

**(161) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of February 11, 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, February 11, 2016 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Baker - Presiding
Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Dougherty
Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner Kenworthy
Commissioner Knapp

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Much

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Approximately 8 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sherri Schaeffer of Shepherds Lane noted she got the Fetterman's phone number from Daphne Bogart and that they paid \$16,500 for drug treatment. She stated they did not know their son was in a Sober Living Residence so Mr. Heron was using the house as a drug treatment center.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Cummings noted the list of reappointments is in their file folders. He stated there was a Planning Commission opening and noted Mr. Poe Leggette is interested and in the audience. Mr. Baker asked Mr. Leggette to come forward. Mr. Leggette said he is a real estate professional and works at the Navy Yard. Mr. Baker moved to appoint Mr. Leggette to a 4 year term on the Planning Commission. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative Meeting of January 14, 2016

Mr. Baker moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Maddren noted legal matters were addressed in the executive session.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania stated he has submitted his report and will amend the resurfacing list for next month.

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MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings stated the Solarize Greater Media program to install residential solar panels is underway and that the Township Community Clean-up Day will take place on Tuesday 4/19 at SMFC and Hepford Park. He also noted that DCNR just announced the Township has received a \$35,000 matching grant for Bullens Lane Park for playground equipment, safety surfacing, ADA parking and a rain garden. He thanked Mr. Grady noting he is now 1-for-1 on grant approvals. Mr. Cummings noted the County Health Dental Care for Kids event to be held 3/22 to 3/25 and there is a SEPTA trolley modernization project in the works. He also stated SEPTA has submitted plans for the Leiper-Smedley Trail pedestrian culvert which will be installed during the shutdown. Mr. Cummings noted there is a CRC sponsored talk entitled Backyard Solutions which will take place on 2/28 at 2:00 pm and our request to the PHS for 9 bare route trees at NPE has been submitted. He also mentioned that the Highway Dept was unable to plow several areas due to parked cars in the right-of-way and there was a snow emergency route section in the code.

PARKS COMMISSION REPORT

Gary Silver, Chair of the Parks Commission responded with answers to Commissioner's questions on the ATS Parks website proposal received last week and asked the Board to vote on the proposal. He also noted the Parks Commission through Mr. Bourdeaux, will be preparing a uniform signage proposal for all township parks.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

LED Streetlight procurement program – Mr. Grady noted he and Mr. Cummings had a meeting with Johnson Controls and the DVRPC to discuss the replacement of the streetlights with LEDs. The total financed cost is \$145,278, with a 3.7% interest rate, and no upfront costs, except for a "measurement and verification" charge of approximately \$2,400 during each of the first three years. The preliminary audit showed a payback period of 12 years, which includes energy and maintenance savings. If maintenance savings are not considered, the payback period is approximately 18 years. Mr. Sullivan noted that the projected savings over the 20 year period, including energy, maintenance, and rebates, is \$298,328.

Mr. Grady said the Board needs to decide whether or not to proceed with the investment grade audit, which would cost \$6,538. If the Board decides after the investment grade audit to pursue the retrofit, then the cost would be rolled into the financing. If the Board decides to do the investment grade audit, but not continue with the retrofit, then the Board would be required to pay the \$6,538. Mr. Grady noted that JCI and the DVRPC requested a decision by March 3rd. Mr. Sullivan said he will not be at the March meeting so we should discuss tonight and asked about contract provisions. Mr. Kenworthy said an 18 year payback is way too long. The Board discussed all facets of the proposal and asked Mr. Grady to get an executive summary and to try to push the response deadline to March 10th. Board members will also be asked to forward their questions and comments to Mr. Grady.

CMAQ grant due April 21 – Mr. Sullivan noted eligible projects and stated it is due April 21st. He asked Board members to forward ideas to Mr. Grady.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to approve warrant list - Mr. Kenworthy went through the warrant list and noted \$698,000 Delcora invoice is for a year, the \$92,500 down payment for Summit School and noted a \$54,000 payment for 2 police cars. Mr. Kenworthy moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. Mr. Baker asked about animal protection board payment of \$1,250. Mr. Maddren noted the fee covers an initial number of animals and that Chester County SPCA performs animal control. Chief Splain noted they have changed their name to Brandywine Valley Animal Control and we cite owners to offset the cost. The motion to approve the warrant list was approved by a vote of 6-0.

Municipal pay (payments by credit cards) – Mr. Kenworthy noted previous discussions on the program and wanted to see more of a proposal from them. Mr. Grady noted there was a proposal and supplied the information. Mr. Kenworthy then moved to allow Municipal pay to be a vendor. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion. Mr. Grady noted Lisa Swan, Ms Cooke and Ms Feyas are also in favor. Mr. Baker asked about references and

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Mr. Grady stated both Upper Uwchland and Middletown Townships gave favorable references. After discussion the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

Summit School financing (resolution to close Gouley Fund) – Mr. Kenworthy prepared a Financing Summary and went through it with the Board. He moved to close the Gouley Fund and create a Parks Fund in the amount of \$65,000 as a resolution. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion and all were in favor by a vote of 6-0.

Phone service provider – The Board reviewed the provider information and financial summary prepared by Mr. Grady. Mr. Kenworthy moved to approve the proposal of the lowest bid by Vonage/Comcast internet not to exceed the current budget amount. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. Mr. Dougherty asked if the phones are purchased and Mr. Grady said they are leased. After further discussion and noting it will result in over \$2,000 in savings from the current contract, the Board approved the proposal by a vote of 6-0.

Authorize sales of 2 police cars on GovDeals – Mr. Kenworthy noted the recent purchase of two new police cars and moved to authorize the sale of the cars being replaced on GovDeals.com. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

FIRE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Fire company bonus payment criteria – Mr. Dougherty stated he is working on the criteria and will report next month.

Facebook page – Mr. Grady noted a dummy account is up and running and that he and Ms. Swan and Ms. Feyas would be screeners for the site. The Board discussed access to the site and how postings are monitored. Mr. Dougherty moved to approve the creation of the page to be monitored by the Administrative staff. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. After further discussion the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ratify signing of MOU with Temple students to prepare Master Bike and Pedestrian Plan - Mr. Baker ratified the signing of the memorandum of understanding discussed that last week's meeting. Mr. Baker also noted Summer Recreation Program is moving along nicely.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Baker gave the police report in Mr. Much's absence.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 787 to remove parking restrictions on Quaint Road and establish stop signs (Beech/Harvey; Waterford Way/Waterford Circle; Media Pkwy/Beech; Media Pkwy/Walnut) – Mr. Baker summarized and moved to approve the ordinance. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Discussion on roundabout for intersection of Providence Road, Route 320 and Harvey Road – Mr. Baker asked Mr. Catania to look into this and it was suggested it may be a good CMAQ Project. Mr. Baker noted the Harvey Road exit is an issue and we are just looking into it at this point.

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 at the request of the property owner to March.

Floodplain permit application and fees – Mr. Cummings explained the need to have a permit application and to approve permit fees. After discussion, it was requested that Mr. Maddren review the draft application and fees.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Road resurfacing list for 2016 – Mr. O'Connor noted that Mr. Catania will refine the list for the March 3rd meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Baker noted the next meeting is the work session on March 3rd. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.