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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2016

The reorganization meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nether Providence, duly advertised and posted in accordance with law, was called to order at 7:30 PM on Monday, January 4, 2016 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

PRESENT: Commissioner Much
Commissioner Kenworthy
Commissioner Baker
Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner O'Connor (arrived a little late)
Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Dougherty
Gary J. Cummings, Township Manager
Dave Grady, Assistant Township Manager
Lisa Swan, Finance Director

PUBLIC: Approximately 15 in attendance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Mr. Much wished former Commissioner Frank Noyes well.

INSTALLATION OF COMMISSIONERS

Delaware County Judge Chad Kenny thanked the Board for allowing him to swear in Township officials. Judge Kenney then administered the oath of office to 1st Ward Commissioner Mike Dougherty in presence of his wife Eileen and children. Mr. Dougherty received applause.

Magisterial Judge Debra Krull administered the oath of office to 3rd Ward Commissioner Micah Knapp. Mr. Knapp received applause.

US Eastern District Court of Pennsylvania Judge Restrepo administered the oath of office to 5th Ward Commissioner Larry Baker in presence of his wife Denise and children. Mr. Baker received applause.

Magisterial Judge Debra Krull administered the oath of office to 7th Ward Commissioner Matt Sullivan in the presence of his wife Stephanie and children. Mr. Sullivan received applause.

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ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Dougherty nominated Mr. Much as President of the Board. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed 6 to 0 with Mr. Much abstaining.

Mr. Dougherty nominated Mr. Baker as Vice Present of the Board. Mr Much seconded the motion which passed 6 to 0 with Mr. Baker abstaining.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mr. Much stated many accomplishments have been made over the last year. He noted our Summer Camp Program has been expanded and sold out again, the attendance at Family Fun Day has doubled, and we made improvements to athletic fields with installation of new baseball dugouts and a new handicapped ramp at Houston Park. He noted we hired a new full time police officer and held 4 DUI checkpoints and warned people not to drink and drive in Nether providence. Mr. Much stated we purchased a new fire truck for South Media Fire Company along with Chief Kline and passed a balanced budget with a small tax increase. He also noted Nether Providence was the 27th best place to live in America by Money Magazine and it is due in part to a great public works department and police department. Mr. Much also welcomed our new Assistant Manager Dave Grady who was hired in March as well as the newly elected 3rd Ward Commissioner Micah Knapp.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

MOTION AND VOTE TO APPOINT ZONING HEARING BOARD SOLICITOR

Mr. Much moved to reappoint Chris Davis as Zoning Hearing Board solicitor. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

MOTION AND VOTE TO APPOINT TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Mr. Much moved to reappoint Mike Maddren as the Township Solicitor. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

MOTION AND VOTE TO APPOINT SPECIAL CONFLICTS COUNCIL

Mr. Much moved to appoint Bob Firkser as special conflicts council. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

MOTION AND VOTE TO APPOINT TOWNSHIP ENGINEERS

Mr. Much noted our current engineer Charles Catania does a tremendous job and moved to reappoint Charles Catania and Catania Engineering as Township Engineer. Mr. Baker seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

MOTION AND VOTE TO APPOINT VACANCY BOARD CHAIR

Mr. Much moved to appoint John Salvucci as vacancy board chair. Mr. Baker seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES OF BOARD

Mr. Much moved to appoint Mr. Knapp as Building and Zoning Chair. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed 7 to 0.

Mr. Much moved to appoint Mr. Baker as Community Enhancement Chair. Mr O'Connor seconded the motion which passed 6 to 0 with Mr. Baker abstaining.

Mr. Much moved to appoint Mr. Kenworthy as Finance Chair. Mr. Baker seconded the motion which passed 7 to 0.

Mr. Much moved to appoint Mr. Dougherty as Fire and Administration Chair. Mr. Baker seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. noted Mr. Sullivan does a tremendous job with infrastructure matters and moved to appoint Mr. Sullivan as Infrastructure Committee Chair. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. Baker moved to appoint Mr. Much as Police and Public Safety Chair. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6 to 0 with Mr. Much abstaining.

Mr. Much moved to appoint Mr. O'Connor as Public Works Chair. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed 6-0 with Mr. O'Connor abstaining.

VACANCIES ON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEES

Mr Much stated appointments will be considered this upcoming or next Thursday.

Mr. Much noted the Township meeting schedule for 2016 is available on the website.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further reorganization, the meeting was adjourned.