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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of November 12, 2015

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 12, 2015 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PUBLIC Approximately 16 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debra Mathis of 50 Bullens Lane again asked about providing more parking around the Wallingford Train Station.

Pauls Laviola of 903 True Penny Road thanked the Board for their work on Summit School and asked about removing the No Parking signs on Quaint Road stating that most residents wanted them removed. The Board said they could maybe bag the signs temporarily and then remove them by ordinance.

Mac Given along with Barbara Scott, of 841 Surrey Road spoke in regards to issues at 102 Chesley Drive. They stated they have shown before and after plantings and noted the building was previously completely obscured, the planting berms are inadequate in spots and the roofline lights still exist.

Megan Noller of 11 Berkshire Drive also asked about an update on the purchase of Summit School. Mr. Much said an agreement was reached on the price and we have gone back and forth on the details of the agreement, but things are progressing.

Debra Mathis asked if the signs could also be removed from the streets around Wallingford Train Station. Board members noted the restrictions were requested by residents for legitimate reasons.

Jeff Watson of 711 Washington Avenue stated he is Chairman of the Board of South Media Fire Company and asked about the status of the new truck purchase. It was noted it is on the agenda tonight for discussion

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Cummings stated there is an opening on the Sidewalk Committee.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative Meeting of October 8, 2015

Mr. Dougherty moved to approve the minutes of the October 8th meeting. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0 with Mr. Much and Mr. Baker abstaining as they were not present at the meeting.

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING REPORT

Cliff Bayuk stated doing a park sign survey and noted we are ineligible for Peco Grant as we have not closed out the one we have for the open space plan. He displayed a Park Website on his tablet showing existing information and a proposal on improving park information on the website. He stated the Commission wishes to spend a little amount to improve the website and ATS has a proposal for \$2,800 which is a complete redo and will make each park come alive with a link to forms for use of the parks. He suggested using Gouley Funds and noted there is no maintenance fee for 3 years. Mr. Much asked about other municipalities that have interactive sites and for the Commission to check them out. He noted we may be able to get a volunteer from the township to upgrade the website. Mr. Dougherty suggested a website committee. Gary Silver stated they will get the information but they are not trying to follow what others have done. H also noted the Board will have control over the company for 3 years.

SOLICITORS REPORT

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

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania submitted his report noting he is working on installing the meter on Meadow Lane and his Penn Valley Road wall report was forwarded to Mr. Flandreau and Mr. Cummings. Mr. Much asked about paving Avondale and Mr. Catania said it will take one day to mill and to pave. Mr. Sullivan asked Darryl to check out the small storm water pipe under Avondale Road and to replace if needed before it is paved.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings noted the township was eligible for a DVIT Safety grant in the amount of \$6,631 in 2016. He said that in the last two years the Police Dept has used the funding but this year the money was going to be used by the Highway Dept for cones, barricades and reflective sheeting. He noted the Multi-modal grant is due on December 18 and noted information on gas conversions are on the Peco website. Mr. Cummings asked for anyone interested in placing an ad on the Township community map to contact the Township office. Mr. Noyes mentioned the ward numbers on the last map were mixed up and Mr. Cummings stated they would be accurate on the new map. He also noted the shredding event processed 3.73 tons, the All DelCo Reads program has books for students, the County Thanksgiving Food Drive is underway and asked resident to respond to the Municipal stormwater survey at www.crcwatersheds.org/survey. Mr. Cummings noted the PLGIT P-Card Rebate program brought in \$3,209.21 this past year and thanked Marianne Leamy for maximizing the use of the P-Card.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

EIT Discussion – Mr. Dougherty noted Mr. Hackett will come to the next meeting to discuss.

Motion to approve warrant list – Mr. Dougherty went through the list noting an invoice from James Halligan who helped advise the Chief with disposal of weapons. There was a question on costs of sobriety classes and the payment of \$310k to 4 Guys for the fire truck was noted on the Pre-Paid list. There were questions about the Blue Trillium and Ridley Excavating bills and it was noted payee Carl Spangler is our Health Officer. Mr. Dougherty moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. Much seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0-1 with Mr. Baker abstaining.

VLAP loan and delivery of new fire truck – Mr. Dougherty noted a letter from the state Fire Commission Office stating we can get reimbursed for the \$200k if the township had to pay upfront until approval of the VLAP loan for the fire truck. Mr. Dougherty moved to accept the letter as proof to allow us to issue a \$200k

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payment to 4 Guys. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was tabled until the end of the meeting.

Accept auditor proposal – The Board discussed the 3 proposals. It was noted that our current auditor Barbacane & Company was extremely high and that Bee Bergvall is more expensive than PFC but they have more staff and are familiar with the township. It was further noted that although PFC is a little lower in cost, they have only worked with boroughs and no townships so there may be a learning curve at the expense of employees' time. After further discussion, Mr. Dougherty moved to approve the proposal of Bee Bergvall for 2 years. Mr. Much seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-10 (Transfer of funds for generator) – Mr. Dougherty read and moved approval of this resolution. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-11 (certification fees) – Mr. Dougherty read and moved for approval of this resolution. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Motion on County Grant - Mr. Dougherty moved to accept the grant of \$100k from the County of Delaware for the preservation of Open Space at Summit School. Mr. Much seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT

Ratify action in Executive Session of October 15 on real estate matter – It was so noted.

Purchase of shed for PW garage to store recreation and Fun Day equipment (\$3,800 from Gouley Fund)- Mr. Dixon had asked if we could use Gouley money for a shed and that it would cost between \$3,100 to \$3,800. After discussion, Mr. Baker will get together with Mr. Dixon to review. Mr. Noyes asked if it was for next year's budget and Mr. Baker said we may want to use Gouley Funds versus other funds.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Much gave the monthly Police Report. He noted 30 car break-ins and all were from unlocked cars. So he asked residents to lock cars and leave no valuables in sight.

Review of intersections (Beech and Harvey Roads – Waterford Circle and Waterford Way) – Mr. Catania said he believes there are sight concerns both at Beech & Harvey and Waterford Circle and Waterford Way.

Ratify adoption of Ordinance 783 (stop signs on Harvey Road and Gladstone Road) - It was noted this ordinance was adopted at the October 15 meeting.

Motion to approve Resolution 2015 – 12 Fire Truck interfund transfer – Mr. Much read and moved for approval of this resolution to use \$200,000 from the sewer capital fund in order to pay 4 Guys Fire trucks the balance until the VLAP loan is approved. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion. There was a question on if we need to get the loan money prior to the end of the year and Mr. Maddren said no. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Zoning Hearing on Monday, November 16 – Mr. Kenworthy stated the application of 102 Chesley Drive for a generator is on the November 16 agenda however the application of 224 N. Providence Road is continued until December 21, 2015.

Ratify adoption of Ordinance No. 784 (using County UCC Appeals Board) – It was noted this ordinance was adopted on October 15.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ratify sale of Peterbuilt truck on GovDeals (net of \$49,071.25), mower (net of \$554.07) and leaf machine (net of \$3,700.00). Pick up to be sold for minimum of \$1,000) – The sales of these items was noted.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Sullivan stated there was nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.