NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING DECEMBER 2, 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 Meetings of November 4 and November 13, 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. A final budget meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2013 at 7 PM.
- 2. Township offices will be closed Tuesday December 24th & Wednesday December 25th for the Christmas Holiday and on Wednesday, January 1st, 2014 for New Year's Day.
- 3. The Supervisors' Organization Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6th, 2014 at 7:30 PM.
- 4. The Auditors' Organization Mtg. is scheduled for Thursday, January 9th, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Steve Pany, the November Treasurer's report and checks 7981-8083 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:

TIMM & NANCY STOUDT EXTENSION OF TIME

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board agreed to accept a 180-day extension of time, in order for the Board to review the Minor Subdivision Plan of Timm & Nancy Stoudt. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

NEW BUSINESS:

PARKLAND POINTE LOT 13 RE-SUBDIVIDE AND LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT

Mike Gula and Matt Sorrentino presented the Parkland Pointe Lot 13 Re-subdivide and Lot Line Adjustment Plan to the Board. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board tabled the Plan until a cleaner, more detailed Plan is submitted.

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

OVERLOOK ROAD LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT

Amit Mukherjee and Tim Siegfried presented the Overlook Road Lot Line Adjustment Plan to the Board. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills the Board tabled in order for the developer to depict reserved areas for right-of-way.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - no; Steve Pany - yes. Motion passed.

- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, asked what the purpose of this lot line adjustment is.
- Richard Celmer, Maple St., Allentown, stated the township has to look at the entire property not just a segment of it.
- Dan Nemeth, Coplay, stated it was prudent to table the plan until a plan is submitted showing what is planned for that parcel.

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OVERLOOK ROAD LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT comments continued

- Heather Skorinko, Clearview Rd., Coplay, asked why this plan is a lot line adjustment and not a subdivision.
- Nancy Toro, Clearview Rd., Coplay, inquired if this was a loophole to avoid going through zoning.
- Jeanene Bauer, Jordan Rd., Orefield, questioned why this is not a subdivision.

RESOLUTION 12-02-13 TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPLICATION MARY ANN'S PLAZA

Engineer Peter Terry submitted an application for traffic signal approval regarding Mary Ann's Plaza. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board approved Resolution 12-2-13 authorizing the Manager to sign the application and submit it to PADOT. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ADOPTION OF TAX RESOLUTION 12-02-13A

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board adopted Tax Resolution 12-02-13A. Tax Resolution 12-02-13A establishes the 2014 rate as follows:

- 1. Real Estate to be .5 mill of assessed valuation;
- 2. Street Light Assessment will be based a flat rate of \$37.00/residential and \$1,505.00/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: Mark Hills yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman yes; Steve Pany yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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 2014. 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. There were no public comments on this item.

APPOINTMENT OF EXISTING WORKING SUPERVISOR

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board appointed the position of the existing working supervisor, Community Services Director, Facilities and Recreation Director, Community Information Team Leader, to be in effect through the date and time for the 2014 Organization Meeting, on January 6, 2014. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

REQUEST FOR SCHOOL SPEED ZONE SIGNS AT IRONTON ELEMENTARY

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board authorized the Secretary to compose a letter to PADOT requesting review of the traffic conditions and possible erection of school speed zone signs on Mauch Chunk and Levans Roads at the Ironton Elementary School. A letter detailing speeding and vehicles driving past stopped school buses was received from Glenn Stettler. Roll call: Mark Hills - 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 stated that the adoption of the 2014 budget would take place on December 16, 2013 at 7 PM.
- Mr. Bartlett gave an update on the Heliport court case, stating the judge has allowed Mr. Selig to restate his case with legal representation.
 - Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, questioned the judge's post trial decision.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

 Atty. Young requested to have the balance of the legal and engineering escrow for the Cuadrado/Grist Mill Minor Subdivision released.

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the treasurer to return the escrow balance. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

SUPERVISOR MARK HILLS thanked everyone for their support during his term in office and encouraged everyone to continue to come to the township meetings.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Leonard Nuss, Coplay, inquired if Mary Ann's Plaza ever received final approval.
- Ed Ziegler, Slatington, asked about the status of the Act 537 Plan for the Coplay Creek Waste water treatment Plant.
- Jeanene Bauer, Jordan Rd., Orefield, asked if LCA committed to conveying waste from Sand Spring to Coplay Creek. She noted that a hearing is scheduled on Dec. 11 for the appeal of the Jordan Plant.
- Dan Nemeth, Coplay, expressed his concerns regarding the conflicting ordinance language regarding property divided by roadways and residential versus adult community.
- Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, asked about the status of Walmart and if Jaindl would be involved with the Coplay Creek WWT plant.
- Glenn George, Neffs, questioned as to where the Coplay Creek Plant would be located.
- Harold Smith, Neffs, noted that the fence was down at the pool property.

Chairman Ron Heintzelman wished everyone Happy Holidays.

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ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer