

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SEPTEMBER 16, 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 Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Terry P. Stoudt, the minutes of the following meeting were approved as presented: 1. September 2nd Board of Supervisors Meeting. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The 5th annual Senior Activity Day will be held September 17th at the Schnecksville Fire Company Pavilion.
2. Emergency Preparedness Day will be held September 19, from 11 AM to 4 PM at the PA Expo Center in South Whitehall.
3. The Township Offices will be closed Monday, October 12th for the Columbus Day Holiday.
4. 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.
5. 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- Fred Nonnemacher, 2934 Route 309, Orefield, Orefield, discussed the condition of a property along Route 309. he stated it was in disrepair and posed a health and safety issue for the neighboring homes. He submitted pictures of the property to the Board. A representative from Spotts, Stevens & McCoy will be contacted for an inspection.
- Harold Smith, 5526 Park Valley Road, Schnecksville, thanked the Board for cutting the weeds along Neffs Laurys Road.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks # 2768-2810. 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

NUISANCE ORDINANCE

2009-2

Chairman Stahley recessed the regular meeting in order to conduct a Public Hearing to hear comments on the proposed adoption of Ordinance 2009-2.

Attorney Lisa Young gave a brief synopsis of Ordinance 2009-2. Atty. Young noted that the Ordinance was duly advertised. Supervisor Stahley then opened the floor to comments from the audience.

Discussion ensued and was recorded by a stenographer. A copy of the transcript of the hearing shall be placed in the Minute Book.

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board continued the hearing until October 21, 2009. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. The regular meeting resumed.

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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 October 21, 2009, 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.

REQUEST FOR EXONERATION FROM COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT R. E. TAXES

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Terry P. Stoudt, 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:

2629 Nuss Way	2007	\$ 11.99	2008	\$ 11.99
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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.

HEATING QUOTES

Supervisor Heintzelman reported that he received 3 quotes for replacement of the oil burning system and 3 quotes for a gas heating system. There was a question regarding the venting of any gas system and he will continue to research the issue.

- Terri Grim, 4627 Anthony Drive, Coplay, inquired as to how the water is currently heated.
- Doug Wetzel, 4337 Sand Spring Road, Schnecksville, commented on the history of problems with the oil heat system and thought that switching to propane might be a better choice.
- David Makovsky, 4713 Mill Rd., Schnecksville, suggested considering power venting for the propane system and eliminate the need for a chimney.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL PREEMPTION QUOTES

Supervisor Stahley reported that 6 requests for quotes were mailed out and 2 were received. It was noted that 10 units were required instead of 11. After reviewing the quotes Supervisor Stahley recommended accepting General Highway Products' quote of \$9,750.00 for both product and installation.

Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board approved awarding the bid quotation to General Highway Products. Roll call: Terry P. Stoudt - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

- Kathy Bryan, 3126 Woodlea Road, Orefield, asked what preemption was.
- Terri Grim, 4627 Anthony Drive, Coplay, inquired how many signal are in the township and how many can receive the signal.

COMMEMORATIVE STREET SIGN

Supervisor Stahley announced that he had received a written request from friends and family of the Zawada family of Laurys Station. The Zawada family lost their 10-year old son Ryan to cancer. They requested a commemorative sign be placed below the Wellington Circle street sign honoring Ryan Zawada. The blue and white sign would feature a gold ribbon, symbolizing children with cancer, and would read Ryan's Way. Upon motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board approved the commemorative sign.

- David Makovsky, 4713 Mill Rd., Schnecksville, commented that they made a good decision.

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ROAD RESTORATION ISSUE

Supervisor Stahley asked for advice from Solicitor Young on how to handle the problem of getting developers to restore roads they have damaged with construction equipment. Repeated requests for restitution have been unanswered. Atty. Young stated the Township must follow the Improvement Agreements and MPC guidelines.

- Supervisor Stahley offered to meet with Michael Kondravy, 3615 Levans Rd., Allentown and Richard Getz, 3333 Mauch Chunk Road, Coplay regarding the issue of jake brakes.

COMMUNICATIONS

Petition from Robert Newhard to change Ord. 1997-5 regarding temporary flower tents
Waste News
DCED brochures

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary