

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
FEBRUARY 6, 2008**

Chairman Ronald E. Stahley called the meeting to order at 4:00 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. Supervisor Stahley requested a moment of silence to honor John Steinmann, member of the Recreation Board, who passed away on February 1st.

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. January 16th Board of Supervisors Meeting. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Tires will not be accepted for recycling until April 1st, 2008.
2. The Parkland Community Library will hold a community program on February 26 at 1:30 PM in the municipal meeting room. The program is open to the public and will feature local columnist/comedian Syman Hirsch.
3. An aide from Senator Browne's office will meet with residents in the public meeting room, on Monday, March 10th, from 10 AM to 2 PM to answer questions about and provide assistance in completing the 2007 Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications.
4. The Municipal Offices will be closed Monday, February 18th for the Presidents' Day Holiday.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Charles Knauss, 3525 Apple Road, Orefield, inquired whether or not residents from other townships could attend our meetings. Supervisor Stahley replied that meetings are open to everyone.

Ed Zeigler, Slatington, stated he received a bill from the LC Compost Facility for dropping off Township leaves and he is not going to pay the bill. He was instructed to meet with Supervisor Heintzelman to resolve the issue.

Kris Kreglow, 2528 Levans Rd., Coplay, expressed his concerns over the condition of Levans Road near Limestone Street. Levans Road is a state road and he feels PA DOT is not responding to the complaints about the potholes and it is becoming a safety issue. Supervisor Stahley will contact PA DOT again.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Treasurer's report was approved as presented. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

WAL-MART EXTENSION OF TIME

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board accepted an extension of time up to and including April 16, 2008, in order for the Board to review the plan and for the applicant to address various review comments. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

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WAL-MART continued

Jerome Joseph, 3521 Rome Court, Orefield, asked if this extension would allow Wal-Mart to be on the March Planning Commission agenda. He also questioned the Board about not being able to obtain copies of the plans. Atty. Young explained that the plans were copyrighted and he would have to obtain written permission from the engineer. The plans are available for public viewing at the municipal building. Wal-Mart solicitor, Atty. Erich Schock, requested Mr. Joseph send a written request to him regarding this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

**PARK PLACE SECTION III & PARK PLACE SECTIONS 4&5
RELEASE OF MAINTENENCE ESCROW**

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board accepted the written recommendation of the General Planning Engineer Stephen Gitch, dated February 4, 2008 and authorized a partial release of the remaining escrow balances in the Maintenance Escrow Accounts for Park Place Section III and Sections 4&5. The Developer must complete a "punch list" to the satisfaction of the General Planning Engineer before release of the final escrow balances. Jake Arner, Developer, asked if the original plans would be acceptable as the "As-Builts" for the storm sewers. Supervisor Stahley stated that the Township would need a letter from his engineer affirming the storm sewers were installed as indicated on the plans, and the Planning Engineer would have to accept and approve same to meet the requirements. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

WATCH CHILDREN SIGN REQUEST

The Board received a written request from Richard Zauck, Jr. requesting a "Watch Children" sign to be placed on or near the stop sign at the intersection of Heights Drive and Hillcrest Drive East. Supervisor Stahley noted that a Watch Children sign was only a warning sign not a regulatory sign and he suggested posting a speed limit sign of 25 MPH. Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board approved the installation of a speed limit sign signs in the Windy Heights subdivision. Supervisor Stahley will contact Mr. Zauck regarding the posting. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 02-06-08 AMENDMENT TO THE FEE SCHEDULE

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, Resolution 02-06-08 was adopted. Resolution 02-06-08 adopts, amends, clarifies and revises the 2008 schedule of fees for item #1 as follows:

B. Photo Copies (per page/per side – letter & legal)	.25
Color Copies (per page/per side – letter & legal)	.50
D. Certifications – sewer/liens/water	10.00
F: True & Correct Certification (in additions to copy fees)	2.00
G: Copy to Disk	5.00
H: Fax (per page)	.25

Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

Kathy Bryan, 3126 Woodlea Road, Orefield, inquired if there would be a price break after a certain number of copies.

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RESOLUTION 02-06-08 continued

Charles Knauss, 3525 Apple Road, Orefield asked if residents could use their own portable copiers.

Joseph Kulesky, 5127 Cassidy Drive, Schnecksville, noted there is a difference between running a hundred copies of a few pages versus making copies of hundreds of pages of documentation.

Atty. Young responded that she does not recommend a price break on quantity copying because the Township's price is not a profit generating fee, it is to cover costs of materials used and as compensation for staff involvement. The use of personal copiers would still require staff supervision, and a related fee.

**AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN PLANNING WAIVER & NON-BUILDING DECLARATION
MANTZ MINOR SUBDIVISION**

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Secretary is authorized to sign the request for the Non-building Waiver Form as it relates to the sewage plan for the Mantz Minor Subdivision. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION

Supervisor Ronald E. Stahley announced that Craig Snyder resigned from the Township Planning Commission. Supervisor Ronald J. Heintzelman moved to appoint Jeff Johnson to fill the unexpired term, until December 31, 2010, of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Terry P. Stoudt. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ATV COMPLAINTS

Supervisor Stoudt stated that problems with ATVs and 4-Wheelers continue to occur and he asked the solicitor if an Ordinance similar to the Burning Ordinance could be considered. Such an Ordinance would prohibit use of an ATV within a certain distance of property lines. Atty. Young will research the issue.

AUTHORIZATION OF ADVERTISEMENT PIB LOAN

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Solicitor is authorized to advertise for a public hearing, when appropriate, regarding adoption of an Ordinance to secure a loan from the PA Infrastructure Bank, as it relates to the NW1/309 project. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

CLEANUP QUOTES

Supervisor Heintzelman reported that he received the following trash hauling quotes, for the Spring Cleanup to be held on April 25 and 26: Mascaro, \$339.00 per unit/ton total, Berger, \$250.00 per unit/ton total and Waste Management, \$253.00 per unit/ton total. Awarding of the bids, pending a review by the solicitor, will be announced at the February 20th meeting.

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CLEANUP QUOTES continued

Phil Bryan, 3126 Woodlea Road, Orefield, inquired if the prices quoted were based on similar services and would there be a list published of items that are allowed to be dropped off at the cleanup. Supervisor Heintzelman noted that haulers were asked to provide quotes for specified services and that information about the cleanup would be provided in the next newsletter.

Rob Berger, Berger Sanitation, stated that all haulers and the Township had to follow DEP guidelines as to what is acceptable waste.

Ed Zeigler commented that Lehigh County should provide their special hazardous waste trucks for the cleanup event.

APPOINTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AND ARCHITECTURAL FIRM

Supervisor Stahley reported that he received proposals for professional services from Alvin Butz Inc. as a construction manager and from LB&W for architectural services for the proposed municipal renovations. Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board appointed the above-mentioned firms to oversee the construction project. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Kathy Bryan, 3126 Woodlea Road, Orefield, inquired as to the deadline for Wal-Mart's submission of their revised plans. Atty. Young indicated the deadline was February 25th.

Jerome Joseph, 3521 Rome Court, Orefield, asked if the Board of Supervisors' first meeting of the month could be changed to 7:30. Supervisor Stoudt stated that when Wal-Mart's plans are before the Board the meeting time will be changed to 7:30 PM.

Jim Wilson, manager of Allied Services, inquired if the Board received his letter requesting Board correspondence to DEP on behalf of his treatment plant expansion. The Board did receive the letter but neither the Board nor the General Planning Engineer had enough time for review in order to be placed on tonight's agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. PSATS New Bulletin
2. Downstream notification from: DeSousa Oil & Service Corp.
3. Lehigh County Authority's 2008 Budget

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary