

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
JANUARY 19, 2010**

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, Jerry Joseph, Ronald J. Heintzelman, Attorney Lisa Young and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the minutes of the following meeting were approved as presented: 1. Organization Meeting January 4, 2010. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; 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>, 2010. Supervisor Joseph inquired about disposal options for hazardous household waste.
2. Tires will not be accepted for recycling until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.
3. The US Census Bureau is seeking individuals for various positions to assist in the 2010 Census. Information brochures are available in the foyer of the municipal building.
4. Supervisor Stahley gave an update on the status of the property maintenance code issue.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

- Atty. Joseph Bubba, representing Wal-Mart, appeared before the Board requesting Supervisor Joseph voluntarily recuse himself from any review, discussion and deliberation on all issues regarding Wal-Mart, that come before the Board, because he is named a plaintiff in litigation on this issue. Atty. Bubba noted that he might seek an injunction if there is no voluntary recusal. He also expressed his concern that the attorney for the objectors is in a position to control the compensation for the working supervisors. Atty. Bubba had a stenographer present for his comments. On behalf of the Township, Atty. Young will issue an opinion.
- Ernie Atiyeh, Allentown, and Charles Knauss, 3525 Apple Road, Orefield, commented on possible disposal solutions for unwanted hazardous household waste.
- Michael Kondravy, 3615 Levans Rd., Allentown, asked for an update on the jake brake issue.
- Mark Hills, 4045 River Drive, Laurys Station, commented on the recent article regarding the Auditors' Meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Treasurer was authorized to disburse General Fund checks # 3181-3239. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 01-19-10**

**APPOINTMENT OF A CPA**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Board approved Resolution 01-19-10. Resolution 01-19-10 appointed the accounting firm of Buckno Lisicky & Co. to conduct the North Whitehall Township fiscal year 2009 audit. The intention to appoint was duly advertised. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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**REQUEST TO USE MUNICIPAL BUILDING      US CENSUS**

Written requests were received from Ms. Lori Reinhart and Mr. Bob Regan requesting the use of the meeting room as a Questionnaire Assistance Center and as a testing site, on behalf of the US Census Bureau. Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Board approved the requests for the use of the public meeting room during daytime, weekday hours, Monday through Friday, 8AM to 3PM, for the 2010 Census. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

- Jim May, 4248 Lakeside Dr., Coplay, inquired if there was to be any remuneration to the township.

**REQUEST TO SET UP A COKE WAGON ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY**

A written request was received from Steven Foulke asking permission to set up a Coke Wagon on township fields for a tournament on April 24<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Ormrod Playground Association. Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board approved the request. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**UPGRADES TO OFFICE EQUIPMENT**

Secretary Brenda Norder presented a request to upgrade the administration office copier. The upgrade would facilitate scanning, printing and faxing. She also presented a request from Zoning Officer Ken Nicholson for an upgrade to the Permit Manager software. Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board approved the requests. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

- Mark Hills, 4045 River Drive, Laurys Station, Samantha Neas, 4410 Rt. 309, Schnecksville, and Kathy Bryan, 3126 Woodlea Road, Orefield, asked follow-up questions regarding the nature of the upgrades.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

Supervisor Joseph gave a brief synopsis of the North Whitehall Neighborhood Watch Program. He then proposed the following motion:

- That North Whitehall Township support the North Whitehall Neighborhood Watch (NW/NW) effort by providing standard meeting reimbursement and mileage for auto travel for the meeting facilitator of the NW/NW meetings for meetings held with the residents
- Meeting reimbursement applies only to the main meeting facilitator (one person) and shall be at the rate of \$50.00 per meeting and the mileage reimbursement shall be set at .50 per mile, as established by the IRS.
- This reimbursement does not qualify the individual as an employee of the Township and only serves to recognize the importance of this activity.
- This would apply to all general NW/NW meetings with residents, not to exceed one meeting per month.
- This would apply for all specific NW/NW neighborhood watch formation meetings as needed. Meeting reimbursement, if exceeding more than one per month, must be approved in advance by the Board of Supervisors.
- To place NW/NW meeting notices on the Township website calendar.
- This motion applies only to the calendar year 2010 retroactive to January 1, 2010 and continuing until December 31, 2010.

To qualify for Township support, including meeting reimbursement for the primary meeting facilitator and other ancillary expenditures that may arise, NW/NW is required to do the following:

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- Provide and maintain names of primary volunteers to the Township. Meeting reimbursement will only be given to one person from the list of primary volunteers.
- Name a primary group leader.
- The primary group leader or designate would be required to report activities of the NW/NW to the Board at least once a month at Board of Supervisors meetings.
- Change the name North Whitehall Neighborhood Watch to North Whitehall Township Neighborhood Watch (NWT/NW) in recognition of the township's support.

The motion was seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

- Mark Hills, 4045 River Drive, Laurys Station, asked for clarification if it was one person for each development or one person for the township.
- Jim May, 4248 Lakeside Dr., Coplay, the board should designate at which meeting the report will be given.
- Harold Smith, 5526 Park Valley Road, Schnecksville, inquired how this would affect the volunteer fire police. If you pay one group then every volunteer will want to be paid.
- Charles Knauss, 3525 Apple Road, Orefield, commented that payment is at the discretion of the Board and can be discontinued at any time.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

- Supervisor Joseph announced his Township e-mail address.
- Supervisor Joseph noted that he would like to hear input from Township children regarding the Halloween issue. He will contact teachers to obtain this feedback.
- Supervisor Joseph stated that the board is still researching the issue of the recycling area issue of a key card system versus a part-time employee. The cost analysis is ongoing.

Supervisor Stahley announced that the Board would hold an Executive Session following the adjournment of the regular meeting for the purpose of personnel, real estate and litigation discussions.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. PSATS New Bulletin & brochures

**ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary