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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of May 9, 2013**

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, May 9, 2013 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Much
Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Dougherty
Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner Baker
Commissioner Noyes

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Kenworthy

PUBLIC Approximately 7 people in attendance

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Much led the pledge which was recited by all.

SCOUT RECOGNITION

Commissioner Baker presented a Certificate of Recognition to Dan Gibbs for work installing a landscape wall and planters at the South Media Fire Company. Mr. Much noted Nancy Borowsky President of South Media Fire Company was present. Mr. Gibbs thanked Mr. Cummings and Mr. Dixon for their assistance and thanked Fire Chief Ed Kline and NPT Board of Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative meeting of April 11, 2013

Mr. Much moved to approve the April 11, 2013 minutes. Mr. Noyes asked for three revisions. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (vacancies on Sidewalk Committee and UCC appeals board)

Mr. Cummings noted the vacancy in the Ad Hoc Historical Commission.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Maddren spoke on the Moore Subdivision and said there is no reason to reallocate sewer installation costs.

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ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania submitted his report and noted the Lenni Electric project to install lighting at Hepford Park starts on or about June 3rd.

He mentioned the 2013 Road Resurfacing contracts are executed and Sucher may start on the 1st.

Mr. Catania also reported on the ACT 537 Plan May 23rd Steering Committee meeting.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr Cummings noted the Wallingford Presbyterian church has their 64th Annual Strawberry Festival on June 3rd. The Furness Library's May Book Fair will take place on May 11th and the Well Read Library fundraiser is on June 15th.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to approve the warrant list - Mr. Dougherty went through the warrant list and Mr. Sullivan asked about the retaining wall invoice. Mr. Baker asked about the difference in fire hydrant rental rates between Aqua and CWA. Mr. Dougherty moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which was approved by a vote of 6-0.

Pay down debt service – Mr. Dougherty spoke on the debt loans outstanding. Mr. Sheehan explained the balances in the corresponding TD Bank accounts will be used to pay down the loans and the bank accounts will be closed out. Mr. Dougherty moved to utilize the remaining \$5,426.27 remaining in the TD 1999 Note Bank Account and 2013 budgeted amounts from the General Fund (\$7,722) to pay down the existing balance and close the corresponding TD Bank account. Mr. Noyes seconded the motion. After discussion the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Dougherty explained we wish to do the same with the PLGIT bank accounts and moved to utilize the remaining \$16,617.57 remaining in the PLGIT 2001 Note Bank Account and 2013 budgeted amounts from the General Fund (\$8,326) to pay down the existing balance and close the corresponding PLGIT account. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0. Mr. Noyes asked about the 2009 Note and it was noted no action was to be taken.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Much gave the Police report. He also noted a letter from SMFC on replacing an alternator and asked the Board members to review for later discussion in the meeting.

Ratify purchase of Police Vehicle – The Board noted they authorized the purchase of a new police vehicle at the work session on May 2.

Purchase of Traffic Counter – Mr. Much suggested this be tabled until a new Chief is hired and the Board agreed.

GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Noyes noted the 902 Recycling Grant application would be for a new scarab (leaf mulch turning machine). He noted an email from Mr. Cummings on a meeting with Swarthmore and explained the issues with both municipalities applying at the same time. Mr. Noyes also mentioned he wanted to make sure the contractor would hold off at Hepford Park until the baseball season was completed.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. O'Connor gave the highway report and noted leaf mulch is available.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT

Mr. Baker stated the Summer Recreation Program sold out and there is a waiting list.

He also mentioned he is still looking for a date in September to host Family Fun Day and that he would discuss it with Mr. Sheehan.

Mr. Baker said he had received a letter from Mr. Hurd supporting Stage One so he will forward to the President

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for a signature.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Project – Authorization for Planting – Mr. Sullivan noted Possum Hollow Road is open. He stated we plan to use fill from SHHS field to add to the back of a Church Road property. Mr. Sullivan said that part was to put in replacement planting. Mr. Sullivan moved to authorize the purchase of plants from Shemin and for the Public Works Dept to plant. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. Mr. Dougherty said he wants a waiver of liability to not replace plants that may die and a waiver from liability from adding fill. Bill Gonzalez spoke and said the township is just putting it back the way it was. Mr. Sullivan amended the motion to authorize the purchase from Shemin or purchase at lesser cost or better terms. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Sullivan stated the Laurie Lane and Beatty Run sewer projects are underway.

Mr. Sullivan stated bids are to be received June 6th for the Brookhaven Road sewer project and noted it is part of the H2O Grant so residents are only responsible for 1/3 of the cost. Mr. Sullivan note one parcel on Brookhaven Road can potentially be subdivided and stated the Board could consider allocating additional cost to the lot. He noted it could be tricky so it's probably better to just divide among the existing lots. After discussion the Board agreed to allocate costs based on the existing parcels.

SMFC Alternator – Mr. Baker noted he had problems with the cost of the alternator being \$4,000 and why did the company not get several quotes. Mr. Much said Ms Borowsky said she wanted to get the truck back in service as soon as possible. Mr. Baker said he was disappointed in SMFC that they do not do any fundraising. Mr. Dougherty noted they did not apply for the one grant other fire companies received. Mr. Much moved for the Township to pay 50% of the cost. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion. Mr. Noyes asked if they may be setting a precedent. Mr. Baker noted while it was internally out of service it was not out of service officially with the Fire Board and he has a problem with that. He stated that until they try to help themselves with fund raising then he is not voting for paying these costs. The motion passed by a vote of 5-1 with Mr. Baker voting no.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.