

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AUGUST 20, 2008**

Chairman Ronald E. Stahley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and roll call. In attendance were Supervisors Ronald E. Stahley, Terry P. Stoudt, Ronald J. Heintzleman, Attorney Lisa Young, Steve Gitch and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzleman, the minutes of the following meeting were approved as presented: 1. August 6th Board of Supervisors Minutes; 2. August 13th Workshop Minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Township Offices will be closed Monday, September 1st for the Labor Day Holiday.
2. The 4th annual Senior Activity Day will be held September 11th at the Schnecksville Fire Company Pavilion.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Boy Scout Chris D'Amico, 3639 East View Dr., Orefield, Troop 1600, attended the meeting as a requirement toward earning the Communication merit badge.

Boy Scout Mike D'Amico, 3639 East View Dr., Orefield, Troop 150, attended the meeting as a requirement toward earning the Citizenship merit badge.

Nancy Braymar, 3532 Apple Road, Orefield, inquired as to why the agenda was not posted on the website. Discussion followed.

Samantha Neas, 4410 Route 309 Schnecksville, suggested posting the agenda on the front window of the municipal building.

Molly Riley-Cygan, 4235 Route 309, Schnecksville, asked if Wal-mart would postpone their presentation tonight since residents did not have access to tonight's agenda.

Zoning Officer, Ken Nicholson stated that there is a problem with the web host and the Township will be switching to a new host.

Charles Knauss, 3525 Apple Road, Orefield, stated that Wal-mart should grant a time extension.

Ron Roth, 5353 Route 309, Schnecksville, stated that he called the office to find out what was on the agenda and that everyone has that ability.

Supervisor Ron Stahley asked Atty. Erich Schock, representing Wal-mart, for a time extension. Atty. Schock and Bud Newton asked for time to discuss the request and left the meeting room.

Ken Snyder, Developer of Spring Knoll Estates, requested instructions from the Board to complete the required documentation for the driveway entrances for Lots 4 & 5. Atty. Young advised him on possible deed options for Lots 4 & 5. Atty. Young will provide Mr. Snyder with appropriate language for the deeds, which shall be submitted and reviewed to the satisfaction of Ms. Young prior to recording. This action does not confer any zoning, codes or building approvals.

MOTION - Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzleman the Board approved the recording of deeds from the Bennetts & Kuskos or other owners for Lots 4 & 5, to memorialize restriction on Ashwood Drive f/k/a/ Stub Street A. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzleman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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Atty. Schock and Bud Newton return to the meeting and announced they would like to proceed with their presentation and would consider the time extension request at the close of their presentation.

Jerome Joseph, 3521 Rome Court, Orefield, inquired about the NW1 project regarding curbing, speed limits and turning lanes. Mr. Joseph will contact Jane Kelly with his current contact information.

Michael Kondravy, 3615 Levans Rd., Allentown, inquired about the status of his previous request for a lower speed limit on Levans Road and restrictions on 'jake' brakes.

Richard Getz, 3333 Mauch Chunk Road, Coplay, also commented on 'jake' brakes being used on Mauch Chunk Road.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board approved disbursement of the attached list of checks for payment of services. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS: Supervisor Stahley announced that the EPA was conducting vicinity core samples throughout the Township and a link to their website was on our website.

NEW BUSINESS:

WAL-MART SUBDIVISION PLAN

PRELIMINARY

Atty. Erich Schock and Bud Newton presented the Preliminary Plan of Wal-Mart Subdivision to the Board. Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Plan was tabled.

WAL-MART SUBDIVISION PLAN EXTENSION OF TIME

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board accepted the extension of time until September 3, 2008, in order to review the Preliminary Plan of Wal-Mart Subdivision. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR FUEL BIDS

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Board authorized the Secretary to advertise for diesel fuel, gasoline and heating fuel bids. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 08-20-08

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board adopted Resolution 08-20-08. Resolution 08-20-08 approves a submittal schedule for plans and review letters to be placed on the Board of Supervisors agenda. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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RESOLUTION 08-20-08A

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board adopted Resolution 08-20-08A. Resolution 08-20-08A approves accepts land for Right-of-Way along Hillside Road located in the lands of Robert & Debra Trinkle. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 08-20-08B

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board adopted Resolution 08-20-08B. Resolution 08-20-08B accepts land for Right-of-Way along Clearview Road and Overlook Road located in the lands of William Markson & Barry Follweiler. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN EASEMENT AGREEMENT

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the Chairman to sign the agreement with PPL granting them an easement at Independence Park. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

Brian Neas, 4410 Route 309 Schnecksville, inquired about the nature of the easement.

Supervisor Stahley announced he is working with PPL to resolve some unacceptable tree trimming along Township roads. He also noted that Fire Chief Jeff Johnson was honored with a First Responder of the Year award.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

John Getty, 3331 Woodlea, Orefield, inquired about the previous meetings regarding Old Packhouse Road and the possibility that the construction could deviate from the Plan.

Molly Riley-Cygan, 4235 Route 309, Schnecksville, noted that the Laurys Station Firehouse Park was very nice and safe and that all township playgrounds were well maintained.

Ron Roth, 5353 Route 309, Schnecksville, proposed that the Board create an ordinance to prohibit 'jake' brakes in the Township and encourage PADOT to do the same on state roads within the Township.

Samantha Neas, 4410 Route 309 Schnecksville, inquired about the posting of minutes and the proposed milling on Route 309.

Nancy Braymar, 3532 Apple Road, Orefield, confirmed that the agenda will be posted on the front window for future meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS

Waste News

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary