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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of March 8, 2018**

A public 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 8, 2018 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Baker
Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner Dougherty
Commissioner McKenzie-Fiumara
Commissioner Garson

Excused: Commissioner O'Connor

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

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Approximately 10 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Sullivan noted an executive session was held prior to the meeting and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Heidi Kecskemethy of 515 S. providence Road spoke on regulating chickens and stated she is against regulating them. She stated those who raise chickens are aware not to attract vermin. Roseanne Mulcahy of 916 Surrey Road stated she has researched the issue of the ACME expansion and found an agreement with the property owner from 1957 which includes an alcohol restriction and the restriction has been carried forward. She supplied the Board with a copy of the information.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Garson moved to appoint Ms. Patricia Robinson-Linder as 6th ward representative on the Summit Committee. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Mr. Knapp stated Mr. Green will be talking to Mr. Silverstein relative to the position on the Planning Commission.

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BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT (Mike Dougherty)

Request to install cell tower on Swarthmore College property off of Avondale Road – Mr. Cummings stated we were waiting to hear from the SBA attorney on how they wished to proceed.

Request to change zoning for 116 E & 120 E. Baltimore Pike from R-2 to PO – Mr.

Dougherty noted the request to create a new zoning district to allow office use at these properties without having to live there. Mr. Dougherty asked if the zoning was changed, would other properties also request the same change. The Board will review and discuss whether to proceed at the April meeting.

Creekside Swim Club lot line revision – It was noted the plans are before the County Planning Department which is to review them on March 15.

ACME Shopping Center – Mr. Dougherty stated there is nothing before us so no action is to be taken tonight.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Larry Baker)

Summer Recreation – Mr. Baker stated sign up begins the week of April 9th for grades K through 5th grade and the program runs from June 25 through July 26.

Clean Up Days – The Board discussed the cost of dumpsters and whether to hold one or two clean up days. The Board asked the staff to look at other options including using other vendors, only having one day and possibly holding it at the public works garage.

Backboard Replacement – Mr. Knapp stated although we can get the free backboards, we will need to purchase brackets. He noted the neighbors asked to use a matching plexiglass backboard which will cost about \$900 and to keep the free backboards as spares. After discussion, the Board agreed to purchase a plexiglass backboard in addition to getting the free backboards for future use.

Backboard Replacement in Sapovits Park – Mr. Knapp noted we can get free backboards from Radnor but they will need brackets to install at hundreds in extra cost. He noted the neighbors have asked we get a matching plexiglass backboard at \$900 and we can also keep the Radnor backboards for future use. After discussion, the Board agreed to purchase the matching plexiglass backboard and to get the free ones from Radnor.

Animal Regulations (Domestic Chickens) – Mr. Baker stated the purpose of the regulations are not to ban or discourage chickens, but just to control vermin. He stated he came up with these regulation from using other municipalities as well as those suggested by the Solicitor. Mr. Scott asked if the Board wants to regulate other farm animals and if they want to create a permitting process. The Board then reviewed the regulations and how to control related nuisances. They members are to review and this will be discussed next month. Ms. Pat Duffy of Vernon Street noted the Township already has a nuisance ordinance.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Kate McKenzie-Fiumara)

Verizon Franchise Agreement – Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara stated the existing agreement is expiring next year and we have been approached by the Cohen Law group to assist. It was noted Mr. Cohen will be making a presentation to the COG in April.

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INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT (Matt Sullivan)

Moore Road sidewalk – Mr. Sullivan stated the project is in the design phase and we are working on right-of-way acquisition on the corner of Media Parkway for an ADA ramp.

CMAQ (E. Possum Hollow sidewalk) – Mr. Sullivan stated the E. Possum Hollow sidewalk project is in the design phase.

Parkridge Drive Outfall – Mr. Sullivan stated we awarded the bid and work is to start the week of March 19.

Henry Lane and Osbourne Lanes storm water – Mr. Sullivan stated there is an issue with storm water from Osbourne Lane running down Henry Lane. He said installing a storm sewer is cost prohibitive but we should look at raising the crown of the road to eliminate icing. He noted Henry Lane is low on the resurfacing list and storm water comes from Osbourne Lane so we should look for grants or other options. He also asked Mr. Catania to look at the issue.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE REPORT (Matt Garson)

Summit School Deed and Committee – Mr. Garson stated the Committee is formed and the meetings have been advertised. The Board noted the request from the League of Woman Voters to use the Summit School building for a political debate and agreed the League could use it.

DCNR Grant – It was noted this grant is due April 11 but there is a 50% match requirement.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT (Micah Knapp)

Traffic Calming – Mr. Knapp noted he needs to contact the residents on Possum Hollow and Woodward Roads and Mr. Sullivan stated he needs to contact the residents on Pleasant Hill Road so this will be discussed in April.

Shade Tree Ordinance No. 798 – Mr. Knapp stated this is an amendment to clarify a property owner is responsible for dead and damaged trees within the right-of-way and it has been advertised. He moved to approve Ordinance No. 798. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. Mr. Baker asked if existing trees are grandfathered and Mr. Scott stated they are not. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Amendment to Soliciting Regulations – Mr. Sullivan stated there was an issue with the time restrictions in the current regulations and noted this amendment splits the time allowance. He said the next step is to authorize advertisement. Mr. Knapp moved to advertise the amendment. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The Board then discussed how to perform background checks and after discussion, Mr. Knapp moved to revise the ordinance to require the applicant to acquire and pay for background checks. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Mr. Knapp read the monthly police report noting there was a 70% increase in calls for service during storms and advised residents to call 911 with any concerns. He noted there were many residents with power out and trees being on wires. He stated the police and public works department respond to all calls, but he specifically noted the crews cannot work on trees in wires and that PECO specifically advised us not to go near and perform any work on trees near wires. Mr. Knapp stated we have an Emergency Management Plan and a Committee which were in discussions during the storm and noted we did open up warming stations at the Garden City Fire House and the Municipal Building. Mr. Sullivan thanked all the first responders and the public works employees and noted our Emergency Management Coordinator, Pat O'Rourke, said this is

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the worst storm he has seen in the 30 years he has worked in the service. He stated the public works department did an amazing job of plowing the streets and Thanked Chief Splain and our officers for their work as well.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT (Robert O'Connor)

Road Resurfacing – Mr. Sullivan in Mr. O'Connor's absence stated the funds available for resurfacing total \$570,000 including AQUA contributions and noted that the AQUA streets alone cost \$389,000. He also noted the total cost of the No. 1 rated streets is estimated at \$133,000 which gets us over \$500,000. He stated some roads may just need patching and he asked the staff to get pricing on purchasing a paving box.

Section 902 Recycling Grant – Mr. Sullivan stated we usually apply for leaf equipment and we need to decide if we want to apply for 3 leaf vacuum machines or 1 self-contained vehicle and 2 leaf vacuum machines. Mr. Grady stated he heard Ridley Park Borough has the self-contained vehicle and it only requires one employee to operate and has potential workers compensation benefits as noted by DVWCT. Discussion focused on possibly purchasing 2 self-contained vehicles and the staff is to investigate what is preferred.

Storm Debris Removal – The Board asked Mr. Grady to work with Mr. Dixon to provide this service and to put on the website and Facebook. Mr. Baker suggested we monitor the public works garage for dumping.

MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Cummings stated the PA Small Water and Sewer grant was submitted and thanked Mr. Grady for this. He stated the COG E-waste collection is scheduled for March 25 at the Delaware County Community College grounds and the annual streams cleanup is scheduled for April 21. Mr. Grady noted H&H proposed the idea of using a trash truck instead of the dumpsters. He said this would allow the Township to save on the tonnage cost, as a trash truck could be charged the municipal rate of \$33 a ton, vs. a dumpster at \$66 a ton. If the Township did that, the Township could use one of the PWD trucks to collect items at one location, and then load them into the trash truck, which would be at the other location. Mr. Cummings stated Ms. Milgrim has asked the Township to consider installing benches at Sapovits Park as the next Children's Initiative project.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Sullivan stated the next meeting is the legislative meeting on March 22. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.