

(238) **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP**  
**MEETING of October 12, 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, October 12, 2017 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Baker  
Commissioner Dougherty  
Commissioner Knapp  
Commissioner O'Connor  
Commissioner Sullivan  
Commissioner Kenworthy (arrived 7:45)

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

**PUBLIC**

Approximately 10 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Legislative Meeting of September 14, 2017**

Mr. Baker moved for approval of the minutes of the September 14, 2017 legislative meeting. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0-1, with Mr. Dougherty abstaining as he was not present.

**BUDGET PRESENTATIONS**

**Helen Kate Furness Library** – Jon Lichtenstein (President) along with Jennifer Stock (Executive Director) and Bob Siwicki (Treasurer) offered thanks to the Board for their assistance in acquiring a grant, as well as the 5K Book It Run and noted circulation increases. Ms. Stock noted they had 280 events so far in 2017 and listed a few. They thanked the Township for their help with recycling and tree removal. Ms. Stock stated Nether Providence ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the County in downloading e-Books. Mr. Lichtenstein noted they have increased hours of operation, they are working on the building improvements and they are very busy with fundraising. Ms. Stock noted the professional staff is supplemented by many volunteers. Mr. Siwicki spoke on building and maintenance costs and said they are working hard on fundraising. It was noted the Board will discuss the Township contribution amount at future budget meetings.

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**Public Works – Darryl Dixon – Public Works Director** – Mr. Dixon stated the public works budget was pretty much the same as this year. He noted the request to add a Smart Cover Sewer Monitoring System and that they are portable. He said PWD truck #2 needs which is to be replaced in 2018 needs a new truck bed at a cost of \$5,350 and that purchasing it would extend the life of the truck by several more years. He noted Linda Poole of DVIT recommended back-up cameras for all trucks and that they would be eligible for the DVIT Safety Grant funds. He noted a dump truck was ordered for delivery next year and, also another truck is scheduled for replacement in 2018. It was noted the DVHIT health care increases are not yet know. Mr. Kenworthy arrived.

**Police – Chief Dave Splain** – The Chief stated car # 3 and car #5 are due to be replaced and wished to purchase two pick-up trucks as replacement vehicles. He also noted some other general fund budget changes. He stated the trucks have enough room for prisoners. Mr. Sullivan asked about a new line item for “comp time payout” in the amount of \$56,000. It was explained this has been paid in past years but was unbudgeted and is now separated out from overtime. The Chief noted Homeland Security is a wash as it is reimbursed. Mr. Dougherty asked about the status of drug forfeitures and what it could be used for in the department. The Chief said it would be useful for purchase of tasers and DUI equipment.

### **SOLICITORS REPORT**

Mr. Maddren noted fire code questions from the Fire Marshal and stated he will review and report in November.

### **ENGINEERS REPORT**

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

### **MANAGERS REPORT**

Mr. Cummings stated free flu shots are now available and the Boo Run would take place Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cummings mentioned the e-waste collection and shredding event with Media Borough would be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> in the Acme parking lot. He also noted that Aqua would be replacing water mains at Pine Ridge Road soon. Mr. Cummings said PIT is requesting a directional sign to be placed on Providence and Rose Valley Road and asked the Board to review their request. He also noted the Red Cross winter blood drive will take place on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

**WES school flashing signal** – Mr. Baker noted that WSSD will be splitting the cost of the flashing signal. Mr. Kenworthy moved to authorize submitting the flashing signal relocation plans to PADOT for approval and to authorize spending the money to install the signal. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 6-0. Mr. O’Connor noted Mr. Much is also in favor of this. Mr. Cummings stated School Superintendent Lisa Palmer thanked the Police Department for all their help.

**Roundabouts** – It was noted that no action is to be taken at this time.

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Motion to approve Warrant List** – Mr. Kenworthy went through the warrant list noting fire relief payments to the two fire companies which are passed through from the state and the quarterly payments to the funded organizations. Mr. Kenworthy moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion. Mr. Baker noted Family Fun Day expenses are included. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0

**Ratify resolution allocating Act 205 pension funds** – Mr. Kenworthy noted the resolution allocating Act 205 funds (Police in amount of \$131,529.93 and Employee in amount of \$65,764.96) passed last week.

**2017 Financial Report** – Mr. Kenworthy noted this report in their packets and to review for next week.

**2018 Budget Schedule** – Mr. Kenworthy noted the budget review schedule and there is a budget meeting next week on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

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### **BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Bartkowski lot line revision (408 Rogers Lane)** - Mr. Knapp noted the Barkowski lot line revision was passed last week and just needed to be ratified and reflected in the minutes.

**Request received to install cell tower on Swarthmore College property off of Avondale Road** – Mr. Knapp noted the request and stated it will be reviewed by the Township Planning Commission.

**Request to change zoning for 116 E & 120 E. Baltimore Pike from R-2 to PO** – Mr. Knapp noted the request change the zoning for these two properties and the request will be forwarded to the Township Planning Commission for comment.

### **FIRE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Demolition of 805 Forrest Avenue** - Mr. Dougherty stated demolition bids would be received in November.

**Fire Code Amendments** – Mr. Dougherty noted the amendments are pending the solicitors review.

### **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 noted the project is in the design phase.

**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.

**Parkridge Drive Outfall project** – Mr. Sullivan noted the project is moving along the permit process.

### **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Summit School – (DCED grant deed restriction)** – Mr. Baker stated no action is to be taken at this time.

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

**Community Cleanup Day is October 17<sup>th</sup> – 8am to 4 pm** – Mr. Baker noted the event and stated that electronics will be accepted but no tube tv's.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Leaf collection** – Mr. O'Connor noted leaf season is here and collection will start October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Baker noted the next meeting is a budget meeting on October 19th. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.