

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of September 10, 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, September 10, 2015 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Much
Commissioner Noyes
Commissioner Sullivan
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

EXCUSED:

Commissioner Baker

PUBLIC Approximately 8 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative Meeting of August 6, 2015

Mr. Cummings noted 3 typos were corrected. Much moved to approve the minutes of the August 6th meeting. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0-1 with Mr. Kenworthy abstaining as he was not present.

SOLICITORS REPORT

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

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania submitted his report noting 2015 street resurfacing Phase 2 bids will be advertised, the Leiper House roof replacement is complete and the sewer issue on Rose Valley Road is believed to have multiple leaks in the joints and the grouting is taking a long time to fix although the leaks are being reduced. Mr. Much asked about the status of the report for stone walls on Penn Valley/Beatty Road. Mr. Maddren noted the developer is getting an engineer report and checking the weight of trucks.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings noted the HHW collection on Sunday September 20 at Penn State, Brandywine campus and there is a meeting on September 22nd to review safety issues on the Copples Lane sidewalk with PA DOT. He also noted tree planting in Houston Park donated from Mr. Bruce Brown as a gift along with a bench if acceptable to the Board. Mr. Much moved to accept the donations. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Much noted we have made an offer to the Wallingford Swarthmore School District for the Summit School property but stated the amount is confidential.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT

Nether Providence Township is Money magazine's 27 best places to live in the U.S. – In Mr. Baker's absence Mr. Much reported Money magazine's article of NPT being 27th on a list of the 50 best places to live in the US.

Family Fun Day, Saturday September 19th from 1:00 to 4:00pm. – Mr. Much noted Family Fun Day is next week which will have games, attractions, food and the dunk tank.

Shredding event October 17th (with Media Borough) – Mr. Grady noted the Board was not interested in the E-waste event but would like to participate in the shredding event with Media Borough. Mr. Much moved to participate. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Race for First responders and Susan G. Komen Fund – Mr. Much stated the Fueled Up and Fired Up Race was made possible by Wilson Oil and Propane and will be held on Saturday October 17th.

NPT Community Clean Up Day – Mr. Much stated the Township Clean Up Day will be held at the Hepford Park entrance and the South Media Fire Company parking lot on October 20th. He mentioned no hazardous materials and no Freon or electronic waste will be accepted. It will run from 8:00 am to 3:00pm. Mr. Kenworthy further noted that only items that can go into the landfill are allowed. It was noted it is for residents only and IDs will be checked.

NPAA request for fencing at Urban soccer field – After discussion, Mr. Cummings will meet with NPAA representatives to look at lights, signs etc.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to approve Warrant List – Mr. Dougherty went through the warrant list and noted \$48,000 for a leaf machine and \$16,000 for Suburban Waste recycling collection fee. He noted the DVIT medical coverage premiums and \$330,000 to CDCA for sewer costs. He asked for questions and there were none. Mr. Dougherty moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Ratify agreement with Calhoun Baker for financial services – Mr. Dougherty noted we approved an agreement for services with Calhoun Baker last week

Mr. Dougherty noted the next Budget Meeting will be September 17th, when the Library, NPAA and fire companies will present. He also mentioned the need to seriously consider imposing an EIT.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Appointments - Mr. Much gave the Police Report and noted the passing of retired Officer Richard Demkin. He noted Officer Coverdale has been appointed as a full time officer and welcomed him and also congratulated Officer Kevin Smith on being named the new Traffic Safety Officer. He also acknowledged the unanimous appointment of Jack Gresch as Fire Marshall and noted he is a 37 year member of the Chester City Fire Company and retired Battalion Chief.

Stop Signs – Gladstone at Palmers and Locations on Harvey Road – Chief Splain noted that Officer Smith has been out around the township. Mr. Kenworthy asked the ordinance to be authorized to put a stop sign at Gladstone. After discussion Mr. Kenworthy moved and Mr. Much seconded. After further discussion, the Board decided to wait until next week to see if additional stop signs are needed.

Planting plan at 102 Chesley Drive (and appeal of zoning enforcement notice) – Mr. Much noted a meeting with residents was held and the Zoning hearing is set for September 21st.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Kenworthy mentioned there is nothing new to report but did note the Zoning Hearing Board meeting on September 21.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ratify PEMA resolution on designation of agent – Mr. O'Connor noted we passed the PEMA Designation of Agent Resolution last week and then read the monthly report.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 782 (sanitary sewer lateral inspection ordinance) – Mr. Sullivan summarized the ordinance and noted it has been discussed at length and is now advertised for adoption. Mr. Sullivan moved to approve the ordinance. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. Mr. Dougherty said he hates to place the additional cost on the residents but knows we had to do it eventually. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-2 with Mr. Dougherty and Mr. Much voting no.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) List – Mr. Sullivan noted the list from Mr. Grady and asked if anyone has any other projects to be added to contact him..

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and Mr. Much noted the next Budget Meeting will be on September 17th at 7:30PM and wished everyone a Happy Rosh Hashanah.