

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
JULY 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 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. June 21, 2011, Board of Supervisors Meeting. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Phone book recycling will continue until August 19<sup>th</sup>. Residents may place unwanted phone books in a dumpster located in front of the municipal building.
2. PADOT will have the plans for the Schlicher's Covered Bridge Rehabilitation Project open for public display on July 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 PM in the public meeting room of the municipal building.
3. Atty. Young stated the comment period on documentation for the Heleva Landfill is open for comment till July 8<sup>th</sup> and it may possibly be extended.
4. A Public Hearing will be held on July 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors Meeting for an ordinance re-enacting, restating and amending the current earned income tax ordinance to establish conformity with the local tax enabling act as amended by Act 32 of July 2, 2008.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

- The following Boy Scouts from Troop 144 and Troop 1600 attended the meeting as a requirement toward earning the Communication merit badge: Alek Gulkewicz, Schnecksville, Wouter and Stijn Cos, Orefield, Jacob Ross, Orefield and Favian Mendes, Coplay.
- Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, commented on Supervisor Joseph not being available for voting on important plans, the flag not being at half staff in honor of a fallen sheriff and the lack of parking spaces in the parking lot when a meeting conflicts with a ball game.
- Michael Basta, Schnecksville, inquired if the water problem at the intersection of Rt. 873 and Crestwood Drive was going to be addressed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the June Treasurer's report was approved as presented and the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks # 5038-5096. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Atty. Young reiterated that the comment period on documentation for the Heleva Landfill is still open. Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph the Board approved submitting the Township's comment letter to the EPA. 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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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ZONING REQUEST**

The Township is in receipt of a letter from Atty. Steve Strack requesting certain general changes to the Zoning Ordinance be considered with regard to the Schnecksville Fire Company racetrack issue. Atty. Young gave a brief description of the request. Attys. Malkames and Strack each gave a brief synopsis of their positions. Supervisors Stahley and Joseph offered comments and opinions on the issue. It was noted that the Board received the request and chose not to take action on it at this time.

- Mark Hills, Laurys Station, offered his opinion regarding the fact that the main complaint is from another fire chief living several miles from the track. He also felt that one resident is using the Zoning Hearing Board and the Board of Supervisors as a weapon.
- Susan Travis, Slatington, suggested the Board take the advice of the Solicitor and table the issue. She also felt one supervisor was interfering with this issue on his own behalf.
- Jeanene Bauer, Orefield, expressed concern about a possible conflict of interest with Board members also serving with the fire company.
- Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, stated that all township fire companies should work together and wondered why Tri Clover refused to stand by at Schnecksville's station during a recent fire call.
- Jeff Johnson, Orefield, he responded to Mr. Roth's question by stating the Tri Clover personnel would have been able to leave work to respond to a fire but could not afford to leave work just for a stand by.
- Supervisors Stahley and Heintzelman clarified their involvement in the fire company.
- Karen Solt, Orefield, requested everyone take the personalities out of the issue and just focus on the issue.

**KIDSPACE PLAN DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE**

Atty. Young gave a brief explanation of the annual update of the schedule of improvements with regard to the KidsPeace phased preliminary development plan (approved August 19, 1998, revised August 3, 2005). Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the annual update of the schedule of improvements was approved. A copy will be place in the minute book. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes.

- Jeanene Bauer, Orefield, asked for clarification of the scheduled plan and sewer facility and inquired if the development plans for the sewer plant had been submitted.

**RESOLUTION 07-05-11**

**APPOINT LVTCC LIAISON**

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board adopted Resolution 07-05-11. Resolution 07-05-11 appoints and designates the Secretary to be the liaison between the Lehigh Tax Collection Committee and the Township for the purpose of sharing confidential tax information for official purposes. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**RELEASE OF ESCROW FOR LEGAL & ENGINEERING**

After consultation with the Solicitor and the General Planning Engineer, Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder recommended the following escrow for legal and engineering be returned:

Klusaritz Lot Line                      \$ 4.50

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the Treasurer to return the escrow balance. 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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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

- Harold Smith, Neffs, suggested starting a committee to review the racetrack issue and inquired if Supervisor Joseph belonged to any fire company.
- Don Travis, Slatington, inquired about the status of the Manchester Place petition.
- Jeff Barber, Slatington, expressed his concerns about the winter road conditions at Manchester Place and resident safety.

**AUTHORIZED THE SOLICITOR TO PURSUE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Board authorized Atty. Young to pursue legal proceedings, if necessary, to enforce the Maintenance and Improvements Agreements for Manchester Place. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS continued**

- Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, asked Atty. Young about the procedure to create a 5-person Board of Supervisors.
- Michael Kondravy, Allentown, asked what happened to the recycling booth.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Waste News

PSATS Training Brochures

Copy of the audit for NW Firefighter's Relief Association

**ADJOURNMENT**      Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer