

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
JULY 16, 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. July 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Board Meeting; 2. July 9<sup>th</sup> Workshop; 3. July 11<sup>th</sup> Bid Opening. The Board held an Executive Session on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008, for the purpose of discussing matters of personnel.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. In order for the supervisors and staff to attend the Annual Summer Convention of the Lehigh County Association of Township Officials on August 1<sup>st</sup>, Township offices will be closed.
2. The Township will be accepting old phone books for recycling until August 15<sup>th</sup>. This program is limited to phone books only. Magazines, catalogs, textbooks or manuals will not be accepted.
3. Supervisor Stahley announced that the Neffs Valley Park acquisition has not been finalized and that the Laurys Station Firehouse Park is in the process of having curbing installed.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Brendan and Molly Riley-Cygan, 4235 Route 309, Schnecksville, expressed concerns about the comments made to her by Supervisor Stoudt after the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and reiterated their environmental concerns.

Paul Valtos, 4751 Orchard Road, Schnecksville, questioned the use of herbicides in the old orchard property.

Barbara Deane, 4638 Cortland Drive, Orefield, stated that NWSD had soil samples tested and expressed concerns about health issues and traffic studies.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Brenda Norder stated that a full treasurer's report would be giving once a month for the prior month ending in order to synchronize with the new accounting software. 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:**

**PUBLIC HEARING    CONDITIONAL USE DECISION                      WAL-MART**

Chairman Stahley recessed the regular meeting in order to continue the Public Hearing for the purpose of rendering a decision 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 polled the Board on each of the appropriate sections of the Zoning Ordinance to determine whether or not the Applicant met the criteria necessary for Conditional Use approval. Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board approved the conditional use application with conditions. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. A stenographer took testimony of the hearing; a copy of the transcript of the hearing shall be placed in the Minute Book.

Chairman Stahley resumed the regular meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**WAL-MART SUBDIVISION                      EXTENSION OF TIME**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Terry P. Stoudt, the Board accepted an extension of time, until August 20, 2008, in order for the Board to review the Subdivision 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.

**PADOT ROUTE 309 PAVING PROJECT**

Supervisor Stahley gave a brief synopsis of the PADOT paving project scheduled for Route 309 in the area of Dogwood Landscaping to the Schnecksville Sunday School. Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board approved the written request from Lehigh Valley Site Contractors, Inc. to begin work on Route 309 per the PADOT contract. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.  
Brian and Samantha Neas, 4410 Route 309, Schnecksville, Betty Lees, 4418 Route 309, Schnecksville, and Molly Riley-Cygan, 4235 Route 309, Schnecksville, posed questions about the scope of the project.

**HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT EXTENSION OF TIME                      APPLE HILL ESTATES**

On behalf of David Jaindl, Steve Pany submitted an application for a highway occupancy permit extension of time for Apple Hill Estates. Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the Chairman to sign the application for time extension. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**AWARD BID FOR THE SALE OF THE 1994 STEP VAN**

Bids were received and publicly open at 9:12 AM on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The bids were evaluated by the Board and upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the sale of the 1994 Chevy step van was awarded to MacHose Contracting at their bid price of \$2,600.00. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT**

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board voted to terminate employee Charles Klusaritz for willful misconduct. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**RENEWAL OF LV COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PLAYGROUND MATERIALS CONTRACT**

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Terry P. Stoudt, the Board voted to notify the Lehigh Valley Cooperative Purchasing Group that the Board agrees to continue participation in the contract for playground wood carpet and mulch. 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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**AUTHORIZE LETTER TO PADOT                      KERNSVILLE ROAD**

The Board received petitions from residents in the area of Kernsville and Grist Mill Roads regarding the excessive speeding on those roadways. Supervisor Stahley stated that his investigation of the area indicated that PADOT has appropriate warning and regulatory signs in place. Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the Chairman to write a letter to PADOT seeking advice on traffic calming suggestions. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Molly Riley-Cygan, 4235 Route 309, Schnecksville, inquired whether or not the Township would disclose soil hazards to new home buyers.

Ed Zeigler, Slatington, inquired about the street marking at the intersection of Rts. 309 & 873 and about the status of the vacant land behind Herschel Ruhmel's building.

Christine Smith, 5526 Park Valley Road, Schnecksville, inquired as to the time schedule to acquire the Neffs Valley Park.

Kathy Bryan, 3126 Woodlea Road, Orefield, asked for clarification on the hearing procedures and asked whether the Township would inspect the local roads for damage after construction vehicles have been using them for shortcuts.

John Getty, 3331 Woodlea, Orefield, inquired if the Supervisors' hearing notes were public record.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

LCA 2007 Financial Report

**ADJOURNMENT**      Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary