

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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OCTOBER 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, Ronald J. Heintzelman, and Jerry Joseph, Attorney Lisa Young, and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the minutes of the following meeting were approved as presented: 1. October 5th Board of Supervisors Meeting. Roll Call: Jerry Joseph-yes; Ronald E. Stahley -yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman –yes.

The Board met in executive sessions on October 5th to discuss real estate and on October 17th to discuss personnel matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Township trick or treat night will be held on Friday, October 29th from 6-8 PM.
2. Residents are encouraged to participate in our Adopt a Soldier Campaign by contacting our office or by visiting our website. We're hoping to be able to provide several packages in order to remember the soldiers during the holiday season. Supervisor Stahley noted that package ship dates are November 12th and December 10th.
3. Leaf collection started October 18th and will continue through November & December. This is a leaf pick-up only, no yard waste will be picked-up.
4. As required, Eastern Industries Inc. has notified the Township that they have applied to DEP to renew their Air Quality Operating Permit.
5. As of November 1st the recycling area will be open weekdays 7:30 AM to 3:15 PM and Saturdays 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Saturday hours may change so residents should check the website and the sign. The area is closed Sundays until April 17, 2011.
6. Lehigh Co. Conservation District has completed a watershed assessment of the Coplay Creek and will conduct a public presentation at Whitehall Township on October 21st at 7 PM.
7. The Township has been awarded a \$495,000.00 grant for the Ironton Rail Trail Extension Project and a \$37,000.00 grant for land acquisition.
8. PPL has notified the Township that they feel they have resolved the problems at their substation, which had caused several power outages recently.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- Timm Stoudt, Schnecksville, appeared before the Board to assure them that his subdivision is still an active project.
- Nancy Braymer, Apple Road, Orefield, inquired about the drain on Faye Drive. She noted it was full of dirt and wondered if it still drained.
- Harold Smith, Park Valley Road, Schnecksville, stated there was a dead deer in the Neffs Pool Park.
- Ken Petrini, CEO of The Sanctuary at Haafsville, gave a presentation of the services offered by the no-kill shelter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks # 4205-4259. 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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OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Joseph commented on a recent anonymous complaint and asked for a clarification of the Township's response policy.

Supervisor Joseph also inquired if the Act 537 Plan was adopted and if Wal-Mart will fall under those guidelines. Hearing that it was adopted, he noted that his objection to the Plan approval at the October 5, 2010 meeting had no grounds since Act 537 will be enforced for the proposed Wal-Mart and that they had met their obligations with regard to sewer lines.

Supervisor Stahley inquired about the status of proposed Ordinance 2010-2, Private Property Maintenance. Discussion ensued about the draft ordinance.

Supervisor Stahley reported on the status of the County Compost Center and on several options proposed to keep it open.

- Timm Stoudt, Schnecksville, asked why the County didn't make a profit and would the Board consider taking over the operation.

Supervisor Heintzelman announced that Lehigh County would no longer conduct a Household Hazardous Waste Program.

- Mark Hills, River Rd., Laurys Station, offered a suggestion on how to get rid of unwanted paint.

NEW BUSINESS:

PARK PLACE SECTION 4&5 REDUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS ESCROW

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board accepted the written recommendation of the General Planning Engineer Stephen Gitch, dated October 15, 2010 and authorized the release of \$ 2,600.00 from the Improvements Escrow Account for Park Place Section 4 & 5, leaving a balance of \$ 3,900.00 in the account. Roll Call: Jerry Joseph-yes; Ronald E. Stahley -yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes. There were no public comments on this item.

TIMBERIDGE SECTION VII REDUCTION OF LETTER OF CREDIT

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board accepted the written recommendation of the General Planning Engineer Stephen Gitch, dated October 15, 2010 and authorized the release of \$57,360.00 from the Maintenance and Improvements Letter of Credit for Timberidge Section VII, leaving a balance of \$166,620.00. Roll Call: Jerry Joseph-yes; Ronald E. Stahley -yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes. There were no public comments on this item.

EMERGENCY DRIVING TIME LIMITS

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board designated Ronald E. Stahley, Ronald J. Heintzelman, and Garry Remaley as persons in charge, who are allowed to make the determination to allow municipal employees to exceed the driving time limits, for commercial motor vehicles, during an emergency, as stated in Section 390.23 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations. 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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AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND SEMINAR

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board authorized mileage reimbursement for Planning Commission Chairman Rich Gelmer to attend a planning seminar on November 3rd. The training seminar will focus on Chapter 102 revisions. Roll Call: Jerry Joseph-yes; Ronald E. Stahley -yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman –yes. There were no public comments on this item.

LIFE/DISABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the Secretary/Plan Administrator to execute documents necessary for applications to switch life and disability benefit programs conditioned on checking on the possibility of a contestable clause. These programs will be administered through PMHIC who currently handles our health programs. Roll Call: Jerry Joseph-yes; Ronald E. Stahley -yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman –yes. There were no public comments on this item.

Supervisor Stahley announced an Executive Session following the meeting for the purpose of Real Estate discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS

PA Bulletin
Training Brochures

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer