

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MAY 21, 2008**

Chairman Ronald E. Stahley called the meeting to order at 7:30 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. May 7th Board of Supervisors Minutes, 2. May 16th Bid Opening Minutes. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Board reinstated Ordinance 1999-2, Burning Ban, at the Moderate level, effective as of May 7, 2008.
2. The Township Offices will be closed Monday, May 26th for the Memorial Day Holiday.
3. The invitation for the joint municipality sodium chloride (road salt) bid has been advertised and will be publicly opened on May 28th at approximately 8:15 AM.
4. The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor will celebrate national Trails Day on Saturday, June 7th and will hold a dedication event to celebrate their 20th anniversary.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- Molly Riley-Cygan, 4235 Route 309, Schnecksville, related the information she obtained from a conversation with the PADOT spokesperson with regard to soil contamination.
- Charles Knauss, 3525 Apple Road, Orefield, presented the Board of Supervisors with a petition signed by 787 residents.
- Jerome Joseph, 3521 Rome Court, Orefield, inquired about several issues.

Motion - In response to his question regarding changing the meeting time, Supervisor Stahley made a motion to hold all meetings for the remainder of the year at 7 PM, seconded by Supervisor Heintzelman. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - no; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

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:

BURNING BAN RESCINDED

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Terry P. Stoudt, the Board approved lifting the Burning Ban. 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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STREET LIGHT REQUEST - TO CHANGE OWNERSHIP FROM RESIDENTS TO TOWNSHIP

In a letter to the Board of Supervisors, dated April 28, 2008, Richard Schlosser requested that the streetlight located on his property be included in one of the Township's street lighting districts. The cost of the light would then be assessed through his taxes.

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board denied the request. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. Christine Smith, 5526 Park Valley Road, Schnecksville inquired as to how the tax was assessed.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING CONDITIONAL USE WAL-MART

Chairman Stahley recessed the regular meeting in order to conduct a 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 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.

The Hearing was continued to the June 4th Board of Supervisors' meeting, to be held at the new scheduled time of 7 PM. Chairman Stahley resumed the regular meeting.

RASPBERRY HILL EXTENSION OF TIME

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board accepted an extension of time of 180 days (December 31, 2008), 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 July 16, 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.

HEALTH PLAN AGREEMENT

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board approved adoption of the Plan Document Summary for the Group Health PPO Plan for the employees on North Whitehall Township and authorized the chairman to sign the agreement. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 05-21-08 DISPOSITION OF OBSOLETE RECORDS

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Board adopted Resolution 05-21-08. Resolution 05-21-08 authorized the Secretary to dispose of or destroy obsolete records as per the procedures for the destruction of Municipal Records outlined in the Municipal Records Manual of 1993. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

Included were records related to the following: accounts payable documents from 1994-1996.

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PARKLAND POINTE

REDUCTION OF LETTER OF CREDIT

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 May 19, 2008 and authorized the release of \$ 196,416.00 from the Maintenance and Improvements Letter of Credit for Parkland Pointe, leaving a balance of \$ 590,604.00 in the account. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

REQUEST FOR EXONERATION OF DELINQUENT STREET LIGHT TAXES

GH Harris, collector of delinquent street light taxes, has requested exoneration from the collection of the following delinquent taxes:

Evelyn Guth	2250/2260 Quarry St	2007	\$70.00
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Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board denied the request of the GH Harris for exoneration pending investigation by the solicitor of updated contact information. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 05-21-08A AMENDMENT TO THE FEE SCHEDULE

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Terry P. Stoudt, Resolution 05-21-08A was adopted. Resolution 05-21-08A adopts, amends and revises the 2008 schedule of fees in order to establish a fee for a Building Code Appeal Escrow Account of \$750.00. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

APPOINTMENT OF BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS SOLICITOR

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, Atty. Larry Fox was retained as solicitor to the Building Code Board of Appeals for the year 2008. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

GRANT APPLICATION NOVA

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Terry P. Stoudt, the Board approved authorizing the Township to pursue partnership with Washington Township in applying for a joint grant to benefit NOVA. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

NEW UTILITY TRAILER

Supervisor Stoudt made a motion to purchase a new and larger utility trailer using the 2006 trailer as a trade-in. The net cost would be approximately \$1350.00. Supervisor Heintzelman seconded the motion. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. Laura Warmkessel, 2077 Juniper Drive, Coplay, inquired about the age of the trade-in trailer.

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- Supervisor Heintzelman noted that the cleanup netted 108 tons of trash requiring 43 dumpsters at a cost of \$15,631.00 for removal.
- Supervisor Stahley announced that Lehigh Carbon Community College will be hosting a seminar of Emergency Preparedness.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Richard Getz, 3333 Mauch Chunk Road, Coplay, commented on illegal dumping at the recycling center.
- Joe Budinas, 4474 Valley Green Dr., Schnecksville, inquired about the metal collected at the cleanup.

COMMUNICATIONS

PA Bulletin
Pesticide Registry

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary