

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BUDGET MEETING of October 20, 2016

A budget 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 20, 2016 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 Dougherty
Commissioner Kenworthy
Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner Knapp

Gary Cummings	Township Manager
Dave Grady	Asst. Township Manager
Lisa Swan	Finance Director
David Splain	Chief of Police

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Approximately 5 people in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

POLICE PRESENTATION

Chief Splain stated he only had one line item being increased. Mr. Sullivan asked about the overtime line item. Chief Splain noted the OT budget was high due to the loss of a full time officer and Homeland Security duty which is being reimbursed. The Chief stated he is replacing one vehicle which is planned every other year. He said he is asking for a new additional officer in 2017 and supplied drug forfeiture information noting Jim Irey has spent much time on the task force and proposing he be full time with the task force. Chief Splain stated they received over \$100,000 over the last several years. Also the department has received SLOT money which comes in regularly. He stated we lost out on the confiscation of over \$900,000 and he requested we get a new officer (16th) for a total of \$102,000 noting three officers are close to retiring. Mr. Much felt we may not be able to do this in 2017. The Board decided to see how much drug money comes in.

FIRE COMPANY PRESENTATIONS

Garden City Fire Company - Mr. DiDomenico said they are requesting the same amount as last year and asked the status of the fundraising issue to obtain the extra \$2,400. Mr. Dougherty said this was to encourage fundraising and we will look at it. Mr. DiDomenico wanted to know if they would recoup the \$2,400 this year. Mr. Dougherty noted the criteria of what is fundraising needs to be established such as whether funds from the annual golf outing and banquet hall rentals are included. Mr. DiDomenico also noted there was no 5k run and no Pickle run this year. He said they spent \$115,000 out of the Relief Funds for two new vehicles and the School District still hasn't reimbursed them for the HVAC filters.

South Media Fire Company - Max Hopkins stated he was Deputy Chief, but now he is also Treasurer. He stated they also need the \$2,400 and just got the bill to overhaul a truck engine for \$9,000. He said they are not asking for any additional money noting they received two grants; \$25,000 for hose and \$13,000 from the state. Mr. Baker asked for actual fundraising amounts and Mr. Hopkins said he will get the amount. Mr. Dougherty said the plan was to get a breakdown of fundraising so the Board could pay the excess as a reward. Mr. DiDomenico suggested using the fundraising from the prior year to determine the extra funding amount. The

Board asked them both to supply last year's fundraising amounts. Mr. Baker asked if GCFC would consider just getting money versus buying a truck. Mr. Hopkins noted the rescue vehicle is 16 years old and he would take the money to pay off the truck. Mr. Dougherty asked if there is redundancy in equipment/vehicles between the two companies. Mr. Hopkins stated they need all 4 pumper trucks.

FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS

Leiper House – Angela Hewett sent an email asking for \$500 more than last year. The Board asked for her to submit a detailed budget.

NPT Historical Society – It was noted they were requesting the same amount as last year. The Board also asked for them to submit a detailed budget.

SEWER FUND

Mr. Much asked about the \$300,000 loan from the sewer fund and it was noted the money was from the Sewer Capital Fund. Mr. Much noted no increase is proposed and that will cut it too close. Ms. Swan said we are still waiting for CDCA numbers and she thought \$15 per unit increase would be safe for the next two years. The Board agreed a small increase is in order but decided to wait until we see the CDCA numbers.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 789 Delaware County Solid Waste Authority – Mr. Much moved to approve Ordinance No. 789. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. Mr. Sullivan asked what the options are. Mr. Cummings stated you would not be able to use County facilities and taking trash out of the county would be expensive. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Resolution 2016-11 Small Sewer Grant - Mr. Cummings explained we need to authorize applying for this grant. After discussion, Mr. Much moved to approve the resolution. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

CMAQ – Mr. Sullivan noted we received two engineering design bids and we will discuss with Mr. Catania.

Adjournment – It was noted the Board will go through line items next week. The meeting was adjourned until with the next meeting being October 27, 2016.