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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of March 12, 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, March 12, 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 Kenworthy
Commissioner Dougherty
Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner O'Connor

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

PUBLIC Approximately 7 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Much led the Pledge of Allegiance which was recited by all. A moment of silence in remembrance for Mrs. Markunas, mother of Officer Michael Markunas and Earl Grant, volunteer fire fighter at SMFC since 1959 was held.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Woody Johnson, 322 N. Providence Road, spoke on behalf of the Helen Kate Furness Library. He introduced Ernie Wright as new president of Furness Library. Mr. Wright of 15 Willow Lane noted the library received a \$7,500 matching grant to put in state of the art audio visual room. He noted library usage is up but also stated there are leaks in the elevator and fire escape. He stated they are having a Legislative Breakfast on April 16th and invited the Board members to attend. He noted they are also having their May Fair on Saturday May 9th and he thanked Mr. Dixon for all of his help this past winter.

Mr. Much introduced Mr. Dave Grady and welcomed him as the new Assistant Township Manager. He asked Mr. Grady to say a little some things to the viewers and the Board. Mr. Grady noted he is working on his MPA which should be received in May and he is a CPA.

RECOGNITION OF EAGLE SCOUTS

Mr. Much introduced Nolan Hiele and explained his project to make improvements to the memorial garden and exterior of Swarthmore Presbyterian Church. He then presented him with a Certificate of Recognition to applause.

Mr. Much introduced Torben Spring and explained his project to hand construct a food chest for the Media Food Bank. He then presented him with a Certificate of Recognition to applause.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Mr. Much asked Mr. Baker to preside since he was absent for this meeting. After hearing of no changes, Mr. Baker moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6 to 0 with Mr. Much abstaining.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Maddren stated litigation issues were discussed in executive session.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania submitted his report and noted the ADA bids were opened and 9 bids were received. He stated JMC Contractors was the low bidder at \$30,400. Mr. Much noted issues with their past projects. Mr. Catania said they have done many projects with JMC and he has discussed the past issues with JMC. Mr. Much then moved to award the contract to JMC Contractors at the low bid of \$30,400. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0. Mr. Catania noted JMC may start in 3 weeks, weather permitting.

Mr. Catania noted the county has granted another \$25,000 toward the Leiper House roof replacement and we now can award the contract to Nascella Construction Company at their low bid of \$55,000. Mr. Sullivan moved to award to the contract to Nascella Construction subject to receiving the additional funding from the county and receiving all approvals from OHCD. Mr. Noyes seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings noted we are trying to schedule an e- waste collection and had Mr. Grady speak on E-force and the cost relative to the number of participants. Mr. Grady noted e-force wanted a guarantee in the amount of \$2,500. Mr. Sullivan noted electronics are accepted at Best Buy. After discussion, it was agreed to see how many municipalities wish to participate. Mr. Cummings noted was the 5K race benefitting Creekside Swim Club is scheduled for May 30th. He stated the 20 Bare Root trees were ordered and the deeds for the lots on Willow Road were given to the township at a ceremony before County Council. He also noted that the township received a thank you from a resident for the assistance provided by one of our highway employees to help him with his stuck vehicle and that Mr. Grady would be handling the DCNR Grant that is due April 16.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Safety Improvements on Turner Road (at Knoll Road) – Mr. Much noted that a letter was sent to PennDot requesting a review.

PA DOT Changing Left Turn Signal For NB Rt. 320 Traffic Turning Onto Rt 252 - Mr. Much noted the issue with vehicles making left turns from Route 320 onto Providence Road and that PennDot will pay for the change we sought at that intersection.

Purchase of Speed Humps for Pleasant Hill Road – Mr. Much asked Mr. Sullivan to speak on the issue. Mr. Sullivan reported he did a survey of interest and there were 10 “yes” votes, 2 “no” votes, and 1 that said they would go with the majority. Mr. Much noted he may hear from others using but not living on Pleasant Hill as he has heard relative to those placed on Surrey Road. Mr. Sullivan said Mr. Catania reviewed the street and stated 2 humps would be sufficient for a total of \$2,550. Mr. Sullivan moved to purchase the portable speed humps. Mr. Much seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Garden City Fire Company – CWA to Fix Drive Apron – Mr. Much noted this issue goes back years and that he contacted Representative Joe Hackett. As a result, he stated he received a call from the CWA Executive Director and after a meeting, they agreed to make the repairs. It was noted it would be nice to repair the entire apron.

Police Accreditation (Adopt Policies and Procedures Manual – Resolution No. 2015-3) – Chief Splain described his work towards making the police department an Accredited Department and noted DVIT attorney, the FOP and our solicitor have all approved the manual. He asked the Board to approve it by resolution. Mr.

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Much moved to adopt Resolution 2015-3. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. Mr. Baker stated he is abstaining as he is a member of the FOP. Mr. Noyes said it is a lot of work and asked about enforcement. The Chief said it will be enforced. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0-1 with Mr. Baker abstaining.

Mr. Much asked about replacing the police vehicle which was totaled. Chief Splain noted we are receiving \$24,000 from DVIT and that we will use funds from Police Capital and \$3,100 from the balance of the casino money. He stated drug forfeiture money will also be used if needed. The Chief stated the vehicle will need to be upfitted and the old vehicle was stripped for usable equipment. Mr. Sullivan asked if there were any leftover 2014 model police vehicles and the Chief said there are none left. Mr. Noyes asked if funds to be used had other uses and the Chief said no.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT

Baseball dugouts at Houston Park – Mr. Baker noted block dugouts cost \$14,000 for 2 dugouts, which is about \$800-\$1,000 less for all fence dugouts. Mr. Much asked if the highway department could construct the dugouts and Mr. Baker said he thought it was too much work for the busy department. Mr. Baker said NPAA would be happy with the dugouts. Mr. Cummings noted 3 quotes are required. After discussion, Mr. Baker stated an additional bid or bids will be obtained and it will be discussed at the April 2nd meeting. Mr. Dougherty asked about fencing off the on-deck circle. Mr. Noyes asked to get a list of the overall improvements from NPAA Baseball. Mr. Kenworthy thought there should be separate warm up areas as well. Mr. Catania stated a fence contractor was needed to install the fencing.

Summer Recreation Program – Mr. Baker stated that Monday April 6th is the start of summer recreation program registration. He noted the school district is closing all buildings on Fridays during the summer so the program will run Monday through Thursday but with an extra hour each day. He stated the programs will be held at NPE.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Replacement of Crum Creek Viaduct – Mr. Kenworthy noted construction access is proposed off of Rogers Lane and a meeting with the residents is to be set up. He also noted we are allowing them to do test borings.

Amend Flood Plain Ordinance to Adopt Updated Maps – Mr. Kenworthy noted we need to update the maps although there are no proposed changes to the actual flood plain locations. He noted Nether Providence is covered by 6 individual maps.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to approve Warrant List – Mr. Dougherty went through the warrant list noting highway salt purchases, the final resurfacing payment for 2014 and payment of \$14,500 for the demolition of the house at 405 Nashville Court but for which we are placing a lien on the property. He moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Motion to Advertise Ordinance Amending Police Pension Plan to Reflect CBA – After discussion, Mr. Dougherty moved to authorize the advertising of the ordinance. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. Mr. Baker stated he will abstain as he is a member of the FOP. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0-1 with Mr. Baker abstaining.

Authorize signing of PEMA Loan and Authorize DVRFA to Prepare Loan Documents for Financing of New South Media Fire truck – Mr. Dougherty moved to authorize signing of the loan documents subject to solicitor approval. After discussion, Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Review of Road Resurfacing List for 2015 - Mr. O'Connor noted the road resurfacing list in the file folder. Mr. Sullivan stated Mr. Dixon had a small list of roads and we should use the list as a starting point. Mr. Catania said he will include Mr. Dixon's roads and then re-rate the roads. He stated the revised list will be ready for the April meeting. Mr. O'Connor gave the Highway report noting we used 630 tons of salt and thanked the public works department for all their work throughout this winter. Mr. Dougherty noted someone complained

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about the flag at the highway garage and he was able to reach out to Rep. Hackett who supplied us a new flag.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Copples Lane Sidewalk – Mr. Sullivan noted there was a kick off meeting and that the engineering agreement with Baker has been amended slightly by the solicitor.

Wallingford Avenue Sidewalk Meeting with PennDot – Mr. Sullivan stated the there was a meeting with PennDOT on pole locations and we are waiting to hear back.

Sanitary Sewer Lateral Inspection Ordinance – Mr. Sullivan said we are supposed to adopt an ordinance under Act 537 Plan but it will also address I & I. Mr. Sullivan noted the Chapter 94 report for 2014 shows sewer flow spikes with rain events. He stated an I & I inspection ordinance was supplied by Delcora and noted it was a point of sale inspection. Mr. Dougherty asked if we were getting flow meters. Mr. Catania stated it will cost \$250 to \$400 per inspection. The Board discussed various options for inspecting laterals. Mr. Sullivan stated he will tailor the Delcora ordinance to the Township and supply it next month.

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