

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
DECEMBER 21, 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 Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the minutes of the following meeting were approved as presented: 1. December 7th Board of Supervisors Meeting. Roll Call: Jerry Joseph-yes; Ronald E. Stahley -yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes.

The Board met in executive session on December 15, 2010 to discuss matters of litigation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Township offices will be closed Friday December 24 & Monday December 27 for the Christmas Holiday and December 31st for New Years Day.
2. The close out meeting for 2010 will be held on Wednesday, December 29th, 2010 at 7:30 PM.
3. The Township Supervisors' Organization Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 3rd, 2011 at 7:30 PM. This organization meeting will replace the regular meeting night of January 4th.
4. The Township Auditors' Organization Meeting is scheduled for January 4th, 2011, 5 PM.
5. The proposed budget for 2011 is available for public inspection during regular business hours. Adoption of the budget is scheduled to be on December 29th, 2010.
6. The invitation for the vehicle fuel bid has been advertised and will be publicly opened on January 10th, 2011 at approximately 9 AM.
7. Supervisor Joseph announced the passing of Charles Knauss.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- Ronald Roth, Route 309, Schnecksville, requested the immediate removal of Atty. Jeff Dimmich, elected Auditor, on grounds of conflict of interest and his opposition to the fire company land exchange issue.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks # 4400-4403. Roll Call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS:

RIVERSIDE PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS REDUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS ESCROW

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board accepted the written recommendation of the General Planning Engineer Stephen Gitch, dated November 19, 2010 and authorized the reduction of the escrow to 15% of the original funds secured, to be held for 18 months. 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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NEW BUSINESS:

KORNFEIND'S MARKET ADDITION WITHDRAWAL OF PLAN

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Board accepted the written request of the Pany & Lentz, on behalf of Kornfeind's Market to withdraw their Building Expansion Plan and refund any escrow balances. Roll Call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item

BROOK HILL ESTATES REDUCTION OF LETTER OF CREDIT

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board accepted the written recommendation of the General Planning Engineer Stephen Gitch, dated December 15, 2010, and authorized the release of \$38,052.00 from the Maintenance and Improvements Letter of Credit for Brook Hill Estates, leaving a balance of \$140,946.00 in the account. Roll Call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item

PARK PLACE SECTIONS 4&5 RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE ESCROW, ESTABLISH CASH ESCROW

The General Planning Engineer Stephen Gitch has submitted a written recommendation dated December 15, 2010, proposing the release of the Maintenance Escrow for Park Place 4&5 and accepting a cash escrow, in the amount of \$500.00, to cover the outstanding issue of "As-Built" drawings for the storm sewer system,

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board accepted the written recommendation of the General Planning Engineer and authorized the release of the remaining escrow balance in the Maintenance Escrow Account for Park Place Sections 4&5. The Developer also requested that the Township deduct \$136.00 from the balance to pay for his engineering invoice 122600. Roll Call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item

REQUEST FOR 'SCHOOL BUS STOP AHEAD' SIGN

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board authorized the Secretary to compose a letter to PADOT requesting permission to erect a road sign warning motorists of a school bus stop in the area of 2146 Old Post Road. Jeff Emig of the Parkland School District requested the sign due to poor sight lines. Roll Call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

- Laura Warmkessel, Coplay, asked for clarification on the location.

RESOLUTION 12-21-10 DCNR SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board adopted Resolution 12-21-10. Resolution 12-21-10 authorized the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign documents related to Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Grant application for the Rail Trail Final Phase. Roll Call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

- Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, asked if the trail accommodates motorized vehicles.

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CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS

Supervisor Heintzleman announced that residents could drop-off used cell phones at the Township. The cell phones will be refurbished and given to soldiers.

- Nancy Braymer, Orefield, asked if the adopt-a soldier project was still ongoing.

VACANCY BOARD OPENING

Supervisor Stahley asked Supervisors Heintzleman and Joseph to contact board members whose terms are expiring to see if they are interested in being re-appointed. He also announced there is an opening for the Vacancy Board. Anyone interested should contact the Secretary.

CENTRALIZED GARBAGE ISSUE

Supervisor Joseph asked Supervisor Heintzleman to arrange a presentation on the central garbage collection issue.

- Leonard Nuss, Coplay, inquired how central garbage collection would affect businesses.

CONDERTATION OF A TOWNSIHP MANAGER

Supervisor Joseph gave a presentation of his opinion on the pros and cons of employee-supervisors versus a township manager. A discussion between the Board members and the audience ensued. The following residents commented or asked questions regarding salary/personnel cuts, budget impact, manager qualifications, retaining the current status of management and the trend of township toward managers:

- Mark Hills, Laurys Station; Ronald Roth, Schnecksville; Charles Horwith, Coplay; Laura Warmkessel, Coplay; Ken Petrini, Parkland News; Alice Stahley, Schnecksville; Leonard Nuss, Coplay; Brad Petrohoy, Orefield; Nancy Braymer, Orefield; Doug Wetzel, Schnecksville

A copy of the power-point presentation will be entered into the minute book.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Harold Smith, Neffs, asked where does the contaminated soil go.
- Bruce Stettler, Schnecksville, announced he would seek election as a non-working supervisor.

COMMUNICATIONS

PSATS Convention Packet

PA Bulletins

Thank you card from the Xander family

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer