

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
JULY 1, 2013**

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 Mark Hills, Attorney Lisa A. Young, Manager Jeff Bartlett and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Steve Pany, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting of June 3, 2013 were approved. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Phone book recycling will continue until August 16th. Residents may place unwanted phone books in a dumpster that will be located in front of the municipal building.
2. The Township Offices will be closed Thursday, July 4th for the Independence Day holiday.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Steve Pany, the June Treasurer's report and check register were approved as presented. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPLE BLOSSOM CIRCLE SUBDIVISION EXTENSION OF TIME

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board accepted an extension of time, until January 31, 2014, in order for the Board to review the Subdivision Plan of Apple Blossom Circle and so that the Developer can resolve outstanding issues with several outside agencies. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

REFUND OF TAXES

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Steve Pany, the Board approved the request from the Lehigh County Assessment Office and authorized the Treasurer to refund Township taxes based on a 2013 revised assessment, on the following properties:

5383 Egypt Rd	\$13.62
5063-5071 Roth Rd	\$40.72 total
2400 Clearview Rd	\$35.87
4227 Shankweiler Rd	\$72.13
5031 Mill Rd	\$ 8.82
4536 Rt 309	\$68.47
5318 Rt 145	\$12.24

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes.

- Ronald Roth, Route 309, Schnecksville, asked for the owner's name for the Route 309 property.

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REQUEST TO USE MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOR BLOOD DRIVE

Maryanne Smith, Red Cross representative, requested use of the public meeting room in order to conduct a blood drive. Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Steve Pany, the Board approved the request from the Red Cross. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE WAIVER REQUEST STRAWBERRY FARMS

Amit Mukherjee, on behalf of the Active Adult Retirement Community Subdivision, submitted a written request that the Board grant a waiver from the 30-day submission date requirement in order that they may be placed on the agenda for the Planning Commission Meeting on July 23. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board granted the request. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes.

- Rich Celmer, Maple St, Allentown, inquired about the type of plan being submitted.
- Len Nuss, Coplay, would the Board consider moving the meeting to a larger venue
- Rich Semmel, 1411 Clearview Rd, asked about the pesticide issue with the orchard lands
- Harold Smith, 5526 Park Valley Rd., Neffs, commented on the sound system

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Township road maintenance projects have been delayed due to the rain but should begin in July.
- Mr. Bartlett presented an update on the Route 309/Sand Spring /Orchard Road construction project. Sand Spring Road should reopen by the end of July

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Atty. Young stated she is in communication with Mascaro's attorney regarding the easement issue for the Ironton Rail Trail.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):

- Bruce Stettler, Steeple Chase Dr., Schnecksville, thanked Atty. Young for her follow-through on the easement issue.
- Barbara Burke, 4617 Debbie Lane, Orefield, inquired about the website and the microphones.
- Nick Felegy, 2825 Tri Clover Rd., Orefield, asked d about the property line issue with East Penn Trucking.
- Jeanene Bauer, Jordan Rd., Orefield, asked d Mr. Felegy how many years has he been trying to resolve this issue.
- Joseph Kuleski, 5127 Cassidy Drive, Schnecksville, commented on the rough finish on the newly paved sections of Maple St. and Spruce St.
- Jim Morris, Riverview Rd., Slatington, noted that he has received several phone books dropped on his property and that he considers this a form of littering and that the township may want to address.
- Paul Mantz, Clearview Rd., Coplay, stated he has the same problem with the Morning Call weekender paper.

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COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items) continued:

- Ronald Roth, Route 309, Schnecksville, also commented on the Morning Call paper and noted that he heard the township won its case regarding the appeal of the LCA conditional use. He thanked Atty. Young for her work on the case.
- Karen & John Pfeiffer, 2511 Rising Sun Rd., Slatington, spoke about their concerns regarding the neighbor abutting their other property at 3926 Union St. installing large solar panels. They also expressed opinions that the current ordinance should be amended.
- Eugene Wolfgang, 3426 Faye Dr., Orefield, suggested the ordinance should require roof mounted panels.
- Kathy Smoll, Coplay Creek Rd., Schnecksville, stated she had contacted PA DOT requesting they install signs stating no tractor trailers were allowed to travel on Coplay Creek Road and she was told that the township would have to notify PA DOT that it would maintain the signs in the future.

AUTHORIZE LETTER TO PA DOT

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board authorized the Manager to send a letter to PA DOT stating that the township will retain the no tractor trailer signs. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes.

- Jeanene Bauer, Jordan Rd., Orefield, stated for clarification purposes that no one in her group agreed to the KidsPeace sewer plan during the LCA conditional use hearing.
- Len Nuss, Coplay, added that the township's solar energy ordinance is similar to ordinances in surrounding townships.

COMMUNICATIONS

Public Works Publications
Lehigh County Property Transfer Updates
Benecon Health Newsletter

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer