

(13) **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION & LEGISLATIVE MEETING of AUGUST 2, 2012**

A work session/legislative meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nether Providence, duly advertised and posted in accordance with law, was called to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, August 2, 2012 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Much
Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Noyes
Commissioner Dougherty
Commissioner Kenworthy

Gary Cummings	Township Manager
Charles Catania	Township Engineer
Thomas Flannery	Chief of Police
Joseph Lesniak	Twp Solicitor
Dennis Sheehan	Assistant Township Manager
Lisa Swan	Finance Director

EXCUSED: Commissioner Baker & Commissioner O'Connor

PUBLIC: Approximately 2 in attendance

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

5K and 5 MILE RACES – Mary Gay Scanlon was present and stated she represents WSSD Education Foundation, a non-profit for supporting the schools. She spoke on the Pancake Breakfast and Pajama Race to be held on November 10. She stated it run from 9:00 am to 10:00 am and publicity will go out later. Mr Dougherty noted NPE will be under construction and wished to use another facility for our summer recreation program and asked if WES would be available. Ms. Scanlon stated she would check. Mr Sheehan noted the Township First Responders 5K Race is October 20th. Christine Reuther noted there is a smaller race on August 29th to benefit the Fire Companies.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – (Vacancies – Sidewalk Committee and ZHB Alternate) – Louis Botta, 610 Georgetown Road, was present and stated he is interested in the Sidewalk Committee or another appointment. Mr Much asked for his experience with zoning hearing board matters. Mr. Botta stated he was familiar with zoning boards. Mr Botta said he was interested in the Sidewalk Committee especially relevant to traffic calming. Mr Noyes noted the Sidewalk Committee is depleted and has a lot of tasks. Mr Sullivan moved to appoint Mr. Botta to the sidewalk Committee. Mr Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

A FEW STEPS – Dave Director, 500 E. Country Club Lane, spoke on A Few Steps noting the organization is an outgrowth of the Multi-municipal EAC. They are non-profit and are following up on our climate change action plan to reduce carbon emissions by 20% by 2020. He noted areas of their work including LED streetlight retrofitting, energy reduction competition for homes and houses of worship, dealings with transition media. He noted they wish to have a big outreach to residential properties to reduce carbon emissions and work on carpooling. He noted there are green groups, sustainability coaches and workshops and the school district has sustainability teams. He also mentioned they are working on fundraising and

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grants but it's helpful to get a line item in next year's budget. Mr Much asked about performing energy audits for the fire companies and Mr Director said it is planned to do it in the fall. Mr Noyes asked them to look for grants to install LED street lights. It was noted there is a meeting with PECO and DVRPC on the issue of their pole tariff. Mr Sullivan stated Penn Future has a program to offer free electric vehicle charging stations. Mr Director noted if a good number sign up for green energy (wind power from PA) we could receive a free charging station as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF JULY 12, 2012 – Mr Much moved to approve the minutes. Mr Kenworthy seconded the motion which was approved by a vote of 5-0.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Mr Lesniak asked the Civil Service regulations be advertised as an ordinance versus adopting it as a resolution. Mr Lesniak also recommended passage of the Storm Water ordinance.

ENGINEERS REPORT - Authorize to receive bids for Beechwood Road Lateral Extensions - Mr Catania reviewed a proposal to obtain bids for lateral extensions beyond the road surface. Mr Much moved to obtain bids for lateral extensions. Mr Sullivan seconded the motion. Mr Catania noted that the main line had to be air tested before the lateral work is started.

Mr. Catania stated we received DEP comments for both Laurie Lane and W. Brookhaven Road projects but DELCORA needs to respond. He stated we are starting the Copples Lane Bridge repair Monday. With respect to the Act 537 plan, the Township needs to supply information. He also stated DELCORA turned it down CDCA's request to consider diversion to DELCORA's plant and it would be nice if the Township could support the request..

MANAGERS REPORT - Mr Cummings noted the GCFC 3rd Annual Golf outing will be held October 15th. He also spoke on a positive DVIT risk management review and the revival of a 3 lot subdivision on the Brower property at 908 S. Providence Road.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT – Mr Much gave the Fire Marshall and Police reports. Mr Much asked if anyone was apprehended and Chief Flannery said they know who the suspect is. Mr Much reminded all residents to lock cars and homes and call 911 if you see any suspicious activity.

Motion to adopt resolution amending Civil Service regulations – Mr Much moved to advertise adoption of the regulations. Mr Kenworthy noted it must be converted to an ordinance. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which was approved by a vote of 5-0.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT -

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 765 adopting the updated Township Stormwater Management Plan – Mr Kenworthy noted the ordinance is a large document and moved for its approval. Mr Noyes seconded the motion but offered concern about the significant responsibilities placed on the Township. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0. Mr Kenworthy noted the fee schedule and asked to members to review and process in September.

Motion approving sewer planning module revision resolution for Moore 3 lot subdivision – Mr Kenworthy moved to approve the resolution. Mr Sullivan seconded the motion which was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Motion to advertise ordinance amending fence regulations – Mr Kenworthy moved to advertise the ordinance for adoption at the September 13 meeting. Mr Sullivan seconded the motion noting definitions have been added. Mr Dougherty asked about lattice on top of existing fences. Mr Sullivan suggested adding the words “as measured from the ground up” to the height limitation. Mr Noyes stated he was against the ordinance as he believes it goes too far. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1 with Mr. Noyes voting against the motion.

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Mr Kenworthy noted ZHB will be meeting on August 20th for a request by Wilson Oil Company asking for a special exception to install a 30k gallon propane tank, but he will be away. Mr Much said he would attend. The Board discussed reasons for such a large tank and it was noted that approval was received from PA L & I.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT -

Motion to approve warrant list – Mr Dougherty went through the list and invoices were questioned about blacktop at SMFC, computer installation, Wingfoot Tires and whether Wingfoot is a state contractor. It was noted that the Summer Recreation program costs were under budget by \$5,000 and the purchase of guns from Whitmore Associates was with grant money. There were also questions about re-issuing uncashed checks, animal control and prisoner lodging. Mr Dougherty moved to approve the bills list. Mr Noyes seconded the motion which was approved by a vote of 5-0.

WSSD request to waive fee for turf field – Mr Dougherty noted the request for use of alternative facilities for Summer Camp and asked if we could address this in September.

Motion to adopt Resolution setting stormwater facility review and inspection fees – Mr Dougherty went through the proposal and it was noted no fee proposed for escrow fees. After the discussion the Board deferred action until September.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT – Mr Much gave the Public Works report. Mr Sullivan noted Aqua is replacing the water main on Byre Lane. Mr Catania indicated he will get price from Aqua for payment in lieu of restoration. Mr Noyes asked to get replacement costs for vehicles. Mr Sheehan said he and Darryl Dixon are working on it.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Mr Much informed residents that Family Day will be held on Saturday, September 15 at Strathaven Middle School.

GRANTS COMMITTEE – Mr Noyes noted he has a map of the bicycle path from Baltimore Pike which ends at Yale Ave and he wants to look at extending the bike route through Nether Providence. Discussion ensued as to who would review this issue and thought the sidewalk committee or MMCP EAC could review.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT – Mr Sullivan noted that energy consulting from DVRPC is available but does require administrative time. Mr Sheehan will be the township's contact on this.

Mr Sullivan noted the TE project had a pre-construction meeting on July 16 and Mr Noyes noted an issue with temporary dislodging parking on Turner Road. Mr Sullivan noted Mr Noyes contacted Wallingford Presbyterian Church and he said they are considering allowing temporary parking but are concerned they could be overwhelmed. Mr Noyes noted Church Lane has two-hour parking and we should consider temporarily removing the parking restrictions.

Adjournment - There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is September 6 at 7:30 pm