviewed the list and asked for questions. There were none. Mr. Much moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ratify adoption of Ordinance No. 790 (stop signs on Grandview at Woodcrest and on Georgetown at Meadow) – Mr. Much noted there were immediately favorable results and the residents are very happy. Mr. Sullivan stated he heard the same from his residents.

Mr. Much gave the Police Report noting 117 traffic tickets were issued.

Mr. Much returned to a statement made on the pipeline issue and said he wanted it to be clear that no one and no corporation has any influence over this Board of Commissioners.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Zoning Hearing on 224 N. Providence Road - Mr. Knapp gave the report noting the zoning hearing for 224 N. Providence Road is scheduled for December 19th.

FIRE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

In Mr. Dougherty's absence Mr. Much gave the report.

Fire Company fundraising – Mr. Much noted that this will be deferred to next week's meeting so Mr. Dougherty could address the Board.

2017 newsletter and insert – Mr. Much asked the Board to review and submit any comments to Mr. Grady.

Ratify Authorization of sale of Dodge Stratus on GovDeals – It was noted that the Stratus was listed on GovDeals for \$300 and there was activity on the vehicle.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions (ZHB appointments) – Mr. Cummings asked if anyone was interested to please forward to him their letter of interest along with a resume.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Copples Lane sidewalk project – Mr. Sullivan noted the low bidder was J. D. Eckman at \$367,173.25 and is to be awarded the bid.

Wallingford Avenue sidewalk project – Mr. Sullivan noted the project is well under way at this point.

Moore Road Sidewalk – Mr. Sullivan noted that the Michael Baker Co. came up with three alternates which Mr. Sullivan explained. Mr. Sullivan moved to proceed with Alternate A. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0.

Township awarded grant in amount of \$750,000 for multi-modal improvements (extend Leiper-Smedley Trail to Copples Lane and up Rose Valley Road to Providence Road and install bike lanes on Brookhaven Road) – Mr. Sullivan noted this is good and bad in that we did receive the grant but it is not enough funding to complete all the projects. He had asked Mr. Grady to put together recommendations and Mr. Grady suggested to extend the walk along Rose Valley Road. Mr. Sullivan wished to table any decision until all Board members are present to discuss.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Much said there was nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. O' Connor gave the public works report and asked Mr. Cummings when leaf collection is ending. Mr. Cummings stated it normally ends the week before Christmas but we are behind due to the weather. He noted that Mr. Dixon asked to work one day this weekend to catch up and the Board agreed.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is a budget meeting on December 15, 2016.