

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MARCH 3, 2014**

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 10, 2014 and Bid Opening Minutes of February 21, 2014 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.
2. A request for bids for land rental has been advertised and bids will be publicly opened on March 28<sup>th</sup> at approximately 8:15 AM.
3. The township is looking for someone to work 15 hours/week supervising the yard waste recycling area.

**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 #8295-8386. 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:**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**CONDITIONAL USE**

**GERALD AND ELENA RICKHEIM  
2863 OREFIELD RD**

Chairman Heintzelman recessed the regular meeting in order to conduct a Public Hearing to hear comments on the conditional use request of Gerald and Elena Rickheim. The Applicant is proposing to operate an antique retail shop on property located at 2863 Orefield Road. Atty. Young gave a synopsis of the application after which testimony was presented. Atty. Young noted that the hearing was duly advertised.

A stenographer took testimony of the hearing; a copy of the transcript of the hearing shall be placed in the Minute Book.

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman to grant the conditional use of the antique store contingent on obtaining an approved Highway Occupancy Permit, complying with ADA accessibility provisions and providing a holding tank if the existing septic system is inadequate. Roll call: Richard Celmer - no; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Heintzelman resumed the regular meeting.

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**AWARD FUEL BIDS**

As advertised, fuels bids were received and opened on February 21, 2014. One bid was received and reviewed by Mr. Bartlett. Mr. Bartlett recommended rejecting the bid and piggyback on the Lehigh Valley Cooperative Purchasing Council's bids for diesel and gas. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board awarded the 2014-2015 contracts for gasoline fuel to and diesel fuel to PAPCO (Isobunkers) through the LVCPC. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes.

- Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, inquired about the price difference.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES LONG TERM FUND GRANT**

**LAURYS STATION FIRE CO.**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Steve Pany, the Board approved the release of the \$150,000.00 grant from North Whitehall Township to the Laurys Station Volunteer Fire Company toward the purchase of a new Wildland Pumper fire truck. The grant, from the Emergency Services Long Term Capital Reserve Fund, was approved on October 7, 2013. Attorney Young will execute the agreement papers. 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 announced that 2 Building Code Appeals will be conducted, at a time to be determined, in order to hear the appeal by LCCC regarding issues with future construction plans.
- The township received numerous positive feedbacks from residents regarding the great job the public works crew performed during the recent snow events.
- Mr. Bartlett encouraged residents to report any potholes to the office.
- There were no new reports on the Selig Heliport or Treichler Commons appeals.
- Mr. Bartlett gave an update on the website construction progress.

**REQUEST USE OF PUBLIC MEETING ROOM      PARKLAND LIBRARY**

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board granted the written request of the Parkland Library to use the public meeting room for a summer youth reading program. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- **BROOK HILL ESTATES**

Kevin Schmidt and John Simock representing The Neffs National Bank and Steven Hawk, Lehigh Engineering Assoc., met with the Board to review outstanding issues regarding Brook Hill Estates. Storm water easements, utility access and roadside swales were discussed.

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF AGENDA SUBMISSION TIME      KLUSARITZ**

Robert Hoppes submitted a written request that the Board grant a waiver from the submission date requirement in order that the Klusaritz Minor Subdivision application may be placed on the agenda for the March Planning Commission Meeting. The waiver will be for 20 days instead of 30. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board granted the waiver. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes.

- Jeanene Bauer, Jordan Rd., Orefield, inquired about the location of the subdivision.

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**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):**

- Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, asked for clarification on Supervisor Heintzelman's working salary versus his supervisor pay.
- Dan Nemeth, Clearview Rd., Coplay, asked for an update on the Strawberry Farms issue.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Thank you from the Upper Lehigh Historical Society for their allocation

**ADJOURNMENT**      Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer