

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
NOVEMBER 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 October 6, 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. The Township Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday November 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the October Treasurer's report and checks 9114-9226 were approved as presented. 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:**

**AWARD OF JOINT MUNICIPAL SALT BID**

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board ratified the award of the contract for Sodium Chloride for the 2014/2015 seasons to Cargill Inc. at their bid price of \$72.59 per ton, delivered as needed. This contract was bid by Lowhill Township. The Township will also utilize the state contract as a source for sodium chloride. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**RESOLUTION 11-03-14      ESTABLISH TAX GUIDELINES**

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, Resolution 11-03-14 was adopted. Resolution 11-03-14 authorized the interim billing months as February 1, May 1 and August 1, established a \$5.00 threshold for interim billings, and reaffirmed the minimum for Township tax refunds. The Tax Collector and the Township Treasurer will not issue refunds for amounts under \$5.00. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**REFUND OF TAXES**

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board approved the request from the Lehigh County Assessment Office and authorized the Treasurer to refund Township taxes based on a revised assessment for the following property:

4756 Mulberry Street      2014      \$10.15 total

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

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**AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR APPOINTMENT OF CPA FIRM**

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board authorized the Secretary to advertise a notice that the North Whitehall Township Board of Supervisors intends to appoint a certified accounting firm to conduct the North Whitehall Township Fiscal Year 2014 Audit. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**WELL ISOLATION DISTANCE EXEMPTION & GROUNDWATER STUDY WAIVER REQUEST**

Sewage Enforcement Officer, Scott Bieber submitted a letter dated October 31, 2014, to the Board, requesting a well isolation distance exemption and groundwater study waiver for Doug Wetzell, 4337 Sand Spring Road, be granted. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board granted the well-sewage system isolation distance exemption and groundwater waiver request. 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 reminded residents not to put leaves on the street during leaf collection or to mix any foreign objects in the leaves.
- He noted that he and Supervisor Heintzelman visited LCCC's Local Government Studies class to discuss the role of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Township.
- An update on the Ironton Rail Trail project was presented.
- Mr. Bartlett presented a brief synopsis of the proposed 2015 budget and outlined several important funding issues for the upcoming fiscal year.

**Motion** - Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Steve Pany, the Board approved the Manager's suggestion to include a funds transfer from the General Fund to the Road Machinery Fund in the amount of \$125,000.00 in the 2015 budget. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**Motion** - Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the Secretary to advertise for a second Board meeting on December 15, 2014 at 7:30 PM, for the sole purpose of discussing the 2015 budget and for the advertisement of the 2015 proposed budget being available for public inspection starting on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – No report.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

- Jim Morris, Riverview Rd., Slatington, voiced his concern about a prior suggestion to assess all residents a street light fee.
- Leonard Nuss, Old Post Rd., Coplay, asked if Sporting Clays installed more stands and if they had to go back to the Zoning Hearing Board.
- Bruce Stettler, Steeple Chase Dr., Schnecksville, also inquired how Sporting Clays was allowed to increase the number of stands from the original plan approved number.

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*COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR continued. . . .*

- Dan Nemeth, Clearview Rd., Coplay, inquired if the Township would consider stockpiling fuel while the prices are so low.
- Ronald Roth, Rt. 309, Schnecksville, had concerns and inquiries about the following items: is there going to be a tax increase in the new budget; what was the sewer plant status; he congratulated the public works department for resolving the water issue with the Welby Dr. and Rt. 309 culvert; why he wasn't notified, as an interested party, about the last Planning Commission meeting regarding the Selig Heliport; and what was the status of the weed problem he previously reported.
- Nick Felegy, Tri Clover Rd., Orefield, stated he expected positive things to happen with the East Penn Trucking issue but nothing has transpired and they are now cutting down more trees.
- Joan Casari, Iroquois Street, Schnecksville, stated her concerns for the condition of Main Street in Schnecksville. She inquired about the burned out hotel and also asked about when a light would be installed at Schneck Road and Rt. 309.
- Eugene Wolfgang, 3426 Faye Dr., Orefield, noted that the current owner of Sporting Clays is not the original owner who went through the zoning process and he may not be aware of the zoning conditions.

**ADJOURNMENT**      Meeting adjourned at 9:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer