

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of November 10, 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, November 10, 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 Dougherty
Commissioner Kenworthy
Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner Baker

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 Knapp

PUBLIC

Approximately 22 people in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICER (Michael Worrell)

Judge Vincent Gallagher swore in Officer Michael Worrell with his wife present. Officer Worrell received applause. Mr. Much presented Officer Worrell with his badge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative Meeting of October 13, 2016

Mr. Dougherty moved to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2016 meeting. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0-2. Mr. Much and Mr. Baker abstained as they were not present at the meeting.

Budget Meeting of October 20, 2016

Mr. Much moved to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2016 meeting. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Budget Meeting of October 27, 2016

Mr. Baker moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2016 meeting. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0-2. Mr. Much and Mr. Kenworthy abstained as they were not present at the meeting.

SOLICITORS REPORT

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

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania stated he submitted his report and noted the reason for the Act 537 plans to abandon the Rose Valley Treatment Plant as it could not be brought up to standards. He noted Mr. Cummings questioned the units from Rose Valley and as a result, he expects us to receive payments totaling \$112,000 plus interest. After discussion, Mr. Much moved to adopt Resolution 2016-1. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0. Mr. Catania noted we can install the Manchester Avenue sidewalk and PENNDOT will inspect the ADA ramp after completion.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings noted the CDBG grant application is due January 11, 2017 and he supplied the eligible activities and last year's projects. Mr. Baker asked Mr. Catania and Mr. Dixon about projects for Garden City Manor.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Copples Lane sidewalk project – Mr. Sullivan noted the contract is to be let on December 1st.

Wallingford Avenue sidewalk project – Mr. Sullivan noted the project is set to begin next week, and we may need Verizon to move poles. Mr. Cummings noted JMC will start in a week or two.

Moore Road Sidewalk – Mr. Sullivan noted that the engineering design is underway with Michael Baker Co.

CMAO project – Mr. Sullivan stated that Michael Baker International was awarded the contract.

Ratifying signing of acceptance of the IGA for LED streetlight project – Last week's approval was noted.

Motion to accept Watershed Restoration grant in amount of \$142,417 to replace the Parkridge storm sewer – Mr. Sullivan moved to accept the grant. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion. Mr. Baker asked about the match amount and Mr. Sullivan said engineering costs were spread out so it will not impact the 2017 budget. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Zoning Hearing on 224 N. Providence Rd – In Mr. Knapp's absence, Mr. Much gave the report noting the zoning hearing for 224 N. Providence Road is scheduled for November 21st.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to approve warrant list – Mr. Kenworthy reviewed the warrant list. Mr. Baker asked about payments to B&S vs. Suburban Recycling. Ms. Swan advised payments are consistent between the two. Mr. Kenworthy moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. Much seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

IT Proposals – Mr. Kenworthy noted the Board engaged Robert Hayes to review the IT proposals and the project. His recommendations were shared with the Board which was to use the proposal from GO2. Mr. Kenworthy moved to authorize the township to use GO2 in the amount of \$27,166.20 and also monthly maintenance of \$586.99. It was noted payment would come from the 2016 budget. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Ratify authorization to order F-750 for public works department – It was noted that the Board agreed to this purchase at last week's meeting.

Resolution No. 2016-12 establishing sewer rental rate for 2017 – Mr. Kenworthy noted 3 options mentioning that CDCA rates are going up 12% or more in 2017 so he recommended to go with Option 3 to increase the sewer rent to \$451 per unit. He moved for to adopt the resolution establishing this rate. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion and asked why the large increase in 2018. The reason was unknown. Mr. Kenworthy stated that if we find that the increase is overly large in 2017, we can make adjustments in 2018. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Authorize DVIT Risk Management Grant - Mr. Kenworthy moved to use available DVIT grant money for the purchase of a tire changing machine, a gas detection meter and fence for Bullens Lane Park. Mr. Sullivan seconded and all were in favor by a vote of 6-0.

2017 Budget meeting schedule – Mr. Kenworthy stated that next week's budget meeting will be a line by line review.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Much gave the police report.

Motion to authorize advertisement of ordinance establishing stop signs (Grandview - north and south at Woodcrest; Georgetown - east and west at Meadow) – Mr. Sullivan noted advertisement was already authorized. Mr. Cummings said we are waiting for Mr. Catania and Chief Splain to confirm that the stop signs are warranted and then it will be advertised for adoption on December 1st.

Street light request for Putnam Boulevard – Mr. O'Connor noted we are still working with the HOA Boards. **Middletown Coalition for Community Safety (re: pipeline through Middletown) – request to adopt resolution of concern** – Mr. Sullivan noted that he will abstain from any discussion and voting relating to this topic since his firm does work for Sunoco Logistics.

Eve Aria spoke on the proposed Mariner pipeline. She explained pressure changes between liquid and gas products. She listed the various officials and agencies they have been working with and noted they have resolutions from Thornbury, Media, Swarthmore and Rose Tree Media School District. She said they are asking for an extension period to make sure water sources and the environment are protected. She noted previous hearings were held in other counties but not in Delaware County.

Jen Sharp – 725 Pine Ridge Road – Ms. Sharp noted the lack of emergency preparedness and the line runs through a highly populated area and is just 1.5 miles from the township. She noted the other pipeline leaks and noted concerns from other townships.

Joni Carley – 920 Twyckenham – Ms. Carley said her concern is about the water contamination noting the line does run through the Chester-Crum-Ridley watersheds. She noted that Sunoco has documented many leaks and she asked the Board to consider adopting the resolution.

Jim Patterson – 811 Parkridge Drive – Mr. Patterson echoed the others' concerns but speaking as a parent, he believes the schools have no plan for evacuation. He noted some gases are odorless and colorless and gases can penetrate into the ground.

Chari Armon – 309 Dogwood Lane – Ms. Armon said she shares the concerns of the others but also questioned the legality of the easements acquired and methods of obtainment. She noted it is possible they could build through Nether Providence in the future. She believes they are using unlawful eminent domain practices. Mr. Kenworthy asked if the coalition believes this cryogenic high pressure line poses more of risk than other pipelines, noting his background as a chemist, and asked if they are making a case that Sunoco is a poor operator. Ms. Aria stated they are. Mr. Kenworthy suggested they should make a point that others may be better to operate the pipeline. Mr. Baker asked if they generally are not against pipelines and just concerned about safety. Ms. Aria stated they are and they will send various options to the Board on supporting them. Mr. Dougherty said he will reach out to Senator Killion's office on what we can do to support his efforts. Mr. O'Connor asked when they would want something and Ms. Aria said they would like it before December 7th. Ms. Carley noted that the community gains nothing since the pipeline is exporting their products. Mr. Kenworthy stated it provides jobs.

FIRE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Sale of SMFC truck – Mr. Dougherty said the Board needs to discuss lowering the price of the fire truck as there are no offers. After discussion the Board agreed to lower the minimum price to \$25,000.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Panther Pajama Run (SHMS) and Wellness Program (SHHS) both on November 12th – Mr Baker noted the Panther Pajama Run and Wellness Program both will be held on November 12th.

Mr. Baker recognized the many people that supported Family Fun Day this year donating a total of \$4,875. Mr. Baker listed them and thanked them for their contributions. He also thanked the Township Staff, Public Works Department and others.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. O' Connor gave the public works report and thanked the Public Works staff for all they do.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is a budget meeting on November 17, 2016.