

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of September 8, 2016

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 8, 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
James Halligan	Township Advisor for MM
Lisa Swan	Finance Director
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
David Splain	Chief of Police

PUBLIC

Approximately 10 people in attendance.

President Commissioner Much asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Commissioner O'Connor's father-in-law and in remembrance of the 9/11 attacks.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alfred Hurd of 309 Woodward Road spoke on Stage One and thanked the Board for purchasing the property. He gave details on Stage One and its benefits and acknowledged county councils \$100,000 donation. He noted various people endorsing Stage One. He said it is an asset to the township and asked for long term lease and suggested 50 years.

Kim Craig of 805 Media Parkway stated she reached out four times to the township and gave hand-outs to the Board and cited issues she had with property owner next door. She said the neighbor replaced a retaining wall and as it turned out it was on their property. She noted she asked for Rich Haywood to come over and he came in and knocked on her door at 7:00am and said she felt ignored and wants to feel safe again. Mr. Much noted we do not get involved in civil matters. She thanked Polly Hickman and Anne Marie Cooke and Chief Splain. She noted she was cutting branches and her neighbor called the police.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative Meeting of August 11, 2016

Mr. Much moved to approve the minutes of August 11, 2016. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0-1 with Mr. O'Connor abstaining as he was not present.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Halligan in Mr. Maddren's absence stated there was nothing new to report.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania submitted his report.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings stated there will be a HHW collection on Saturday September 18th at Penn State Brandywine Campus. He noted two Eagle Scout projects are being proposed for Furness Park and that the residents should be receiving the township Community Map and Guide in the mail. He stated the bare root tree request is due September 12th and there is a shredding event with media Borough on October 15th. Mr. Cummings asked the Board to consider the Suburban Recycling contract renewal. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan moved for approval of extending the contract for one year (2017). Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0. Mr. Cummings reported that Senator Killian's Kids Expo will take place on September 17th at the BYC field house.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

LED Streetlight procurement program – Reginald Smith from Johnson Controls went through a slide show noting we have mostly cobra head fixtures but there are a small number of decorative fixtures. He showed the estimated operation and maintenance savings which will be used to finance the project. He stated the payoff period is projected to be approximately 8 years, and the operation and maintenance savings from that point forward will be retained by the Township. He also discussed other benefits of the program. After further discussion, the Board agreed to review the information supplied and to put the matter on the October 6 agenda. Mr. Dougherty asked if we could install new lights. Mr. Smith said that could be added as part of contingency funding.

Copples Lane sidewalk project- waiting for PS&E (final) approval – Mr. Sullivan noted we are waiting for final approval from PENNDOT.

Wallingford Avenue sidewalk project – Mr. Sullivan noted construction has begun.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Street light request for Putnam Boulevard – Mr. O'Connor suggests this be tabled until next month's meeting.

Stop sign, parking restriction and other traffic control requests (stop sign on Winterloch at Windsor; no parking on Golf View; signs on Grandview; signs on Manchester Road) – Mr. Much said he surveyed residents concerning Grandview at Woodcrest and they were overwhelmingly in favor of a stop sign on Woodcrest. It was noted a stop sign can be placed on Winterloch at Windsor as that is an unregulated intersection and Golf View parking is to be prohibited on one side. The Board discussed lower Manchester Road and the request for speed bumps and warning signs. Mr. Baker noted there are 4 curves and it is downhill so speed bumps are not recommended. Mr. Catania also noted a stop sign is needed on Ronaldson Street at Forrest Street as well. Mr. Much then gave the police report.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Zoning Hearing on 224 N. Providence scheduled for September 19 – Mr. Knapp noted the zoning hearing for 224 N. Providence Road is scheduled for September 19th.

Lot line relocation (Redgrave Estate - 202 Walker Lane) – Mr. Knapp summarized the reviews by the County and Township Planning Commissions as well as comments from the Township Engineer. He then moved to grant Preliminary/Final Minor Subdivision Plans entitled, "Lot Line Relocation, Property of Estate of Jane Redgrave", consisting of 1 sheet dated July 22, 2016 (revised 8/18/2016), drawn by G.D. Houtman & Son, Inc. Conditional Preliminary-Final Approval subject to a revised plan addressing the following:

1. Compliance with the August 9, 2016 comments of the Township Engineer
2. Compliance with the August 18, 2016 comments of the County Planning Department
3. Compliance with the September 6, 2016 comments of the Township Planning Commission
4. Compliance with any other applicable Federal, State and local regulations.

In approving the plans, waivers from the following sections are also hereby granted:

- Section 289-22.C (10) Contour Lines
- Section 289-22.D (4) Soil Map
- Section 289-22.D (7) Sedimentation and Grading Control Plan
- Section 289-22.D (9) Landscape Plan

Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to approve warrant list – Mr. Kenworthy reviewed the warrant list. The Board questioned the Higgins bill on streetlights and an airline flight fee. Mr. Kenworthy moved for approval. Mr. Much seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

MMO's for pension plans in 2017 (Police is \$636,700 and Employee is \$149,352) – Mr. Kenworthy announced the MMO's for 2017 as noted. In response to Mr. Sullivan's question, Mr. Cummings explained the allocation between the two pension plans is established by the state through a formula.

IT Proposals – Mr. Kenworthy noted the Administration is still reviewing so this will be revisited in October.

Ratify Resolution 2016-8 (loan to purchase Gouley Park property) – Resolution 2016-8 was ratified.

HVAC proposals for Township Building – Mr. Grady noted we have 2 units covering the upstairs meeting room and one unit has broken A/C and parts are unavailable. Mr. Much noted the township may have HVAC vendors who are residents so we should reach out to them. Mr. Dougherty asked why both units need to be replaced and asked where the money was coming from to pay for their replacement. Mr. Kenworthy noted the year to date budget was in the folders. Mr. Sullivan asked if Delfera's bid would still be good for the discount and noted the warranty is better. The staff is to advertise the availability of the contract to residents.

Mr. Kenworthy noted the Debt Schedule and Budget Schedule are in folders.

FIRE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Updated Personnel Manual – Mr. Dougherty noted the Administration is updating the Township Personnel Manual and a copy has been submitted to the Board for review.

Mr. Dougherty noted he heard the South Media Fire Company pumper engine had broken down.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Boo Run on October 29 at Summit School/Gouley Park – Mr. Baker noted the run will take place at Gouley Park on October 29th.

Anti-bully walk on Sunday, September 18th (SHMS to Hepford Park) – Mr. Baker mentioned the walk on September 18th beginning at SHMS is to raise awareness of bullying.

Bullens Lane Park improvement bids – Mr. Dougherty noted the bids came in really high and stated we are planning to do most of the work ourselves. Mr. Kenworthy noted the low bid was \$13,000 over the budget. After discussion, Mr. Dougherty moved to reject all bids. Mr. Baker seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Family Fun Day (Saturday 9/10 from 1-4 PM at SHMS) – Mr. Baker noted the 5th Annual Family Fun Day is this Saturday. It will be very hot so we have a dunk tank and a lot of new things. Mr. Much said that all things that happen at Family Fun Day happen due to the work of Mr. Baker.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. O' Connor also thanked Mr. Baker for his efforts on Family Fun Day and thanked Mr. Much on his thoughts for his father-in-law. He also wanted to remember resident Debbie Walsh who was killed on Flight 93 in the 9/11 attacks. Mr. O' Connor gave the Public Works report and thanked the Public Works Department for all their work.

Adjournment – There being no other business the meeting was adjourned. Mr. Much stated the next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2016.