

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MARCH 2, 2015**

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 Meeting of February 11, 2015 were approved. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Tires will not be accepted for recycling until April 1st, 2015.
2. The Municipal Offices will be closed Friday, April 3rd for Good Friday.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the February Treasurer's report was approved as presented and the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks #9518-9615. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS:

TIMM & NANCY STOUTT EXTENSION OF TIME

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, 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 Stoutt. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

NEW BUSINESS:

REFUND OF TAXES VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board approved the request from Lowell Ruth, Jr. for a refund of his Real Estate property tax of \$76.29, based on the recommendation of the PA State Veterans' Commission's letter approving Mr. Ruth for Disabled Veterans Real Estate Property Tax Exemption Certification. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AWARD OF IRONTON RAIL TRAIL PROJECT PHASE II TABLED

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Steve Pany, the Board tabled the awarding of the IRT extension project construction contract pending further review. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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RESIDENT LETTER STREET LIGHTING

The Board received a letter from Diane Getz requesting that all residents be assessed a street light tax instead of just the residents in the street lighting districts. The Board will take the issue under advisement.

REQUEST FOR TOWNSHIP SPONSORSHIP OF A MINI GRANT IRT TRAIL HEAD

Ray Deutsch, Chairman IRT, thanked the Board for completing the bid process for the IRT extension project. He also gave a presentation requesting the township to sponsor a Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation & Landscape Mini Grant. The 50/50 grant would be used for the creation of a trail from the end point of the Ironton Rail Trail to the gravel parking lot for the purpose of establishing a trail head.

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board approved the Township's sponsorship of this grant and advised the IRT committee to pursue completion of the application.

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

- Eugene Wolfgang, Faye Dr., Orefield, stated he thought this was a good plan.
- Leonard Nuss, Old Post Rd., Coplay, noted that the gravel lot isn't used during sporting events.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Mr. Bartlett reported that he received notification from the Lehigh County Conservation District regarding a Memorandum of Understanding as it pertained to their storm water ordinance and MS4 requirements.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – No report.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):

- Nick Felegy, Tri Clover Rd., Orefield, inquired about the status of the website.
- Paul Mantz, Clearview Rd., Coplay, asked how early the plow trucks start during a snow event.
- Lynette Allen, Donna Dr., Coplay, asked the Board if the rumor was true that the Strawberry Acres developer received a "deemed approved" plan due to township inactivity.
- Leonard Nuss, Old Post Rd., Coplay, stated the rumor may have started if they finalized their deeds.
- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, asked if all the original plans that were submitted for Strawberry Acres were rejected.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer