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**NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MEETING of March 12, 2020**

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 12, 2020 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner Garson
Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner Cooper
Commissioner Spangler
Commissioner McKenzie
Commissioner Sullivan

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Cummings Township Manager
Dave Grady Assistant Township Manager
Bob Scott Township Solicitor
Charles Catania Township Engineer
David Splain Chief of Police

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Approximately 4 people in attendance.

Mr. Knapp noted an executive session was held before the meeting on personnel and litigation matters.

Public Comments –

Nannett Whitsett of 801 Forrest Avenue noted the vote last month to approve the Vernon Walk development but stated she was dismayed by comments about the developer making concessions to the South Media Community and noted Ms. Peck made many concessions. She stated the South Media neighborhood was the only one to speak up on the development and she was upset the Board took away help for first time homebuyers. Board members noted the first-time homebuyer money was not taken away. Mr. Knapp explained the position of the Board on getting funds for storm water work.

Ms. Ellen Yarborough, President of the South Media Fire Company, and Linda Lawson, Treasurer stated they wanted to come and introduce themselves. Ms. Yarborough stated they are doing more with less despite recruiting efforts to recruit Junior firefighters at the high school. The received acceptance from the high school to give credits. Ms. McKenzie ask for her to send her details. Ms. Yarborough said she is social media chair for the company so will send her the information. Mr. Knapp stated they will have a Township Fire Committee meeting in the upcoming months, and they will look at long term issues for the fire companies. Mr. Cooper thanked them for setting up the education credits noting he was involved with the local fire company in high school.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions – Mr. Luke Lazzari was present and stated he was interested in being on the Sidewalk Committee and noted he attended the meeting yesterday. Mr. Knapp moved to appoint Mr. Lazzari. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion which passed 7 to 0.

Emergency Disaster Declaration (Resolution No. 2020-7) – Mr. Knapp read a summary of the resolution noting both the State and County have approved emergency declarations. He then moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-7. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion which passed 7 to 0. Mr. Knapp stated

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this allows us to streamline our business and to be mindful of the health and welfare of our staff. Mr. Scott stated this enables the Board to hold emergency meetings without advertising and to make emergency purchases without prior approval.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Catania stated we received one bid of \$53,800 from Gessler Construction for drainage improvements under the Community Development Block Grant program. Mr. Sullivan moved to approve the award of the bid to Gessler Construction in amount of \$53,800 subject to OHCD review and approval. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed 7 to 0.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Scott stated they have nothing new from Verizon. He noted our current regulations do not properly address Air BNBs so the Board should discuss how to address this.

Building and Zoning Committee (Max Cooper) –
309 Ryanard Road (splitting vacant lot with 803 Pine Road) – Mr. Cooper noted there DCPD is reviewing on March 19.

Amendments to storm water management regulations – Mr. Cooper stated we can defer discussion until a later meeting.

COVID-19 – Mr. Cooper noted the mortality rate is not high, but it is very contagious having an infection rate anywhere from 20% to 70% or 40% to 60%. He said we need to take this seriously and engage in distancing. Mr. Knapp stated it is rapidly expanding and can overpower medical services.

Community Enhancement Committee (Scott Spangler) –
Mr. Spangler stated there was nothing to report.

Finance and Administration (Kaitlin McKenzie)

Authorize advertising of police pension restatement ordinance adding DROP – After discussion, Ms. McKenzie moved to authorize advertising of the ordinance subject to review by Mr. Scott. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed 7 to 0.

Sale of 2017 Cub Cadet mower on GovDeals – Ms. McKenzie stated no bids were received and moved to relist the mower at a minimum of \$3,500. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion which passed 7 to 0.

Mr. Knapp inquired about holding a community cleanup day.

Infrastructure Committee (Matt Sullivan) –

Moore Road sidewalk construction – Mr. Sullivan noted Chester Water Authority is finishing up their main replacement work and Marino Corporation will be back out to do construction. He stated Marino advised us of the duration of closing close to 15 driveways but could use high early strength (HES) concrete to reduce the time from 17 to 13 days. He noted the cost is about \$6,000 so he is not interested.

Parks and Open Space (Matt Garson) –

Furness Park improvements project – Mr. Garson said he wished to defer discussion.

DCNR recreation and conservation grant – Mr. Garson noted this grant is due by April 22 so wished to defer action at this time.

Utilization of lights by NPAA Baseball at Urban Fields – Mr. Garson stated we will defer discussion on this as well.

Summit School asbestos and demolition – Mr. Garson noted this work will start the first week of April.

RACP Resolution on Interim Financing – Mr. Garson read and moved to adopt the resolution. Ms. McKenzie seconded the motion which passed 7 to 0. Mr. Sullivan asked if we only get reimbursed after work is done and Mr. Grady said yes.

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Public Safety Committee (Micah Knapp) –

Corona Virus – Mr. Knapp noted Mr. Cooper spoke on this earlier.

Ordinance establishing various stop sign intersections – Mr. Knapp stated we will defer action.

Traffic Calming - Mr. Knapp said we will defer discussion on this item.

Draft ordinance for no parking along Putnam Boulevard – Mr. Knapp said discussion would be deferred.

Draft ordinance to restrict parking on Oakland Avenue – Mr. Knapp stated we would defer on this as well.

Public Works Committee (Robert O'Connor) –

Mr. O'Connor stated his committee action would be deferred but he thanked the Chief for all his work and congratulated him for being the President of the County Police Chief's Association and the President of the Southeast Pennsylvania Police Chief's Association as well.

Yard waste drop off/collection – Mr. Knapp noted pick up is on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays and garage drop off on the 1st Saturday unless we decide to suspend.

Manager's Report – Mr. Cummings noted Census 2020 forms should be arriving so make sure you respond as soon as possible. He spoke on attending a meeting on the Countywide reassessment and that it is to be based on resale value and listed legitimate reasons to appeal. Mr. Cummings noted the deadline to obtain a Real ID is October 1 and the Book It 5K is to be held April 25. He also noted a Shredding/E-waste event is to be held in May or June and Summer Recreation Program signups begin April 6.

Mr. Knapp stated it is most likely there will be disruptions in Board meetings as well as the various committee meetings. Mr. Grady noted there is a Zoning Board meeting this Monday. Mr. Cooper stated that if held, attendees should be at least 6 feet apart.

Adjournment – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. It was noted the next scheduled meeting is the legislative meeting on March 26