

NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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APRIL 5, 2011

Chairman Ronald E. Stahley called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and roll call. In attendance were Supervisors Ronald E. Stahley, Jerry Joseph, Ronald J. Heintzelman, Attorney Lisa Young and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the minutes of the following meetings were approved as presented: 1. March 15, 2011, Board of Supervisors Meeting, 2. April 1, 2011, Bid Minutes. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. An aide from Senator Browne's office will meet with residents in the public meeting room, on Thursday, April 7th, from 9 AM to 1 PM to answer questions about and provide assistance in completing the 2010 Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications.
2. Sealed proposals for propane will be received until 8:45 AM, April 14th then publicly opened and read at approximately 9:00 AM.
3. The April 19th, 2011 regularly scheduled North Whitehall Township's Board of Supervisors' meeting has been canceled. The Board of Supervisors will be attending the state conference April 18-20th.
4. The Municipal Offices will be closed Friday, April 22nd for Good Friday.
5. EPA's deadline for well-water testing is April 8th.
6. The Orchard Road detour will begin on April 25th and last for 3-4 months.
7. Supervisor Stahley reported there has been some ATV vandalism to township recreation fields and several storm grates have been stolen.
8. Saturday, April 9th will be a workday on the Ironton Rail Trail, starting at 8 AM.
9. John Drabic announced his resignation from the Recreation Board. Motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, to dedicate this year's Senior Day to honor John and to accept his resignation with regret. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes.
10. Supervisor Heintzelman announced that township personnel participated in the Meals on Wheels program.
11. Residents are encouraged to participate in our Adopt a Soldier Campaign by contacting our office or by visiting our website. The Township is still collecting old cell phones. They are shipped to a company that recycles them. The money received from recycling the cell phones is used to purchase calling cards that are sent to soldiers.
12. New hours for the organic recycling area from April 18th until Labor Day, are as follows:
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 7AM till 2:40 PM; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 7 AM till 8:30 PM.
13. Sports camps registrations are now being accepted.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: There were no comments.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the March Treasurer's report was approved as presented and the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks # 4751-4810. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Jerry Joseph suggested inviting an EPA representative to a Board meeting to present an update on the water-testing issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

RIVERSIDE PROF BUILDING ADDITION

FINAL

Steve Molhe and Steve Pany presented the Riverside Professional Building Addition Plan to the Board. Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Plan was approved as a Final subject to the following conditions:

1. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the General Planning Engineer February 28, 2011.
2. Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Sewage Enforcement Officer dated March 9, 2011.
3. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Zoning Officer dated March 15, 2011.
4. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Traffic Engineer dated March 9, 2011.
5. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations of the Planning Commission Meeting of March 22, 2011.
6. The Developer shall comply with all of the provisions contained in the Planning Administrator's checklist letter dated March 3, 2011.
7. The Developer shall contribute \$ 4,200.00 to the Traffic Impact Fund
8. The Developer shall contribute \$ 1,500.00 to the Recreation Fund.

Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes. There were no public comments on this item.

WEIS GAS N GO

EXTENSION OF TIME

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board accepted an extension of time until June 21, 2011, in order for the Board to review the Weis Gas n Go Plan. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes. There were no public comments on this item.

SEWER CONNECTION LIEN

JULIE KAYE

Property owner Julie Kaye appeared before the Board to request the interest on her liens for non-payment of sewer connection fees be waived. Ms Kaye, 841 Macungie Ave., Emmaus, and Wendy Karopoulos, 3500 Winchester Rd., Allentown, discussed their reasons why the lien interest should be waived. The Board noted that Ms Kaye had several options but acted on none of them and that waiving the interest would set an unwanted precedent. Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board agreed to hold in abeyance the interest for a 90-day period, from April 1, 2011, until the property transfers ownership. If the transfer does not take place, Ms Kaye will be responsible for the additional interest accrued within the 90-day period. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes.

- Bruce Stettler, Schnecksville, asked if there were other people who have not connected and have liens.

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AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND SEMINAR & MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board authorized Planning Commission Chairman Rich Celmer to attend a planning seminar on April 19th and for mileage reimbursement. The training seminar will focus on Land Use Planning. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RECREATION ALLOCATIONS

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Recreation Board and authorized the distribution of the following 2011 allocations to the various organizations:

North Parkland Athletic Association	\$3,500.00
Ormrod Playground Association	4,500.00
Laurys Athletic Association	3,500.00
Schnecksville Playground Association	4,000.00
Orefield Athletic Association	2,000.00
Neffs Playground Association	2,000.00

Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AWARD OF BID

LEASED AGRICULTURAL LAND

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the rental of farmland at the Johnson Ponds of +/- 3.5 acres, for a 3-year lease, was awarded to James Heintzelman at his bid price of \$ 112.00 per year (\$32.00 acre). Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -abstained. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 04-05-11 GENERAL FUND BUDGET REVISION

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, Resolution 04-05-11 was adopted. Resolution 04-05-11 approves a reallocation of \$17,000.00 from the following General Fund accounts to the Propane Account 409.2220:

\$ 7,000.00 from 452.5700 Johnson Ponds
10,000.00 from 487.0030 Northwestern Insurance STD/LTD

Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes.

- Ronald Roth, Schnecksville suggested harvesting the water lilies from Johnson Ponds and sell them to residents.
- Kathy Bryan, Orefield, inquired about the old heating system and the unused oil.
- Michael Kondravy, Allentown, asked for clarification about the water line in Lil Wolf that was mentioned at a past meeting.

RESOLUTION 04-05-11 A

DCNR SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board adopted Resolution 04-05-11 A. Resolution 04-05-11 A authorized the Director of Public Works to sign documents related to Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Grant application for upgrading the NWT Recreation Park playground. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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REQUEST FOR EXONERATION FROM COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT R. E. TAXES

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board granted the request of the Lehigh County Tax Claim Bureau and exonerated them from the collection of the delinquent real estate taxes for the following properties:

1087 Cedar St	2009	\$ 4.75	2010	\$ 4.75
1050 Dogwood St	2008	5.20	2009	5.20

Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes. There were no public comments on this item.

REFUND OF TAXES

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board approved the request from the Lehigh County Assessment Office and authorized the Treasurer to refund Township taxes based on a revised assessment, on the following property:

2817 Hillcrest Dr E 2010 \$4.12 total

Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes.

- Ricky Harring, Schnecksville, asked what would happen if everyone sought reassessment.
- Mark Hills, Laurys Station, offered a clarification on Mr. Kondravy's question.

WELL ISOLATION DISTANCE EXEMPTION & GROUNDWATER STUDY WAIVER REQUEST

Sewage Enforcement Officer, Scott Bieber submitted a letter, dated April 4, 2011, to the Board, recommending that the request for the well isolation distance exemption for Thomas Coale, 4642 Debbie Lane be granted. Since this refers to a new sewage drain field installation, a groundwater study was included with the request. Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board accepted the written recommendation of the Sewage Enforcement Officer and granted the well isolation distance exemption. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman – yes.

- Leonard Nuss, Coplay, asked if this issue should go before the Planning Commission.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Supervisor Stahley presented an update on the County Compost Facility issue. The bid to manage the facility was awarded to Middle Smithville Materials from Bushkill PA.
- Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, suggested someone should call scrap yards for the stolen storm water grates.
- Michael Kondravy, Allentown, inquired about the status of crime watch groups.
- Rich Haberern, Schnecksville, commented on his frustration with the PA State Police. He doesn't feel they interact enough with the community.
- Supervisor Heintzelman wished everyone a Happy and Safe Easter.

COMMUNICATIONS

PSATS brochures
Connect Care 3 newsletter

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.