

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
JANUARY 21, 2009**

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. Organization Meeting January 5, 2009, 2. Bid Opening January 15, 2009. Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Christmas trees can be dropped off for recycling, in the designated area until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009
2. Tires will not be accepted for recycling until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009
3. The sub recipient Agreement was signed and delivered to Lehigh County regarding the ADA bathroom modifications
4. Bids for the building renovations will be opened January 22, 2009 at 9 AM.
5. Public hearing will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup> for the proposed Comprehensive Plan.
6. The Township is sponsoring an AdoptaPlatoon Program. Resident are invited to participate, information may be found on our website.
7. Supervisor Stahley thanked his colleagues for their understanding of his absence at the Organization meeting due to the birth of his first grandson.
8. Supervisor Stahley noted that the administrative staff is gathering information regarding the different types of management among other second-class townships.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Rich Haberern, 4710 Route 309, Schnecksville, thanked the Township for their participation in the Neighborhood Watch meetings and inquired if the Supervisors were interested in having a PA State Police substation located in the Township. He also requested to meet with a Board member to discuss other suggestions. The next meeting will be held February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM and future meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

Samantha Neas, 4410 Route 309 Schnecksville, inquired about the cost of having a substation.

Michelle Collins, 2761 Earhart Ct., Orefield, requested that the Neighborhood Watch meetings be posted on the Township website.

Doug Wetzel, 4337 Sand Spring Road, Schnecksville, asked how is the Board reacting to the Auditor's questions about working supervisors and who is doing the research work.

Nancy Braymar, 3532 Apple Road, Orefield, inquired if the speed limit on the widened section of Route 309 would be posted at 55 MPH.

Michael Kondravy, 3615 Levans Rd., Allentown, asked if the supervisors considered switching job descriptions and if it would be better to return to the practice of dividing the Township into 3 districts and assigning a supervisor to a district.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Treasurer was authorized to disburse General Fund checks #1847-1912. 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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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Motion** - Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Solicitor is authorized to advertise, if necessary, pending the extent and nature of comments received by the Zoning Officer, for an amendment to the ATV Ordinance 2008-4. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NEFFS CHURCH PARKING LOT                      PRELIMINARY/FINAL**

Steve Turoscy presented the Neffs Church Parking Lot Plan to the Board. Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Plan was approved as a Preliminary/Final subject to the following conditions:

1. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the General Planning Engineer dated January 13, 2009.
2. Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Sewage Enforcement Officer dated January 8, 2009.
3. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Zoning Officer dated January 5, 2009.
4. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Traffic Engineer dated January 15, 2009.
5. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations of the Planning Commission Meeting of November 25, 2008.
6. The Developer shall comply with all of the provisions contained in the Planning Administrator's checklist letter dated January 5, 2009.
7. The parking lot turning radii shall be verified and assured for clear distance and the Developer shall have the Plan reviewed by Neffs' Fire Chief Jim Steward.
8. Snouts or other suitable devices shall be installed in inlets to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer.
9. The Developer shall correct and switch labeling for sight distance on the Plan.

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

Jeff Johnson, 5474 Old Mile Hill Road, Orefield, asked if sidewalks and turning radii for fire trucks were addressed on the Plan as discussed at the previous Planning Commission meeting.

Phil Wehr, 5612 Route 873, Neffs, felt the design was acceptable as it was designed according to code.

Brian Neas, 4410 Route 309 Schnecksville, stated that the stormwater inlets needed to have filters on them even if the parking lot was not used all the time.

**NEFFS CHURCH PARKING LOT                      WAIVER REQUEST**

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board granted the request from Steve Turoscy representing the Preliminary/Final Plan of Neffs Church Parking Lot Plan, for the following waiver request:

- 1) Relief from Township Recreation fees.

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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**VALLEY ROAD 5724 KERNSVILLE                      FINAL**

Jeff Johnson and Steve Pany presented the Valley Road Plan to the Board. This Plan is before the Board with no recommendation/action from the Planning Commission. Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Terry P. Stoudt, the Plan was approved as a Final subject to the following conditions:

1. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the General Planning Engineer dated January 13, 2009.
2. Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Sewage Enforcement Officer dated January 8, 2009.
3. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Zoning Officer dated January 5, 2009.
4. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Traffic Engineer dated January 7, 2009.
5. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations of the Planning Commission Meeting of December 23, 2008.
6. The Developer shall comply with all of the provisions contained in the Planning Administrator's checklist letter dated January 5, 2009.
7. Access to Lot 1 shall be via Old Mile Hill Court.

Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**VALLEY ROAD 5724 KERNSVILLE                      WAIVER AFFIRMATION**

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Terry P. Stoudt, the Board affirmed the previously approved waiver granted in the approval of the Apple Hill Estates final Subdivision Plan regarding typical roadway cross-section of 70 feet along 5748 Kernsville Road. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**WAL-MART SUBDIVISION    EXTENSION OF TIME**

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board accepted an extension of time, until March 4, 2009, 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.

**RESOLUTION 01-21-09                      COBBLESTONE DRIVE**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Terry P. Stoudt, Resolution 01-21-09 was adopted. Resolution 01-21-09 accepts land for Right-of-Way along Paradise and Neffs Laurys Roads, located in the lands of Bruce Laub and accepts as a public township road, Cobblestone Drive in Paradise Estates and begins the 18-month Maintenance period. The motion also authorizes the Treasurer do reduce the Improvements escrow by \$35,524.75, to the 18-month Maintenance escrow amount of \$42,389.25. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**RELEASE OF ESCROWS FOR LEGAL & ENGINEERING                      NEWHARD**

After consultation with the Solicitor and the General Planning Engineer, Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder recommended the following escrow for legal and engineering be returned:

Don Newhard 2 Lot subdivision                      \$ 1359.12

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, 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.

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**AUTHORIZATION TO DISTRIBUTE BUDGETED IRONTON RAIL-TRAIL ALLOCATION**

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Treasurer is authorized to distribute the budgeted allocation of \$500.00 to the Ironton Rail-Trail Oversight Commission. Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman

**INTERIM AUDITOR APPOINTMENT**

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board approved the recommendation of Vacancy Chairman Fred Xander and appointed Wade Haubert, Jr. as interim Auditor to fill Ronald Gilder term until the next election. Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman

**AWARD OF FENCE BID**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Terry P. Stoudt, the contract for the yard waste recycling area fence was awarded to Amity Fence company at an installed bid price of \$9,410.00 with a \$3,185.00 aluminum gate option. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

Richard Getz, 3333 Mauch Chunk Road, Coplay, asked how will the recycling area be accessed in the evening and if it will be manned, how late would it be open.

**PURCHASE OF USED MILLING HEAD**

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board approved the purchase of an used milling head for the public works department. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Supervisor Stoudt announced that former Sixer's Darryl Dawkins will participate in the Summer Basketball Camp.

Supervisor Stahley announced that a joint fire company training session will be held at the Township building on January 26, 2009.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. PSATS New Bulletin
2. KMIT Workers Compensation Audit
3. IRS Pension Compliance Checklist
4. Downstream notification from: DeSousa Oil & Service Corp.
5. LCA's 2009 Budget

**ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary