

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

Vice Chairman Ronald J. Heintzelman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and roll call. In attendance were Supervisor Jerry Joseph, Attorney Lisa Young, and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder. Ronald E. Stahley was out on medical leave.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the minutes of the following meetings were approved as presented: 1. October 18, 2011, Board of Supervisors Meeting and 2. October 20, 2011 Emergency Meeting. Roll call: Jerry Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - absent; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Township offices will be closed Thursday and Friday November 24 & 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.
2. Leaf collection will continue through November & December. This is a leaf pick-up only, no yard waste will be picked-up.
3. The yard waste recycling area will have extended hours on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, hours are 7:30 AM till 6 PM. Regular seasonal hours are Mondays-Fridays 7:30-3:10 and Saturdays 7:30-3:20. The area is closed Sundays and holidays.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- Mark Hills, Laurys Station, inquired about the leaf collection schedule and pick-up on River Road.
- Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, inquired about who is in charge while Supervisor Stahley is recuperating. He also asked about the policy of people staying in the building after meeting hours for private meetings. He thanked the township crew for their efficient removal of the snow and storm debris.
- Boyd Hixson, Coplay, offered his comments on the proposed ordinance requiring certain inspections prior to a resale certificate of occupancy. He is opposed to this ordinance and implored the Board to reconsider adopting it.
- Don Travis, Slatington, spoke in favor of the above-mentioned ordinance and cited his personal experience with a faulty deck.
- Ricky Harring, Schnecksville, asked who is allowed to access fire company property files and stated that the file for Schnecksville Fire Company was missing for 3 weeks.
- Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, suggested, with regard to Mr. Harring's comment, that a stricter policy should be in place regarding public access to records.
- Nancy Braymer, Orefield and Samantha Neas, Schnecksville, both gave examples of their experience with the current system and that an employee always was in the room with them when they are looking at files.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the October Treasurer's report was approved as presented and the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks #5483-5524 Roll call: Jerry Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - absent; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Joseph addressed some of the comments that were directed at him from the Board previous meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

YORGEY SUPPLY

RECREATION FEE

WAIVER REQUEST

In a letter dated October 13, 2011, Richard Burke, representing Yorgey Supply requested the following waiver to his conditioned approval of October 4, 2011:

The Developer shall contribute \$ 10,966.00 to the Recreation Fund.

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the waiver was tabled pending additional review. Roll call: Jerry Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - absent; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

- Nancy Braymer, Orefield, asked if the SALDO permits the Board to offer a reduced fee.
- Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, asked what is the minimum amount required.
- Don Travis, Slatington, stated there are government funds available to them to offset the cost of relocation.
- Mark Hills, Laurys Station, suggested the township accept a reduced fee.
- Gene Wolfgang, Orefield, inquired if the township ever waived a recreation fee in the past.

RESOLUTION 11-01-11

PEMA SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board adopted Resolution 11-01-11. Resolution 11-01-11 authorized the Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign documents related to the application for a PEMA Disaster Relief grant. Roll call: Jerry Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - absent; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 11-01-11A ARLE AGREEMENT

This item was withdrawn pending further review of associated costs.

RESOLUTION 11-01-11B

SCENIC VISTAS SUBDIVISION

SEWAGE PLANNING MODULE

COMPONENT #2

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board adopted Resolution 11-01-11B. Resolution 11-01-11B approved a Sewage Plan for New Land Development as it pertained to the plan of Scenic Vistas Subdivision and authorized the Secretary to sign the Planning Module. Roll call: Jerry Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - absent; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

WHITETAIL ESTATES II

RELEASE OF IMPROVEMENTS ESCROW

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board accepted the written recommendation of the Road Master Garry Remaley, dated October 20, 2011, and authorized the release of the remaining escrow balance in the Improvements Escrow Account for Whitetail Estates II. All items on the punch list dated January 14, 2009, have been resolved. Roll call: Jerry Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - absent; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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REFUND OF TAXES

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board approved the request from the Lehigh County Assessment Office and authorized the Treasurer to refund Township taxes based on a revised assessment, on the following property:

4140 Hill Street 2010 \$5.93 total

Roll call: Jerry Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - absent; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AWARD OF JOINT MUNICIPAL SALT BID

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board awarded the contract for Sodium Chloride for the 2011/2012 seasons to Cargill at their bid price of \$ 58.69 per ton delivered as needed. This contract was bid by Washington Township. The Township's primary source of sodium chloride will be through the state contract. Roll call: Jerry Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - absent; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

- Leonard Nuss, Coplay, asked which company received the state contract.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Preliminary budget discussions were held.

COMMUNICATIONS

PSATS News Bulletin

Thank you letter from the Schnecksville Seniors Club for their allocation

Thank you letter from John Drabic for his proclamation

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer