

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP**  
**MEETING of November 9, 2017**

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 9, 2017 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Baker  
Commissioner Knapp  
Commissioner O'Connor  
Commissioner Sullivan

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Much  
Commissioner Dougherty  
Commissioner Kenworthy

**PUBLIC**

Approximately 5 people in attendance.

**ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Baker, in Mr. Much's absence led the Pledge of Allegiance which was recited by all. Mr. Baker asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of our Veterans.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rick Lemanowicz stated he represented SBA Towers Inc. who wish to place a cellular tower on Swarthmore College property. He stated he submitted a sketch plan and noted possible variances are needed and the high standard to approve variances. He noted the code will allow towers for properties used exclusively for municipal use and suggested we tweak the ordinance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Legislative Meeting of October 12, 2017**

Mr. Baker moved for approval of the minutes of the October 12, 2017 legislative meeting. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0.

**Legislative Meeting of October 19, 2017**

Mr. Baker moved for approval of the minutes of the October 19, 2017 legislative meeting. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 3-0-1, with Mr. Knapp abstaining as he was not present.

**Legislative Meeting of October 26, 2017**

Mr. Baker moved for approval of the minutes of the October 26, 2017 legislative meeting. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 3-0-1, with Mr. Knapp abstaining as he was not present.

**SOLICITORS REPORT**

Mr. Maddren submitted his report noted other items would be discussed throughout the agenda.

## **ENGINEERS REPORT**

Mr. Catania stated he submitted his report. He noted the bids for Parkridge Dr. are due December 7<sup>th</sup> and that there are options to provide public sewer for the North Providence Road properties.

## **MANAGERS REPORT**

Mr. Cummings stated the e-waste collection and shredding event with Media Borough would be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> in the Acme parking lot from 9AM to 1PM. He noted that Aqua would be replacing water mains in 2018 along W. Rose Valley Road, Engle Drive, Leslie Lane and Logan Lane. He mentioned Aqua will start next week on replacing the main in Pine Ridge Road. He also noted the Red Cross winter blood drive will take place on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and the application for projects for the 2018 CDBG are due January 11, 2018.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Baker in Mr. Much's absence gave the monthly Police report.

**Regulations on vacant properties** – Mr. Baker asked to table discussion for next month's agenda.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Motion to approve Warrant List** – Mr. Baker in Mr. Kenworthy's absence went through the warrant list and asked for questions. There being none, Mr. Baker moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0.

**2018 Budget (first reading was last week)** – Mr. Baker noted the first reading of the 2018 budget occurred last week.

**Resolution No 2017-11 (Establishing 2018 Sewer Rental Rate)** – After discussion, it was agreed to table action on the resolution until the next meeting.

## **BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Request to change zoning for 116 E & 120 E. Baltimore Pike from R-2 to PO** – Mr. Knapp noted the request to change zoning for these two properties to professional office use will go to the Township Planning Commission next week.

**502 Vernon Subdivision** – Mr. Knapp noted the plan needs some revision and it will be reviewed and going back to the Township Planning Commission.

**Request to install cell tower on Swarthmore College property off of Avondale Road** – Mr. Lemanowicz noted his previous statement on the zoning issue. Mr. Maddren suggested Mr. Lemanowicz provide to the Board the specific amendment to the code or language he wished to propose.

## **FIRE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Demolition of 805 Forrest Avenue** - Mr. Baker in Mr. Dougherty's absence noted the Board rejected the excessively high bid and reauthorization to re-bid at last week's meeting.

**Fire Code Amendments** – The Board agreed to advertise the ordinance after Mr. Maddren works on changes with the Fire Marshal.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Wallingford Avenue sidewalk** - Mr. Sullivan noted the Wallingford Avenue sidewalk construction is completed.

**Copples Lane sidewalk** – Mr. Sullivan noted the project is expected to be completed in a couple of weeks.

**Moore Road sidewalk** – Mr. Sullivan stated the project is in the design phase and construction may begin in the fall of 2018 or spring of 2019.

**CMAQ (E. Possum Hollow sidewalk)** – Mr. Sullivan stated the E. Possum Hollow sidewalk project is in the design phase and is to be constructed in 2020.

**Multi-modal sidewalk for East Rose Valley Road Walkway** – Mr. Sullivan noted the design phase has been deferred to 2018.

**Small Sewer Grant** – Mr. Sullivan stated the Board approved last week to award the videoing of the Beatty Run sewer line to A to U Services in the amount of \$6,750 and wished to note for ratifications purposes.

**COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Summit School – (DCED grant deed restriction)** – Mr. Maddren noted the deed restriction can be placed to cover only the restricted areas.

**Bare Root Trees planting** - Mr. Baker said 8 bare root trees will be picked up on November 18 and planted in various locations.

**Resolution No. 2017-12 (Willow Road L:and Swap with Blanton)** – After discussion, the Board agreed to table this and asked if Mr. Blanton if he is willing to consolidate all his lots.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Leaf collection** – Mr. O’Connor advised the public of the latest leaf collection schedule.

**Ratify authorization to pay Aqua for Dennis Lane** – Mr. O’Connor noted for ratification purposes the approval to pay Aqua \$9,180 for the Dennis Lane paving restoration.

**Ratification to accept Aqua’s offer for Springlawn Drive** – Mr. O’Connor noted the approval for ratification purposes to accept Aqua’s offer of \$295,000 in lieu of final restoration of paving for the Springlawn Drive project.

Mr. O’Connor gave the highway report.

**ADJOURMENT** – Mr. Baker noted the next meeting is a budget meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.