

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of January 12, 2017

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, January 12, 2017 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Baker
Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Noyes
Commissioner Dougherty
Commissioner Kenworthy

Gary Cummings	Township Manager
Dave Grady	Assistant Township Manager
Mike Maddren	Township Solicitor
Lisa Swan	Finance Director
David Splain	Chief of Police

EXCUSED: Commissioner Much
Commissioner O'Connor

PUBLIC

Approximately 4 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Baker, in Mr. Much's absence, led the Pledge of Allegiance which was recited by all. Mr. Baker wished Chief Splain a happy birthday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jon Lichtenstein, President of the Helen Kate Furness Library, gave the quarterly update on fund usage and noted they came close to being right on target in the 2016 budget. He noted the Furness and Swarthmore Borough libraries are planning a 5K Race on April 1st.

Helen Lynn of 712 W. Brookhaven Road stated her husband is a boilermaker and she thinks Sunoco logistics safety rating is high and she sees the benefit of jobs with the pipeline.

Stacey Ferry of 709 Hemlock Road said she is not concerned with the quality of work and that fact the pipeline will be installed, but she is concerned with safety. She asked the Board if they were going to pass a resolution. It was noted no decision has been made. Mr. Dougherty and Mr. Maddren said there is nothing pending and noted the timing has passed for making official comments. Mr. Baker said to be fair and to make an informed decision they would like to hear from Sunoco and then maybe a vote or some action would occur afterwards. There was further discussion on the process to take action. Ms. Ferry thinks the material flowing through the pipeline has been misclassified as a liquid when it will then turn into a gas if released. Mr. Kenworthy said the Board usually only gets involved in land use issues within the township. He said we should be concerned about safety but the Board members are not experts in the field. Ms. Ferry suggested having a public forum to discuss the issue. Mr. Dougherty said he was willing to have Sunoco come to address the public concerns. Mr. Maddren noted the Commonwealth has already held public hearings. Mr. Knapp said we will commit to do what we can although we are limited in what we can do. He stated we can have Sunoco come to answer questions and then decide whether to vote on a resolution. Ms. Ferry felt getting Sunoco here was a good idea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative Meeting of December 8, 2016, Special Meeting of December 15, 2016

Mr. Baker moved to approve the December 8th minutes. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which were approved by a vote of 3-0-2 with Mr. Dougherty and Mr. Baker abstaining as they was not present for the meeting.

Mr. Kenworthy moved to approve the December 15th minutes. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which were approved by a vote of 5-0.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Maddren noted legal matters were addressed in the executive session.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania submitted his report noting Kinder Park is in Phase 3 demolition is under way and that Summit School was inspected and the report is forthcoming.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings stated the Community Development grant was submitted and the Board has been supplied a shortened copy. He noted the Delco Camp Fair will be held on January 28th at NPE and most of the local summer camp programs will have representatives there. Mr. Cummings stated an e-Waste collection will be held in Aston Township on February 2nd where they will be accepting TV's for \$20 and that they plan to hold one every first Saturday on 2/4, 3/ 4, 4/1 and 5/6. He noted that Nether Providence along with Media Borough will be holding an e-Waste collection in the Acme lot on May 20th where we will accept TV's for \$30. Mr. Cummings noted we sold the tire changer on GovDeals.com for a net proceed of \$471.75, and also stated the recycling grant is not yet open for us to apply to get a new leaf machine.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to approve warrant list - Mr. Kenworthy went through the warrant list and noted the \$193,000 payment to JMC Construction for the work on the Wallingford Avenue sidewalk. There were no questions. Mr. Kenworthy moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Energy contract renewal – (Constellation rates) – Mr. Grady noted we have six contracts and four were about to expire and he proposed looking at renewal rates. The Board agreed to renew a one year contract but after further discussion, asked to see if there are other vendors and to discuss at the next meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETYCOMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Baker gave the Police Report in Mr. Much's absence.

Ordinance reducing speed limit on W. Brookhaven Road to 35 MPH advertised for adoption on

February 9th – Mr. Baker noted the ordinance to change the speed limit on Brookhaven Road will be advertised for adoption on February 9th.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Zoning Hearing on 224 N. Providence Road – Mr. Knapp noted the Zoning Hearing for the appeal of the zoning violation notice at 224 N. Providence Road will be held on Monday, February 13th.

Ratify Strathmore Court escrow release request – It was note the Board authorized the release of all escrow monies for Strathmore Court at last week's meeting subject to AG&B paying all outstanding fees..

Ratify authorization to vacate Hilltop Avenue (Paper Street off of Walker Lane, subject to property owners paying all related costs) – It was noted the Board agreed to vacate Hilltop Avenue subject to the property owners paying all costs.

FIRE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Appointments to Boards and Commissions – Mr. Cummings supplied a list of expired terms and asked for resumes from anyone interested in being appointed to a committee. Mr. Sullivan asked that vacancies be listed as well.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Gouley Park/Summit School Property Grant – Mr. Sullivan noted the township has received notice of a grant award of \$175,000 but we are awaiting the grant agreement.

Copples Lane sidewalk project – Mr. Sullivan noted the project is slated to begin this summer.

Wallingford Avenue sidewalk project – Mr. Sullivan stated the project is almost complete with just the handicapped ramps needing to be finished.

Moore Road sidewalk project – Mr. Sullivan noted the design stage is ongoing and there is a scoping field view meeting on January 30th.

Multi-modal grant – Mr. Sullivan noted the Board agreed to just do the extension of the Leiper-Smedley trail up Rose Valley Road. After discussion on timing of the project, the Board requested we ask for an 18 month extension.

Sanitary sewer lateral testing training program – Mr. Sullivan stated the Board can discuss in February.

LED streetlight conversation update – Mr. Sullivan suggested the Board discuss next month. Mr. Grady noted we received a better rate quote from DVRFA to fund the project. After discussion, Mr. Baker moved to self-fund and not use Univest Bank. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion. Mr. Sullivan suggested we decide what rate and term to go with using DVRFA in February.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Authorization to establish Young Lungs at Play signs in Township parks – Mr. Baker asked if Mr. Maddren has reviewed the proposed ordinance. After discussion and suggestion by Mr. Maddren, the Board agreed to set fines up to \$1,000 per incident. Mr. Baker moved to authorize the advertisement of the ordinance. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Baker, in Mr. O'Connor's absence, noted there was nothing on the public works agenda.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Baker noted the next meeting is the work session on February 2nd. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.