

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AUGUST 2, 2011**

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 Jerry Joseph, Ronald J. Heintzelman, 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 meetings were approved as presented: 1. July 19, 2011, Board of Supervisors Meeting. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes..

The Board held an Executive Session on July 26, 2011 to discuss matters of Real Estate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Phone book recycling will continue until August 19th. Residents may place unwanted phone books in a dumpster located in front of the municipal building.
2. As required by Act 67, Boucher & James Engineers has notified the Township that they have applied to DEP for a Water Quality Management Part II Permit for repairs to the wastewater treatment plant associated with the Li'l Wolf Mobile Home Park.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: There were no comments.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the July Treasurer's report was approved as presented and the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks # 5186-5224. The Treasurer gave a brief update on the status of revenues year to date. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS:

RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE OBLIGATIONS OLD MILE HILL ROAD JAINDL

The Board received a written request from Jaindl Land Co. to be released from all maintenance responsibilities on Old Mile Hill Court now that the punch list items have been completed and the 18-month maintenance period has expired. Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board granted a release from future maintenance obligations to the developer, Jaindl Land Company. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes. There were no public comments on this item.

NEW BUSINESS:

TIMM & NANCY STOUTD EXTENSION OF TIME

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board accepted a 30-day time extension, until September 6, 2011, in order for the Board to review the Minor Subdivision Plan of Timm & Nancy Stoutd. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes.

- Leonard Nuss, Coplay, inquired about the number of proposed hookups.

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RESOLUTION 08-02-11

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Board approved Resolution 08-02-11. Resolution 08-02-11 proposes to place a referendum on the November ballot asking voters to decide whether or not to increase the current 3-person Board of Supervisors to a 5-person Board. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes.

- Bruce Stettler, Schnecksville, asked if resolution could be worded to only allow non-working supervisors.
- Samantha Neas, Schnecksville, voiced her concern that by increasing the number of supervisors more could conceivably appoint themselves working supervisors that we currently have.
- Bruce Stettler, Schnecksville and Susan Travis, Slatington, both commented that candidates should be required to state their intentions of working or not during the campaign.
- Eric Neubauer, Coplay, asked how long is a supervisor's term.
- Donald Steffy, Coplay, thank the Board for taking this step to increase the Board membership. He feels it will provide a more representative government and he would like to dedicate this to the many residents, past and present, who advocated this move for the past 30 years.

REQUEST TO USE FIRE POLICE

BOROUGH OF EMMAUS

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the request for the use of the North Whitehall Township Fire Police by the Borough of Emmaus Police Department, as mutual aid for traffic control, at the Wheels of Time on August 26, 2011 and for their Halloween Parade on October 15, 2011 was granted. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes.

REQUEST TO USE FIRE POLICE

MILITARY HOMECOMING

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the request for the use of the Neffs Fire Police by the Warrior Watch motorcycle club, for traffic control, at the military homecoming ride for serviceman Eric Lindner on August 7, 2011 was granted and the certificate of insurance was waived. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes.

- Gene Wolfgang, Orefield, suggested the fire police sign waivers.
- Rick Harring, Schnecksville, commented that the event was within Neffs' fire district.
- Christine Smith, Neffs, asked which church was their destination.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT INCREASE

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the maximum reimbursement mileage rate, which the Township will reimburse its officials, and employees attending meetings, was increased to .55 ½ cents per mile from .51 cents effective as of July 1, 2011 and for the remainder of 2011, as established by the IRS, upon receipt of a valid insurance card. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH A COLLECTION AGENCY

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized Atty. Young to proceed with developing a contract with Portnoff Law Offices and developing an ordinance adopting fees as fair and reasonable costs of collections upon the delinquent property owners. 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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PAINTING QUOTES

Supervisor Heintzelman reported that he received the following quotes for painting and staining the pavilions at Independence Park: Sobrinski Painting, \$3,750.00, Charlie's Painting, \$5,850.00 and Crest Painting, \$8,340.00. Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board awarded the job to Sobrinski, pending a review of the quotes by the solicitor and staff. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes.

- Rick Haring, Schnecksville, inquired why employees couldn't paint the pavilions.
- Gene Wolfgang, Orefield, asked if the quotes included all the pavilions.
- Susan Travis, Slatington, inquired about the specs and were the quotes comparing the same tasks.
- Don Travis, Slatington, inquired if the low bidder was spraying or rolling the stain.
- Mark Hills, Laurys Station, commented that Sobrinski was a well-known business.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Mark Hills, Laurys Station, asked if all the people sitting on the Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors were considered township officials and if they are and they know of zoning violations and repeatedly ignore them is that considered consent.
- Christine Smith, Neffs, noted there were left over election signs by her house.

COMMUNICATIONS

Benecon Health Newsletter
NOVA thank you letter

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer