

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
OCTOBER 7, 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. September 16th Board of Supervisors Meeting. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Township Offices will be closed Monday, October 12th for the Columbus Day Holiday.
2. Lehigh County has announced that their annual Household Hazardous Waste drop-off will be held Saturday, October 17th at the LC Authority Wastewater Plant. All participants must be pre-registered by calling 610-799-4177 x229.
3. Township trick or treat night will be held on Friday, October 30th from 6-8 PM, with a rain date of Saturday, October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.
4. Township Fire Companies will be visiting schools as part of Fire Prevention Week.
5. Supervisor Stahley stressed the importance of biking and pedestrian safety on Township roadways

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- Fred Nonnemacher, 2934 Route 309, Orefield, inquired about the progress of addressing the condition of the Schwartz property. Discussion ensued.
- Michael Kondravy, 3615 Levans Rd., Allentown, asked if the Township encourages biking on Coplay Creek Road.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the September Treasurer's report was approved as presented and the Treasurer was authorized to disburse General Fund checks #2814-2855. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Stahley announced that the latest EPA report was posted on their website and read excerpts from the report.

- Jerome Joseph, 3521 Rome Court, Orefield, asked for clarification regarding the source of the contaminant.
- Richard Getz, 3333 Mauch Chunk Road, Coplay, asked if EPA tested filtration system filters.
- Mark Hills, 4045 River Drive, Laurys Station, commented on his experience with filtration systems
- Jerome Joseph, 3521 Rome Court, Orefield, inquired if EPA noted if the ground water is acidic.

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NEW BUSINESS:

WAL-MART LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN EXTENSION OF TIME

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board accepted the extension of time until November 18, 2009, in order to review the Land Development Plan of Wal-Mart. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

GREEN FUTURE FUND GRANT

AMENDED AGREEMENT

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board approved the amended Green Future Fund Grant agreement and authorized the Chairman to sign the agreement. The agreement, between the Township and Lehigh County, had to be amended to reflect the change in the amount received from the Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, as it pertained to the acquisition of the Neffs Valley Park. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 10-07-09

JORDAN CREEK GREENWAY

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board adopted Resolution 10-07-09. Resolution 10-07-09 approved the Jordan Creek Greenway Feasibility Study as prepared by Wildlands Conservancy and its use as a guide to future recreation & open space acquisition and development. The Jordan Creek Greenway Project proposes to link the City of Allentown via the Jordan Creek to the Appalachian Trail through a public greenway. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

VALLEY ROAD ESTATES

REDUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS ESCROW

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Board accepted the recommendation of the General Planning Engineer Stephen Gitch, dated September 30, 2009 and authorized the release of \$ 17,100.00 from the Improvements Escrow Account for Valley Road Estates, leaving a balance of \$ 87,024.00 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 FROM COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT R. E. TAXES

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board granted the request of the Lehigh County Tax Claim Bureau and exonerated them from the collection of the delinquent real estate taxes for the following property:

1054 Dogwood Street	2007	\$ 5.17	2008	\$ 5.17	Total	\$10.34
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Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

REFUND OF TAXES

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board approved the request from the Lehigh County Assessment Office and authorized the Treasurer to refund Township taxes based on a revised assessment, on the following properties:

4050 Schneck Rd	2007	\$ 4.79	2008	\$28.32	2009	\$28.33	Total	\$61.44
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Levans Rd	2009	\$ 81.24						
3425 Route 309	2009	\$ 6.56						

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

REQUEST TO USE FIRE POLICE

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Terry P. Stoudt, the request for the use of the North Whitehall Township Fire Police by the Borough of Macungie, as mutual aid for traffic control at their Halloween Parade, October 24, rain date October 31, was granted. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

- Jerome Joseph, 3521 Rome Court, Orefield, inquired if Fire Police were used during the Township's Halloween.

TCC DELEGATE APPOINTMENT

Act 32 requires the Township to appoint an alternate to the newly formed Tax Collection Committee under the new local earned income tax collection reform legislation.

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board appointed Brenda Norder and Mark Hills as alternates. Susan Gelinas, interim alternate will no longer participate. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

PLACEMENT OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

Atty. Young requested approval to place liens on the properties of certain residents who are delinquent in paying their sewer bills. Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Terry P. Stoudt, the Board authorized Attorney Young to place Municipal Liens on the offending properties. Roll call: Terry Stoudt-yes; Ronald E. Stahley -yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AWARD HEATING SYSTEM QUOTE

After review of all proposals Supervisor Heintzelman recommended awarding the bid to E. F. Laudenslager. Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Board awarded the installation of a propane heating system to E. F. Laudenslager. Roll call: Terry Stoudt-yes; Ronald E. Stahley -yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes. There were no public comments on this item.

- Supervisor Stoudt thanked the Township staff and the Schnecksville Fire Company for their efforts in making Senior Day a success.
- Christine Smith, 5526 Park Valley Road, Schnecksville, commented that Halloween should be on October 31st. Discussion ensued.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you card from Laurys Station Keenagers for their allocation
Thank you letter from Schnecksville Senior Citizens Club for their allocation
Lehigh County Authority's Annual Report

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary