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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of February 14, 2019**

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, February 14, 2019 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner Baker
Commissioner Dougherty
Commissioner Garson
Commissioner McKenzie

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner O'Connor (arrived at 7:35 pm)

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Approximately 2 people in attendance.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Knapp noted a brief executive session was held prior to the meeting concerning real estate and personnel matters, and then he led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT (Mike Dougherty)

Wallingford Realty Partners subdivision at 908 S. Providence Road - Mr. Dougherty noted variances are needed and the clock expires on April 7th so we need an extension.

310 Wallingford Avenue subdivision – Mr. Dougherty noted a written extension request until March 29, 2019 was received from the applicant. He moved to approve the extension. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 807 – Mr. Dougherty stated this requires registration and permits for tree contractors and has been discussed previously. Mr. Dougherty made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 807. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

SBA Cell Tower proposal (ordinance went to planning commission on January 7th) – Mr. Dougherty noted the DCPD is to review on February 22 and there is a public hearing at our February 28 meeting.

CS Properties (Oak Valley Road) – Mr. Cummings explained the Board previously approved

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the developer to build two homes on lots 7 & 8 subject to \$30,000 being placed in escrow for a sanitary sewer extension to connect to Winding Lane. The developer now wants to be able to build the first two homes and to defer the \$30,000 escrow to be required before any further development.

Mr. O'Connor arrived at this time.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Larry Baker)

Welcome to the Township signs – Mr. Baker noted he has asked for samples and costs and then discussed areas for the signs.

Summer Recreation program – Mr. Baker noted sign-ups for camp will start April 8th and we will have flyers soon.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Ms. Kait McKenzie)

Refinance and payment of GCFC truck loan – Ms. McKenzie noted the initial loan was with KS State Bank and we found out there is a pre-payment penalty. Mr. Knapp noted it was thought to be a bridge loan without pre-payment and suggested the fire company talk to the bank to reduce the cost and renegotiate the loan.

Summit School fuel oil issue – Ms. McKenzie explained the winning bidder came from Kentucky and that there was only 960 gallons instead of the advertised 6,000 gallons. She then gave options and suggested option 4. Mr. Baker wanted to know to confirm that the transport invoice of \$3,560 was paid. It was noted whatever we do we will want a release. After discussion the Board agreed to option 4, subject to a contract or paid receipt and release. After further discussion it was again agreed that Mr. Grady will ask for additional documentation, contract and/or paid receipt and prepare a draft release.

Summit School Salvage – Ms. McKenzie reviewed the list of possible salvage items. After discussion the Board agreed to allow the Public Works Department to salvage the items.

Verizon Franchise Renewal (expires March 8, 2019) – Mr. Ewald noted he has a draft agreement but would like to review with the staff. He said it is slow going and although we may not have a new agreement by the expiration date, we will continue under the existing agreement.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Knapp in Mr. Sullivan's absence)

Streetlights on Possum Hollow Road /Turner Road and other areas – Mr. Knapp explained the possible locations on Possum Hollow Road, Turner Road and Rogers Lane in addition to the one on Oakland Avenue, noting it will cost \$352 per light. Mr. Knapp noted Possum Hollow is dangerous and moved to put 2 lights there so they will be on every other pole but to defer installations on Oakland Avenue and Turner Road by Furness Park. Ms. McKenzie noted the locations are by SEPTA Stations and their parking lots so maybe they will pay. Mr. Catania noted Turner Road lighting may be able to be included in the Furness Park grant. Mr. Knapp asked to create a line item for street lighting in the 2020 Budget.

Aqua main replacement project – Mr. Knapp noted there are various projects in the works but the Bullens Lane project is delayed but should be ready in the spring. He noted the time expected frame for other main replacement projects planned in 2019.

PennDOT to install bike lanes when resurfacing Rt 320 – Mr. Knapp noted PennDOT offered to install bike lanes when resurfacing with the understanding that the township is responsible for the maintenance of markings and signage. After discussion, the Board agreed to this.

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PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT (Matt Garson)

NPAA Baseball request for field lighting at Houston Park – Mr. Garson noted the request from NPAA Baseball. Mr. Baker said it's a sensitive matter. Mr. Dougherty said he thought it was agreed not to have lights there. After discussion, it was agreed to have the staff to check the agreements with NPAA for any restriction.

Bare Root tree applications – Mr. Garson noted the opportunity to obtain trees at \$50 each with a minimum of 8 trees having to be purchased. He stated we will review to see if there are areas which are appropriate for 8 trees.

DCNR grant opportunity due April 10 – Mr. Garson noted the grant information stating it is a 50% match and is due April 10th. He asked the Board to review and to forward to the Parks Committee and the Shade Tree Committee for suggestions.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT (Mr. Knapp)

Animal control contract with Brandywine SPCA – Mr. Knapp noted that the costs are not increasing but it is still very expensive. Chief Splain agreed and stated he will look into alternatives.

Hiring of part-time office – Mr. Knapp made a motion to ratifying the hiring of part-time Officer Robert Brake who to be sworn in at the February 28th meeting. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT (Robert O'Connor)

2019 Road Resurfacing – Mr. Catania requested that all wish list road sections be submitted to him by the February 28th meeting.

Act 902 Recycling grant – Mr. Cummings explained that we are waiting for the grant agreement to be signed and at that time we can pursue the purchases of leaf collection equipment and start the process to sell the old equipment.

NASSCO Certification requirement for U & O sewer inspections – Mr. O'Connor noted the Township requirements to have only NASSCO certified contractors perform sewer certification and we have allowed those contractors who have taken the NASSCO training but not certified. Mr. Grady is talking to Mr. Scott to see how to address this. Mr. O'Connor then gave the highway report.

MANAGERS' REPORT

Mr. Cummings stated Mr. Catania was voted Sportsperson of the Year and the ceremony will take place on April 18th. He noted new AED's are now located in the Administration office and that Mr. Dixon attended MS4 training seminar this month. Mr. Cummings said it is Women's History month and that the RACP Grant for Summit School and the Green Light Go grant have been submitted. He noted two e-waste programs will occur in the next 2 months, one in Aston on March 2 at Elwyn Institute and the second on April 13 at the ACME in Media. Mr. Cummings also noted the Helen Kate Furness Library 5k Book-it race will take place on April 27 and that Montgomery and Delaware Counties Habitat for Humanity group is available for low cost home repairs. Mr. Cummings noted a resident requested a recycling and sewer rebate for her 2017 tax bill although the ordinance requires on time payment and request within 120 days. Mr. Cummings noted payment was made over a year after the due date. After discussion, the Board declined to approve the rebate as the request was a year late.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be a Legislative Meeting on February 28, 2019.