

(233) **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP**
MEETING of September 14, 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, September 14, 2017 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Much
Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner Kenworthy
Commissioner Baker
Commissioner O'Connor (arrived 7:35)
Commissioner Sullivan (arrived 8:25)

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 Dougherty

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Approximately 4 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative Meeting of August 3, 2017

Mr. Much moved for approval of the minutes of the August 3, 2017 legislative meeting. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. O'Connor arrived.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Maddren noted all issues would be discussed in Executive Session after the Legislative Meeting.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania stated the MS4 Pollution Reduction Program's Notice of Intent (NOI) was submitted in order to comply with the program. He noted the program would cost approximately \$350,000 over a five-year span.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings noted the Linda Poole from DVIT toured the township and submitted a Risk Management report for the Boards review and Summit School was included in her walk-through. Mr. Cummings stated a Red Cross Blood drive will be on Wednesday, January 3rd from 2:00PM to 7:00PM in the Township Building and Fire Marshal Jack Gresch posted an Emergency Action Plan for the Township Building this week. Mr. Cummings

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noted several dates for upcoming e-waste events in Aston and the county is having an HHW collection Sunday, September 17th at Penn State Brandywine but no electronics will be accepted. Mr. Cummings state the PLGIT Procurement Card Program used by the township to make purchases each year has provided the township with an approximate rebate of \$4,900 just for paying our bills. He stated PIT (Pennsylvania Institute of Technology) has requested a directional sign to be placed on northbound Providence Road across from W. Rose Valley Road and asked the Board if it could be installed. Mr. Kenworthy stated he is concerned with the location and the distance of the sign away from PIT and Mr. Baker says he would like to review the location. After further discussion the action was deferred and Mr. Cummings will contact property owners affected for their thoughts.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Much gave the monthly Police report.

WES school flashing signal – Mr. Much noted he was not present when this came up. Mr. Kenworthy summarized the issue and noted he advocated for warning signs first rather than spend \$8,000 to relocate the flashing signal. He said if the signs don't work we can then consider the flashers. The Board members agreed it is important to keep the children safe. Chief Splain noted he concurred that it would be ideal to relocate the sign but he had run ENRAD detail today and cited two drivers. Mr. Much asked Mr. Cummings to contact the school district on sharing the cost. It was noted PADOT would have to approve the location.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to approve Warrant List – Mr. Kenworthy went through the warrant list noting it is mostly the usual expenses and moved for approval. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Resolution establish MMOs for 2018 – Mr. Kenworthy noted the MMO's as prepared by the Actuary are in our packets noting the Police MMO was slightly reduced and the Employee MMO slightly increased. He noted the State Aid contribution unit value has increased 4%.

2018 Budget Schedule – Mr. Kenworthy noted the budget review schedule.

2017 Financial Report – Mr. Kenworthy said the report is in our file folders and we will start budget discussions soon.

EIT – Mr. Kenworthy noted Keystone's presentation last week and he stated it would be a new tax for approximately 4,500 residents. Mr. Kenworthy asked to have the first Budget Meeting next week to discuss the potential of an EIT and other budget matters. It was noted the township would have until December 1st to enact an EIT to be effective in 2018. The Board agreed to meet September 21st if Mr. Dougherty can be present.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Bartkowski lot line revision (408 Rogers Lane) - Mr. Cummings stated this plan was before the Planning Commission on Monday and the DCPD comments were received today. There was no action to be taken.

Motion to approve Peck/Furness Park lot line revision (adding ground to Furness Park) – Mr. Knapp summarized this proposal to add ground to Furness Park to aid in access to the train station. Mr. Knapp made a motion to approve the plan contingent upon conditions 1,3 and 4, and that the zoning issue will be addressed later. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Excess ROW off Dennis Lane - Mr. Much noted he was at County Council this week and received the deed for excess right-of-way off the end of Dennis Lane for \$1.00. He thanked County Council noting it is a very good deal.

FIRE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Demolition of 805 Forrest Avenue - Mr. Much reported in Mr. Dougherty's absence. After discussion, Mr. Much moved to receive bids for demolition of 805 Forrest and restoration and the adjoining property wall. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Electric and gas contracts through COSTARS – Mr. Grady noted COSTARS has an electric purchase program and it's new. He suggested we wait a year. Mr. Grady noted our gas contract expiring and we are receiving quotes. The Board agreed.

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INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Wallingford Avenue sidewalk - Mr. Much noted Wallingford Ave is finished and it looks great.

Mr. Sullivan arrives at 8:25PM

Copples Lane sidewalk (construction has begun) – Mr. Sullivan noted the precast inlets are being constructed and will be put in after they are made.

Moore Road sidewalk project – 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 engineering design phase and will be constructed in 2020.

Multi-modal sidewalk (E. Rose Valley Road from Osborne Lane to Providence Road) – Mr. Sullivan noted the design phase has been deferred to 2018.

PA Small Water and Sewer Grant bids – Mr. Sullivan noted we are ratifying the acceptance of the grant in the amount of \$147,721 and will be going out to bid.

Parkridge Drive Outfall project – Mr. Sullivan noted the state general permit has been received but the DCCD approval is pending. Mr. Much noted the Beechwood Road restoration by Aqua is terrible. Mr. Sullivan said the PECO restoration on Providence Road is also bad.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Bare Root Trees available - Mr. Baker noted Tyler Buzzoto's recommendation for the types of trees noting a minimum of 8 must be ordered for a total of \$400. Mr. Baker moved to approve the application for \$400 to the get trees from PHS. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0. It was noted the funds would come from the Community Enhancement fund.

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

Summit School - (second appraisal received - DCED grant deed restriction) – Mr. Baker noted the solicitor is working on the deed restrictions.

Summer recreation financial summary – Mr. Baker reviewed the status of finances for the program noting a surplus of \$35 versus being subsidized in the past. He also noted there was an extra \$5,000 authorized from the Community Enhancement Fund and that it was not used.

New storage shed at public works garage – Mr. Baker noted proposals in the packets for a new shed to store Summer Recreation Program and Family Fun Day items as they were getting damaged from the leaks in the area stored at Summit School. Mr. Sullivan asked what volume is needed. Mr. Baker noted shelves could be installed inside the shed. Mr. Baker will investigate the size, but said he thought our programs would be growing and it's easier to move items around in a shed.

Family Fun Day is Saturday, September 16 at SHMS lot from 1 to 4 – Mr. Baker noted Family Fun Day is Saturday and asked everyone to come out and enjoy the fun.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to re-advertise for PA Small Water & Sewer grant bids for Creekside Lane and Beatty Run sewers – After discussion on why no bids were previously received, Mr. Sullivan moved to approve re-advertising to receive bids. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Comments on draft Pollution Reduction plan – Mr. O'Connor noted Mr. Catania spoke on this earlier. Mr. Kenworth said the Board should look for projects that would help comply with load reductions. Mr. O'Connor asked Mr. Cummings and Mr. Catania to look at Windsor and Winterloch due to the complaints on equipment being parked there and road damage. Mr. Sullivan also asked to check out Engle where the roller was parked. Mr. Catania stated they should not store equipment on local roads. Mr. O'Connor also asked if we can restrict noise during these operations and Mr. Catania said they should ask for a waiver from regulations.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Much noted the next meeting is September 7th. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.