BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP MEETING of August 6, 2015

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, August 6, 2015 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Much

Commissioner Baker Commissioner Noyes Commissioner Sullivan Commissioner Dougherty

Gary Cummings Township Manager Charles Catania Township Engineer

Dave Grady Assistant Township Manager

James Halligan Township Solicitor
David Splain Chief of Police
Lisa Swan Finance Director

EXCUSED: Commissioner O'Connor

Commissioner Kenworthy

PUBLIC Approximately 13 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

DELCO LIBRARY AWARD

Mr. Much said the Board of Commissioners received an award for Outstanding Public Officials from the Delaware County Library Board at the County Council meeting. Ernest Wright, President of he Helen Kate Furness Library thanked the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

<u>Jason McGough</u> of Troop 272 spoke on a proposed Eagle Scout project at Furness Park to clean up the gate area, remove vegetation and put in landscape pavers and native plants. He also was thinking of utilizing a QR code for information. Mr. Much asked about advertising the project and to discuss it with Mr. Baker who is the Community Enhancement Chair. The Board thanked him for his proposal.

<u>Rich Mancini</u> of 714 Devon Lane asked about the Auditor general's report on the lack of action plan and his concern is how we are going to proceed looking forward relative to contract negotiation and treating new employees. Mr. Cummings noted the Township responded and felt our investments were fine, but the state legislature needs to restrict arbitration awards. Mr. Cummings stated he would be glad to forward his response to Mr. Mancini.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative Meeting of July 9, 2015

Mr. Much moved to approve the minutes of the July 9th meeting. Mr. Baker seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Cummings mentioned there are openings on the Sidewalk Committee and to submit a letter of interest and resume to him.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Halligan noted that all legal matters were addressed in the executive session.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania noted the road resurfacing started on Wednesday and the Leiper House roof is starting on Monday.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings stated that there was an issue where a tree fell and caused a fire and the owners will not remove 2 remaining trees. He stated we had a certified arborist look at them who said they were hazard trees and should come down. Mr. Much moved to remove trees and lien the property on Denver Court it is not cut in a week. Mr. Baker seconded the motion which passed 5-0. Mr. Cummings noted that Multi-Modal, DCNR and DCED grants were submitted and there is a household hazardous waste collection on September 20. He stated the sidewalk committee met on July 27 and the Township will be seeking reimbursement from PEMA for storm debris clean up. He also explained we planned to order a new scarab leaf turning machine with a DEP recycling grant and split the local match with Swarthmore Borough. He stated our net cost will be lower and the trade in value of \$85,000 was a good price. After discussion, Mr. Much moved to authorize the purchase of a new scarab machine with Swarthmore Borough. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which carried 5 to 0.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Much gave the Police Report and advised the residents that police will do vacation home patrols for those on vacation if you call the police department.

<u>Animal Control</u> – Mr. Cummings noted we will be using the Chester County SPCA for both animal control and boarding.

<u>Fueled Up and Fired Up Race for First Responders and the Susan G. Komen Fund</u> – Mr. Much read a note from Betsy O'Connell. He then presented checks each in the amount of \$3,492 to Lou DiDomenico, President of GCFC and Police Chief Splain. He noted SMFC was not present but that a check in the same amount would be passed on to them.

Mr. Sullivan noted there is an organization that provides mailer and signs to help with traffic safety. Mr. Much suggested Mr. Sullivan discuss with the Police Chief.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT

<u>Summer Recreation Program</u> - Mr. Baker stated the program was a success this year and read a letter from a resident thanking the Township for such a great program. Mr. Baker thanked Ms. Feyas, Mr. Grady and Melissa Gallagher and all the staff for a job well done.

<u>Family Fun Day</u> – Mr. Baker noted that this event will take place on Saturday Sept. 19th from 1-4. He also asked about why the Township was not a DCCC community sponsor and Mr. Cummings was asked to

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BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 780 (new flood plain regulations) — In Mr. Kenworthy's absence, Mr. Much summarized the ordinance and asked for questions to which there were none. Mr. Much then moved to approve the ordinance. Mr. Noyes seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Opt into Del Co Appeals Board – Mr. Cummings and Mr. Halligan noted we need to opt in by ordinance. Mr. Much moved to authorize the preparation and advertisement of the ordinance. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. It was noted that Media Borough also has an Appeal Board. Mr. Cummings was to decide if it may be best to go with the County or Media's Appeal Board. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Much noted the appeal of the zoning violation notice for 102 Chesley Drive will be held on September 21st. Mr. Much asked when neighbors will be notified and Mr. Cummings stated he would check with Ms. Feyas..

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Much gave the report in Mr. O'Connor's absence.

<u>Additional road resurfacing</u> – Mr. Cummings noted the bid came in \$20,000 under budget and an additional \$20,000 appears to be available from the liquid fuel fund. Board members asked to include Brookside Road, Hoyt Place and Avondale Road, Twyckenham Road, a portion of Mulberry Lane, the 200 block of Pine, Cedar Road between Blakeley and Ryanard Roads, and Palmers Lane from Goflview Road to 311 Palmers.

Aqua Main Replacement (Copples Lane, Hempstead Lane and Smithfield/E. Country Club horseshoe) - Mr. Cummings noted Aqua notified the township of this main replacement project. Mr. Catania said we could get a contribution in lieu of AQUA doing the resurfacing and he will look into it.

Mr. Dougherty asked about yard waste collection and that the monthly schedule is full. Mr. Cummings stated he will see if we can add a second yard waste collection, particularly after storms.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to approve Warrant List – Mr. Dougherty went through the warrant list and asked for questions. There was a question on the fire truck repair charge of \$6,000. Mr. Dougherty said that both fire companies had repairs through the insurance company and that they would be warned they may be responsible for the deductible going forward. There was also a comment on a \$15,000 expense for Natural Lands Trust and it was noted it was payment for the Open Space and Recreation study and being reimbursed by DCNR. Mr. Dougherty moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. Noyes seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

PEMA loan for financing of new South Media fire truck – Mr. Dougherty made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 718 authorizing the PEMA loan. Mr. Noyes seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

<u>Resolution 2015- 6</u> - Mr. Sullivan moved to adopt this resolution authorizing signatures for the revised agreement to receive SRTS and TAP funding. Mr. Noyes seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0. <u>Sanitary Sewer Lateral Inspection Ordinance</u> - Mr. Sullivan summarized and asked for comments or questions. Mr. Much said he thought we have to do it. Mr. Sullivan moved to advertise the ordinance. Mr. Much seconded the motion. Mr. Baker questioned handling floor drains in the basements. After discussion the motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

<u>ADJOURMENT</u> – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and Mr. Much noted the next meeting will be on September 3rd at 7:30PM. He also announced that there would be an Executive Session after the meeting. Mr. Dougherty noted there was an Executive Session after the last meeting as well.