

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
JULY 2, 2008**

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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. June 18th Board of Supervisors Minutes. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Township Offices will be closed Friday, July 4th for the Independence Day holiday.
2. On July 9th the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners will hold their monthly meeting at the municipal building at 7:30 PM. This is part of their Government on the Go initiative.
3. The Township will be accepting old phone books for recycling until August 15th. This program is limited to phone books only. Magazines, catalogs, textbooks or manuals will not be accepted.
4. In order for the supervisors and staff to attend the Annual Summer Convention of the Lehigh County Association of Township Officials on August 1st, Township offices will be closed.
5. The Township has advertised a 1994 Chevy Step Van for sale and will accepting bids until 9:00 AM, July 11th. Bid forms and additional information is available in the Administrative Office.
6. The Township received a Community Development Block Grant from Lehigh County in the amount of \$63,000.00 toward the upgrade of the municipal building bathrooms to ADA standards.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Jerome Joseph, 3521 Rome Court, Orefield, inquired about the arsenic issue.

Ron Roth, 5353 Route 309, Schnecksville, inquired about the bid result for the 1994 loader.

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:

PUBLIC HEARING CONDITIONAL USE CONTINUATION

WAL-MART

Chairman Stahley recessed the regular meeting in order to continue the Public Hearing to hear comments on the conditional use request of Wal-Mart Stores East, L.P. The Applicant is proposing to construct a commercial center on property situated west of Route 309 and north of Levans Road. Atty. Young gave a synopsis of the application and the previous hearing, after which testimony was presented. A stenographer took testimony of the hearing; a copy of the transcript of the hearing shall be placed in the Minute Book.

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Board ratified the Solicitor's letter of July 1, 2008 regarding the witness scope of testimony. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

The Record was closed and the Hearing was continued, for the purpose of a decision, to the July 16, 2008 meeting, pending receipt of the transcript in a timely manner. Chairman Stahley resumed the regular meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS:

WAL-MART LAND DEVELOPMENT EXTENSION OF TIME

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board accepted an extension of time, until September 3, 2008, 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.

AUTHORIZATION TO DISTRIBUTE NOVA ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Terry P. Stoudt, the Treasurer is authorized to distribute the budgeted allocation (\$44,000.00) to the Northern Valley Ambulance Services. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT INCREASE

Upon motion Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the maximum mileage rate, which the Township will reimburse its officials, and employees attending meetings, was increased to .58 ½ cents per mile from .50 ½ cents effective as of July 1, 2008 and for the remainder of 2008 as per notification from the IRS. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

Supervisor Stahley wished everyone and safe and healthy Fourth of July.

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ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary