

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
DECEMBER 3, 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. Heintzelman, Attorney Lisa Young and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the minutes of the following meeting were approved as presented: 1. November 19th Board of Supervisors Minutes. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1 The proposed budget for 2009 is available for public inspection during regular business hours. Adoption of the budget is scheduled to be on December 17th, 2008.
2. The close out meeting for 2008 will be held on December 29th, 2007 at 7:00 PM. All vendors are asked to have year-end bills into the business office by December 22nd, 2008 in order to be paid in 2008. Invoices received after December 22nd will be processed in the New Year.
3. The Township Supervisors' Organization Meeting is scheduled for January 5th, 2009 at 7:00 PM. This organization meeting will replace the regular meeting night of January 7th.
4. The Township Auditors' Organization Meeting is scheduled for January 6th, 2009, 6 PM.
5. Township offices will be closed Thursday, December 25th & Friday, December 26th for the Christmas Holiday and Thursday, January 1st for the New Years Day Holiday.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

State Representative-elect Gary Day and Mr. Ernie Atiyeh indicated to the Board that they are willing to assist the Township and the community Neighborhood Watch organizers any way they can. Mr. Day stated that interested residents might contact him via email at repday@ptd.net.

The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting is scheduled for December 14th at 7PM at the Schnecksville Fire Company.

Michael Kondravy, 3615 Levans Rd., Allentown, asked for clarification on the pickup day for his leaves.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the November Treasurer's report was approved as presented and the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks #1685-1713. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS:

CELL PHONES

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board approved providing cell phone service for select township employees in order to maintain a continuity in communication abilities. 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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RELOCATED OLD PACKHOUSE ROAD

Supervisor Stahley explained the possibility of opening the relocated Old Packhouse Road for the winter if the Township would allocate an additional \$8,000.00 for the cost of cold-curing the curbing in order to have the base and binder courses installed on the roadway.

- Samantha Neas, 4410 Route 309 Schnecksville, asked if the money would be refunded if the job could not be completed.
- Frank Rabert, 4626 Daisy Ave, Orefield, asked why this wasn't in the original contract.
- Jeff Johnson, 5474 Old Mile Hill Road, Orefield, commented that with the delays in the project caused by engineering errors, why doesn't the engineering firm pay the cost.
- Brian Neas, 4410 Route 309 Schnecksville, suggested asking KidsPeace to pay all or part of the cost since the majority of the traffic is generated by their facility.
- Charles Knauss, 3525 Apple Road, Orefield, suggested asking Wal-Mart to contribute.
- Ernie Atiyeh, guest, inquired if Township could hold the check until the project was completed.
- Ken Reichling, Portland Street, Coplay, inquired if the Township would be liable if an accident occurred on the road if the work was not done.

The item was tabled pending further review.

BUILDING RENOVATION UPDATE

Advertisements for bids will be advertised on December 8th and 15th and bid opening is scheduled for January 8, 2009. The earliest start date would be around the end of January.

EPA UPDATE

Some isolated lead tests are indicating plumbing problems.

NEW BUSINESS:

RELEASE OF ESCROW FOR LEGAL & ENGINEERING

PARKLAND ESTATES

Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder recommended the following escrow for legal and engineering be returned:

Parkland Estates \$ 494.99

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the Treasurer to return the escrow balance. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RASPBERRY HILL

EXTENSION OF TIME

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Terry P. Stoudt, the Board accepted an extension of time until June 17, 2009, in order for the Board to review the Land Development Plan of Raspberry Hill. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

WAL-MART LAND DEVELOPEMENT

EXTENSION OF TIME

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board accepted an extension of time, until February 18, 2009, in order for the Board to review the Land Development Plan of Wal-mart Stores East. 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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WELL ISOLATION DISTANCE EXEMPTION & GROUNDWATER STUDY WAIVER REQUEST

Sewage Enforcement Officer, Scott Bieber submitted a letter dated November 25, 2008, to the Board, recommending that the request for the well isolation distance exemption and groundwater study waiver for Chris Geary, 4714 and 4716 Route 309, Schnecksville, be granted.

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Board accepted the written recommendation of the Sewage Enforcement Officer and granted the well-sewage system isolation distance exemption and groundwater waiver request. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

Jeff Johnson, 5474 Old Mile Hill Road, Orefield, inquired if public water was available for this property.

COPIER PURCHASE AWARDED

After a review of the quotes received for a new Administration Office copier, Secretary Brenda Norder recommended awarding the contract to Advanced Business Eqpt. for their low quote of \$4,298.00 under the State's Costars Program. Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Terry P. Stoudt, the Board awarded the bid to Advanced Business Eqpt. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

PAY REIMBURSEMENT

As a result of discovering that attending daytime workshops, while punched in as an employee, was in conflict with the 2nd class township code, each supervisors remitted a check for repayment of wages earned. Supervisor Heintzelman paid \$10,109.66 and Supervisors Stahley and Stoudt each paid \$11,000.00 on account until the exact amount is determined. All supervisors apologized for the conflict noting it was not done intentionally but as a service to residents and many of the meetings were directly related to their working titles.

Jeff Johnson, 5474 Old Mile Hill Road, Orefield, inquired if developers could no longer meet with the Board for advice.

Supervisor Stahley stated that future meetings will be revised so that residents and developers can meet with office staff and appropriate consultants.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supervisor Stoudt commented on the difficulty of recycling the water cans supplied by the EPA.

Richard Getz, 3333 Mauch Chunk Road, Coplay, asked when the EPA is coming back to a meeting.

Supervisor Stahley announce a joint meeting of the Board, the Planning Commission and EPA to be held on January 20, 2009 at 7PM. The meeting was initiated by Wal-Mart to discuss soil remediation plans.

Michael Kondravy, 3615 Levans Rd., Allentown, inquired about the status of the union contract and which employees are included.

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Frank Rabert, 4626 Daisy Ave, Orefield, cautioned the audience members who are having their wells tested to test their pumps before the EPA testers leave. He stated his neighbor's pump did not worker after the testing.

COMMUNICATIONS

PA Bulletin
Benecon News Briefs
PSATS Township News
Pesticide Registry

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary