

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
SEPTEMBER 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, Attorney Lisa Young, General Planning Engineer Steve Gitch and Acting Secretary Barbara Schwartz. Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder was on vacation. Supervisor Jerry Joseph was absent.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the minutes of the following meeting were approved as presented: 1. September 7<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors Meeting. Roll Call: Jerry Joseph-absent; Ronald E. Stahley -yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman –yes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Lehigh County will hold its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 2PM. Participants must pre-register by calling 610-799-4177 X229.
2. The recycling center will be open from 7 AM till 7 PM until October 31.
3. The Township Offices will be closed Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> for the Columbus Day Holiday.
4. Township trick or treat night will be held on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM. There is no rain date.
5. The Board met in executive session on September 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss real estate.
6. Staff members will be attending a meeting September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Government Center to discuss the closure of the Compost Facility.
7. Supervisor Heintzelman reported on the success of Senior Day. There were 261 participants. Of them 57 seniors visited the Environmental Center.
8. Supervisor Stahley reported that the contract for the repair of Geiger Bridge on Old Packhouse Road was awarded to a local contractor. They have fifteen days to get the bridge back in service.
9. Emergency Preparedness Day held on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Three hundred and ten children participated in "Want to be a Fireman".

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

- Mark Hill, River Rd., Laurys Station, expressed his opinion regarding Supervisor Joseph's request to have an independent counsel give a determination on Attorney Young's advice regarding the rezoning voting issue. In his opinion, the taxpayers should not pay for it. Mr. Joseph should pay for this.
- Barbara Burke, 4617 Debbie Lane, Orefield, disagreed with Mr. Hill. She is of the opinion that to get a determination from an outside counsel is the only way to know if the opinions given to the Board are correct.
- Harold Smith, Park Valley Road, Schnecksville, stated he is disappointed with Mr. Joseph's attendance.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Treasurer was authorized to distribute checks # 4119-4138. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - absent; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**EPA SOIL REMEDIATION UPDATE**

Ruth Scharr, On-Scene Coordinator for EPA, presented an update on the soil remediation project at former Mohr Orchard Site Pesticide Site. Twenty-four properties have been identified with elevated arsenic and lead soils and are eligible to be included in the removal action. A detail of the soil removal action, restoration, final inspection and closeout were discussed.

Rich Fetzer, an EPA representative, made a brief presentation regarding the contamination in the water at the former Mohr Orchard Site. Much more testing must be done to determine the source of the high levels of lead in the water. EPA will continue to provide bottled water to the properties affected.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**WAL-MART LAND DEVELOPMENT FINAL TIME EXTENSION**

Supervisor Stahley requested an extension of time to make a decision regarding a final Land Development Plan of Wal-Mart until such time as a full board is available. Therefore, upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board accepted an extension of time until October 5, 2010 to take final action on the Wal-Mart Land Development Plan. However, Attorney Schock stated if a full board is not available on October 5<sup>th</sup>, a decision must be made. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - absent; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**AWARD OF JOINT MUNICIPAL SALT BID**

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board awarded the contract for Sodium Chloride for the 2010/2011 seasons to Oceanport LLC at their bid price of \$ 59.69 per ton delivered as needed. This contract was bid by Upper Macungie Township. The Township's primary source of sodium chloride will be through the state contract. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - absent; Ronald E. Stahley -yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**REQUEST RELEASE OF LETTER OF CREDIT PARADISE ESTATES**

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 September 10, 2010 to deny a final closeout of the Letter of Credit for the Paradise Estates Subdivision. An outstanding punch list of items to be completed will be forwarded to the Developer. Roll call: Jerry Joseph – absent; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**REQUEST RELEASE OF LETTER OF CREDIT MULBERRY STREET**

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 September 10, 2010 to deny a final closeout of the Letter of Credit for the Mulberry Street Subdivision. An outstanding punch list of items to be completed will be forwarded to the Developer. Roll call: Jerry Joseph – absent; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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**REQUEST FOR “SCHOOL BUS STOP AHEAD” SIGN**

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, 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 along Bellview Road if Parkland School Services are in agreement. Resident Andrew Longenbach requested the sign in order to warn motorists of a bus stop on a blind corner on Bellview Road, between Old Post Road and Cider Press Road. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - absent; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**APPOINTMENT TO SCHLICHER’S COVERED BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT AS A CONSULTING PARTY.**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Board authorized the appointment of Ronald E. Stahley, as a representative of North Whitehall Township to be a consulting party on this Schlicher’s Covered Bridge Rehabilitation Project. . Roll call: Jerry Joseph - absent; Ronald E. Stahley – yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Pesticide Registry  
Township News  
PSATS News Bulletin

**ADJOURNMENT**      Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Schwartz, Acting Secretary