

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of May 12, 2016

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 12, 2016 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Much
Commissioner Baker
Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Dougherty
Commissioner Kenworthy
Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner Knapp

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

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Approximately 41 people in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2015-16 HAVEN HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Mr. O'Connor thanked all who came out. He said he was excited to recognize the kids and spoke on the team winning the Championship. Mr. Dougherty asked the team to come forward and to introduce themselves and mentioned they are 8th and 9th graders. Mr. O'Connor acknowledged Head Coach Rick Graham. Mr. Graham noted the boys played smartly and were hard-working. He thanked the school district and the parents and said he looks forward to good stuff to come! Mr. O'Connor then read the Certificate of Recognition and supplied each member with a copy to audience applause.

SUMMIT SCHOOL PURCHASE

Mr. Much noted we went to settlement on the Summit School this morning and noted Superintendent Dr. Pladus and School Board President Rick Santog in attendance. Mr. Santog read a letter from WSSD thanking the Commissioners for the purchase and working together on the purchase. He noted we are maintaining our green space and community programs, and hoped it will improve the quality of life. Acting Superintendent Dr. Michael Pladus thanked the Board and cooperation as well as that of Chief Splain and Mr. Cummings. Mr. Much thanked Dr. Pladus for his class act. The audience gave applause.

COMMENDATIONS – NETHER PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Splain came forward and said he appreciates the opportunity to give out commendations for the fine job the officers do on a daily basis. He gave out commendations to:

Jim Irey – For working on a Homeland Security detail in a major marijuana raid. (Applause)

Jim Irey and Det. Mike Erickson – For undercover narcotics investigations resulting in the arrest of an illegal pain medicine dispensing operation. (Applause)

Jim Irey – For multiple undercover narcotics investigations resulting in marijuana arrests. (Applause)

Jim Irej, Mike Erickson, Steve Killian and Mike Coverdale – For their work with USPS and Homeland Security resulting in three marijuana arrests. (Applause)

Kevin Smith – For stopping a stolen vehicle and arresting a suspect with loaded gun. (Applause)

Jim Irej – Working with Homeland Security resulting in a large cocaine bust at the Philadelphia International Airport, the 6th largest bust in Philadelphia history. (Applause)

Jim Irej and Det. Mike Erickson – For working with Homeland Security resulting in methamphetamine and heroine arrests associated with a Mexican Cartel. (Applause)

Bill Sweeney, Mike Coverdale, Det. Erickson and Matt Liss – For investigating and arresting a perpetrator involved in the burglary, robbery, kidnapping, home invasion, assault and unlawful cash withdraw of an elderly couple. (Applause)

Mike Montgomery, Bill Sweeney and Mike Coverdale – For saving the life of a woman with Naloxin who had overdosed. (Applause)

Mike Montgomery, Bill Sweeney, Mike Coverdale, Kevin Smith – On the following shift from the above overdose, saving another woman with Naloxin who had overdosed. (Applause)

Mike Markunas – For being part of the heroine task force and receiving the 2016 County Prevention Partnership Award to educate the public on drugs and alcohol. (Applause)

Pat Fisher – For leading the department in DUI arrests in 2013, 2014 and 2015. (Applause)

Kevin Smith – For leading the department in traffic citations in 2015. (Applause)

AUDITOR'S REPORT

John Ramey thanked the Board, Ms. Swan and Mr. Cummings. He went through the highlights of the audit and noted a deficit and the General Fund balance is low at 4% of the total budget. He said a reason is that we have large balances in capital funds. Mr. Ramey also noted the Township made large contributions to the pension funds and noted the new pension regulations require the Township to account for future liabilities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alfred Hurd stated he has run Stage One for 5 ½ years at the Summit School and thanked the Commissioners and the WSSD Board for saving the property. He noted the benefits of the Performing Arts Center and thanked the police department as well. He handed out a report on the benefits of the Performing Arts Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative Meeting of April 14, 2016

Mr. Much moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2016. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

SOLICITORS REPORT

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

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Catania stated he submitted his report. He noted solar panels are not covered in the construction code and there are safety issues to the first responders relative to the rapid shutdown of the system. He mentioned he has performed the final inspection of Strathmore Court and there is a kick-off meeting for Bullens Lane park improvements. He expects the road resurfacing to begin the first week in June.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings stated the Furness Park cleanup will be on May 21, the public works department planted 9 trees at NPE and there will be a household hazardous waste collection on June 11. He stated Creekside Swim Club has their 5K race on June 30 and the SEPTA rail outage will occur from June 18 to September 5 and public information meetings have been scheduled. He asked to hold another shredding event with Media Borough noting it was successful last time.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Purchase of the Summit School – Mr. Much stated he was pleased to announce that County Council gave \$100,000 check to help purchase Summit School and noted funding was sought by Mr. Maddren. Mr. Maddren stated the county has an Open Space, Greenway and Recreation Plan, and when legislature created the Marcellus Shale fund, the county gets funding. He noted it has supported 6 communities in new purchases of open space. He said the county was pleased to help and he presented the ceremonial check to Mr. Much. Mr. Dougherty thanked Mr. Maddren for his assistance. Mr. Much thanked Mr. Cummings, Mr. Grady and County Council. Mr. Kenworthy suggested we discuss in June, a name change and asked the Board to consider naming it after the Gouleys who donated much of the funding to help purchase the property.

Stop signs for intersections where normal right-of-way rule does not apply – It was noted Mr. Catania reviewed Ridgewood at Grand view Road and Woodcrest at Grandview Road. After discussion Mr. Much moved to authorize the advertisement of the ordinance to establish these stop signs. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Brandywine Valley SPCA agreement – Mr. Much noted Dr. Herman from Providence Veterinary will not take animals. Mr. Maddren stated he is not sure we have any other options and based on the number of dogs it could run about \$6,000 per year while noting it is a 3 year agreement. Chief Splain said we make every effort to reunite the dog with its owner before going to the SPCA and he tries to get reimbursed for our costs. After further discussion, Mr. Much moved to go with BVSPCA. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0. Mr. Much said we need to post dog scooper laws at Summit School. Mr. Sullivan noted there is also a problem at NPE.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Zoning Hearing on 224 N. Providence Road continued – Mr. Knapp noted the Zoning Hearing for 224 N. Providence Road is scheduled on June 20th.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

LED Streetlight Procurement Program (Resolution adopting Guaranteed Savings Agreement and IGA) – Mr. Sullivan noted the first step is to adopt a resolution to enter a GSA (Guaranteed Savings Agreement) in order to proceed with the IGA (Investment Grade Audit). Mr. Sullivan moved to adopt the resolution (No. 2016-5) noting the GSA is broadly worded and does not authorize the purchase of streetlights. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Copples Lane sidewalk project – Baker International approved by PA DOT as engineering inspector – Mr. Sullivan noted PA DOT approved Baker International as engineering inspector for the project.

Wallingford Avenue sidewalk project (contract in amount of \$414,444 awarded to JMC Contractors) - Mr. Sullivan noted the pre-construction meeting for this project is set for June 17th.

Authorize installation of sidewalk at 597 and 599 Manchester Avenue by R & M Concrete for \$3,600 – Mr. Sullivan noted the bids are in and moved to award the contract to install new sidewalk at 597 and 599 Manchester Avenue to R&M Concrete at \$3,600. Mr. Kenworthy seconded the motion. Mr. Dougherty asked where the funds were coming from and Ms. Swan said from the Community Enhancement Fund. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion to approve warrant list – Mr. Kenworthy went through the bills list. He noted a check has been cut for the scarab but since there still are problems, the delivery of check will be delayed until we are satisfied but we are using the check to be able to be reimbursed. He moved to approve the warrant list. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

FIRE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Fire Company bonuses for fundraising – Mr. Dougherty said he met with SMFC last week and still has concerns but noted they are doing a combined boot drive and he is planning another meeting with the fire companies in the near future.

Fire Marshal request for command vehicle – Mr. Dougherty said he is not in favor as it will be an ongoing expense. Mr. Baker noted Fire Marshal Gresch wanted to give his own salary. Mr. Dougherty said if something else becomes available he is willing to look at it further.

SMFC Pumper (GovDeals bids due May 18) – Mr. Cummings gave the status of the truck sale on GovDeals noting a potential buyer had some questions. He said bids are due May 18th.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Summer Recreation program – Mr. Baker noted that registrations are coming along and camp starts June 27th.

Race for First Responders (held in mid-October – either 15th or 22nd) – Mr. Baker noted he has not heard from anyone and suggests we suspend the race until next year.

Ratify approval to purchase post & rail fence at Bungalow in the amount of \$620 and installed by PWD - Mr. Baker noted we need to ratify the purchase at \$620 to be installed by PWD.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Pothole Killers proposal (can do up to 150 potholes in one day – 7.5 hours) – Mr. O'Connor noted the information in the packets and moved to authorize the use of the Pothole Killers machine for one day. He summarized its use. Mr. Much seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Public Works Director's vehicle – Mr. Kenworthy noted the Crown Victoria is dead and it probably needs to be scrapped. After discussion, the Board agreed that the purchase of a pick-up truck is better than another sedan. There were questions about the funding from the Highway Capital fund and it was noted we have enough set aside for the truck. Mr. Kenworthy moved to purchase a pick-up at no more than \$35,000 to replace the sedan. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. Mr. Baker asked if the pick-up truck will be used for other work and used by others. Mr. Kenworthy said Mr. Dixon may also want to look at other truck types for the department. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

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

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Much noted during the summer months we usually have one combined meeting and wished to hold the meetings in June, July and August on the first Thursday of those months. There being no other topics for discussion this meeting is adjourned.