

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
DECEMBER 1, 2014**

Chairman Ronald J. Heintzelman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence. In attendance were Supervisors Steve Pany, and Richard Celmer, Attorney Lisa A. Young, Manager Jeff Bartlett and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meetings of November 3, 2014 were approved. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The final budget meeting will be held Monday, December 15th at 7:30 PM.
2. The Township Offices will be closed Thursday, December 25th and Friday, December 26th for the Christmas Holiday and Thursday, January 1st for the New Year's Day Holiday.
3. The Supervisors' Organization Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 5th, 2015 at 7:30 PM.
4. The Auditors' Organization Mtg. is scheduled for Tuesday, January 6th, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the November Treasurer's report and the check register of checks # 9227-9294 were approved as presented. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

CRESTWOOD HEIGHTS RESUBDIVIDE AND LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT

Curtis Schneck and Judy Rau presented the Crestwood Heights Resubdivide and Lot Line Adjustment Plan to the Board. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board approved the Plan as a Final subject to the following conditions:

1. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the General Planning Engineer dated October 22, 2014.
2. Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Sewage Enforcement Officer dated October 23, 2014.
3. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Zoning Officer dated October 23, 2014.
4. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations of the Planning Commission Meetings of October 28, 2014.
5. The Developer shall comply with all of the provisions contained in the Planning Administrator's checklist letter dated November 17, 2014.
6. The Developer shall contribute \$400.00 to the Traffic Impact Fund.
7. The Developer shall contribute \$2,500.00 to the North Whitehall Township Recreation Fund.
8. Copies of all releases from lot owners must be submitted to the township before the plan is recorded.
9. A signature block for an officer of Lehigh County Authority must be added to the plan to show LCA's concurrence with the plan.

Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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CRESTWOOD HEIGHTS WAIVER RESUBDIVIDE AND LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT

Curtis Schneck and Judy Rau, on behalf of the Crestwood Heights Resubdivide and Lot Line Adjustment Plan, submitted a waiver requesting relief from:

1) the requirements for right angles on straight streets and radial lines on curved streets. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the waiver was granted. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

WELL ISOLATION DISTANCE EXEMPTION & GROUNDWATER STUDY WAIVER REQUEST

Sewage Enforcement Officer, Scott Bieber submitted a letter dated November 17, 2014, to the Board, requesting a well isolation distance exemption and groundwater study waiver for Andrea Semmel-Lazarus, 4739 Spruce Street, be granted. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board granted the well-sewage system isolation distance exemption and groundwater waiver request. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ADOPTION OF TAX RESOLUTION 12-01-14

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board adopted Tax Resolution 12-01-14. Tax Resolution 12-01-14 establishes the 2015 rate as follows:

1. Real Estate to be .5 mill of assessed valuation;
2. Street Light Assessment will be based a flat rate of \$40.70/residential and \$1,655.50/institutional;
3. Real Estate Transfer Tax at the rate of 1/2 of 1%;
4. Earned Income Tax at the rate of 1/2 of 1%.
5. Local Service Tax at the rate of \$52.00 (Twp portion \$47.00 and School District \$5.00)

Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes.

- Jeanene Bauer, Jordan Rd., Orefield, inquired if the street light tax is for all residents.

REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF SUPERVISOR-EMPLOYEE IN TOWNSHIP INSURANCE PLANS

The Township received a written request from employed-Supervisor Heintzelman to be included, along with dependent, in all Township sponsored insurance plans including but not limited to medical, life, long and short term disability, prescription, dental and vision, as per Section 606(c) (1) of the Second Class Township Code. This request is for the calendar year of 2015. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board granted the request. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - abstained; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

APPOINTMENT OF EXISTING WORKING SUPERVISOR

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board appointed the position of the existing working supervisor, Community Services Director, Facilities and Recreation Director, Community Information Team Leader, and Recycling Coordinator to be in effect through the date and time for the 2015 Organization Meeting, on January 5, 2015. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Bartlett reported on the following items:

- The budget approval meeting will be held on December 15th.
- The leaf pickup program will end on December 5th.
- Residents with sidewalks are reminded that they must clear the sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of a snow event.
- Portable basketball hoops must be removed from the roads.
- The township is conducting an RFP for auditing services.
- Residents are asked to suggest articles for the newsletter.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Atty. Young requested authorization to advertise for an ordinance to update the trust agreement with PSATS for the Unemployment Group Trust.

MOTION - Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board authorized Atty. Young to advertise the proposed Group Trust Ordinance.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):

- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, gave a presentation on LED street lights and suggested that the Board recommend these lights for future developments.
- Dick Getz, Mauch Chunk Rd., Coplay, asked if the township would be changing the Ordinance regarding open burning.
- Mark Hills, River Rd., Laurys Station, asked what the fine for burning was.
- Ronald Roth, Rt. 309, Schnecksville, suggested the township should meet with PPL to discuss the use of the LED lights, he also inquired about the sewer plant status and offered ideas for the newsletter.
- Jeanene Bauer, Jordan Rd., Orefield, commented on the potential sewer plant users.
- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, inquired about the 4 recommendations that were made at the Planning Commission meeting and when would they be brought before the Board of Supervisors.
- Tom Van Vreede, Church Drive, Coplay, commented on the light issue and asked about the status of the Strawberry Acres plan.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer