# (20) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP MEETING of OCTOBER 11, 2012

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, October 11, 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 O'Connor – excused late

Commissioner Baker

Commissioner Kenworthy - excused late

Gary Cummings Township Manager
Charles Catania Township Engineer
Thomas Flannery Chief of Police
Michael Maddren Township Solicitor

Dennis Sheehan Assistant Township Manager

Lisa Swan Finance Director

**PUBLIC:** 6 in attendance

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Legislative meeting of September 13, 2012** – Action deferred until the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Maddren stated he had nothing to report.

**Fire Prevention Week** - Fire Marshall Jim Ortoleva spoke on Fire Prevention Week and noted this makes people feel comfortable but fire prevention should go on all year long. He stated he went to all the area elementary schools and also performed the inspection of all commercial buildings and schools. Mr Much noted Mr Ortoleva does a great job and is very thorough.

**SMFC Request for a new Pumper** - Ed Kline was present and noted that Mr Much invited him to speak. Mr. Much gave Mr. Kline SMFC's quarterly contribution and their portion of the fire relief funds totaling \$65,436.30. Mr. Kline noted he supplied the Board a letter requesting to replace their 1995 pumper in the amount of \$655,000 and read the letter. Mr Noyes noted next week is the capital purchases discussion and said he supported the request. Mr Max Hopkins, President of SMFC, noted the Red Cross Blood Drive will be taking place on October 30 from 2:00m to 7:00pm at the fire house.

# **ENGINEERS REPORT:**

Mr Catania submitted his report and noted he made a request to the County for additional funding for the Washington Avenue sewer line so as to cover the alternate bid to resurface the road. He recommended approving the contract to A. Garguile subject to the county supplying the additional funding. Mr Sullivan moved to award the base bid and alternate bid to A. Garguile and Sons, Inc. (base bid amount of \$45,495.00 and alternate bid of \$13,050.00) subject to receiving additional funding from the County. Mr Much seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

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Mr Much asked about inspection of the new house at 214 N Providence Road. The status of the Copples Lane reflectors was discussed. Mr Sullivan indicated the School District will pay to install from the Middle School down to Smithfield and the Township will be responsible for the remaining reflectors.

#### **MANAGERS REPORT:**

Mr Cummings noted the last household hazardous waste drop-off is October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Upper Chichester Township building. He noted the GCFC golf outing is October 15 and the Oye Vey 5k and 10k races for Ohev Shalom is on October 28. Mr Cummings noted a "How to Compost" meeting will be held on October 18 from 7:00 to 8:30 at the Aston Township building and a "Watershed Science with Arts" program on Wednesday night November 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00PM to 8:30 PM at Ridley Creek Park Mansion House.

# FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

**Motion to approve Warrant list -** Mr Dougherty reviewed the warrant list and asked for questions. There were none. Mr Dougherty moved to approve the warrant list. Mr Much seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

**2013 Budget Schedule** - Mr Dougherty reviewed the Budget schedule noting that they will take place every Thursday with the next one being October 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr Noyes noted he would not be able to attend. \*Mr O'Connor arrived at this time.

**HVAC Fees** - Mr Dougherty noted that the discussion concerning revising HVAC Fees would be discussed at a future budget meeting.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Mr Much noted the ribbon cutting ceremony at WES and that a wonderful job was done with the renovations. He thanked Ms Milgrim and Dr Noonan. Mr Much stated he attended the Stage One Open House at the Summit School and noted they offer classes. He thanked Mr and Mrs Hurd who run the facility.

**Ratify authorization for Civil Service testing** – Mr Much moved to ratify the authorization of civil service testing. Mr Dougherty seconded the motion. Mr Baker stated he is abstaining as he is a member of the FOP. Mr Noyes asked how long it would take to compile a list. Chief Flannery noted it could take up to 6 months to create a list.

School Flashing Signal (north side of SHHS) – Cost of relocation vs. sidewalk extension – Mr Much noted the proposal by Charles Higgins to relocate the signal. Mr Much stated we should discuss this with Nick Cirilli and Mr Hardy. Mr Sullivan asked for the cost of the extending the sidewalk from the school to Hickory Lane. Mr O'Connor explained the complaint was the signal is below the crosswalk and maybe it should be within the school zone.

Mr Much gave the Fire Marshal Report then gave the monthly Police Report. He noted the step up of patrols to prevent burglaries and he urged residents to call 911 if they see anything suspicious. Mr Dougherty noted the arrest of a suspect on attempted burglaries in Brookhaven Borough. Mr Much thanked the County DA, CID and Rep. Hackett for their help in preventing burglaries.

\*Mr Kenworthy arrived at this time.

Motion to ratify exclusion of resurfacing costs from costs allocated to residents under the Beechwood Road sewer project - Mr Much moved to exclude resurfacing costs from costs allocated to residents. Mr Dougherty seconded the motion which passed 7-0.

## **BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Motion to grant extension request from Malvern Bank for subdivision proposal at 908 S. Providence Road (Brower property) to January 31, 2013- Mr Kenworthy so moved. Mr O'Connor seconded the motion

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Mr O'Connor gave the monthly Highway report noting leaf collection starts next week.

# COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:

First Responders 5k and 5 mile on October 20 - Mr Baker spoke on the 5K Race noting the turn-out has been outstanding in past years.

**Community clean up day results**- Mr Baker noted that 9 tons of disposable items were collected at Hepford Park and the South Media Fire House.

**NPAA request for lighting at Field of Dreams -** Mr Baker noted he received a request for security lighting and asked John Brennan for details and also to include NPAA Baseball in their discussions. Mr Much noted there has been vandalism and thefts from the shed and fields. The Board asked Mr Catania to review the proposal when it is received.

# **GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Mr Noyes noted Mr Sullivan forwarded a DEP grant and it was noted the grant application was due October 26<sup>th</sup> and may be able to be used for funding the Parkridge Outfall. Mr Much noted Mr Sheehan is reaching out to Rep. Hackett on Nether Providence being banned from applying for a recycling grant this year as it received the container grant last year.

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Mr Sullivan noted there was a meeting with Mr Cummings, PENNDOT and the contractor and it appears that field changes can be made. Mr Noyes noted excess parking at Wallingford Presbyterian Church and we should look into temporarily removing the 2 hour parking restriction and ask the township to help the Church.

**Adjournment** – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is a budget meeting on October 18 (review of General Fund and Sewer Fund line items and capital projects).