

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AUGUST 3, 2015**

Chairman Ronald J. Heintzelman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance 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 Meetings of July 6, 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. In order for the township staff to attend the Annual Summer Convention of the Lehigh County Association of Township Officials on August 7th, Township offices will be closed.
2. The Township Offices will be closed Monday, September 7th for the Labor Day Holiday. Due to the holiday, the Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Monday, September 14th.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the July Treasurer's report was approved as presented and the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks # 9992-10112. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

PARKLAND HOLLOW MINOR RESUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY/FINAL

Mike Gula presented the Parkland Hollow Minor Resubdivision Plan to the Board. After discussion of various aspects of the plan, Supervisor Pany requested a roadside swale along the property frontage and extending the swale across lands of Hale to the main channel, removing trees from the right-of-way, grading the right-of-way to Township standards, approval from NBMA confirming the adequacy of cover over the water line at each driveway, and moving an infiltration berm from the front yard drainage and utility easement. Steve Pany made a motion, seconded by Richard Celmer, to table the Plan. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

EMERGENCY SERVICES LONG TERM FUND GRANT REQUEST NEFFS VOL. FIRE CO.

Eric Minnich, President of Neffs Vol. Fire Company, made a presentation to the Board regarding the proposed purchase of a new engine fire truck. They are requesting a budgeted allocation of \$189,000.00 from the Emergency Services Long Term Fund in accordance with Township Resolution 05-02-01. They have received a letter of support from the North Whitehall Emergencies Services Organization, dated February 7, 2015. The proposed purchase price will be \$515,000.00, Station 16 will contribute \$126,000.00, and the Fire Company anticipates a PEMA loan from the state for \$200,000.00. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer the Board approved the budgeted allocation. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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RESOLUTION 08-03-15 FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT AMENDMENT

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, Resolution 08-03-15 was adopted. Resolution 08-03-15 adopted amendments to the North Whitehall Township FSA in order to bring the plan up to date regarding non-discrimination requirements compliance. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

REQUEST FOR PAYMENT #3 IRT EXTENSION PROJECT

An application for payment of \$128,228.31 has been requested from Livengood Excavators for the work on the Ironton Rail Trail Phase 2 Extension Project. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board approved the payment application. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Bartlett presented:

- An update on the various paving and road maintenance projects.
- A progress report on the Ironton Rail Trail construction
- An announcement of a Zoning Hearing Board meeting on Aug. 19th for a setback variance.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – No report.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):

- Tom Van Vreede, Church Drive, Coplay, commented on the barricades on the Ironton Rail Trail.
- Jeff Barber, Manchester Place, Slatington, expressed his concerns about Manchester Place Road not being completed after 10 years and questioned the status of the website.
- Don Travis, Manchester Place, Slatington, expressed similar concerns about the road condition in addition to questioning the solvency of the developer and whether residents could receive tax abatement for lack of services.
- Bruce Stettler, Steeple Chase Dr., Schnecksville, inquired how the Manchester development was different from the Atiyeh development where the township finished that road.
- Matt Szuchyt, Sen. Browne's liaison, informed the audience he was available to assist them with any state related issues.
- Matt Gleason, Old Mile Hill Rd., Orefield, expressed his concerns regarding community safety and State Police coverage and response times.
- Jeanene Bauer, Jordan Rd., Orefield, informed Mr. Gleason of a concerned citizens group in his area and encouraged him to join their website.
- Eugene Wolfgang, Faye Dr., Orefield, asked Mt. Szuchyt's assistance to expedite the bridge replacement on Coffeetown Road.
- Mark Hills, River Rd., Laurys Station, noted that there has been an increase in auto smash and grab thefts near the trail head in Laurys Station.
- Ernest Boll, Glenview St., commented on the deplorable condition of the Makovsky property at 4916 Glenview St.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer