

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
OCTOBER 5, 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, and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder. Manager Jeff Bartlett was absent.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meetings of September 14, 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. The Township Offices will be closed Monday, October 12th for the Columbus Day Holiday.
2. The Board will hold a Special Budget Meeting Monday, October 19th, 2015 at 7:30 PM.
3. Township trick or treat night will be held on Friday, October 30th from 6-8 PM, no rain date.
4. Received a thank you card from the Schnecksville Senior Club.
5. The Secretary read a thank you letter from the NW Emergency Services Organization.
6. Supervisor Heintzelman announced a vacancy in the Tax Collector Department.
7. Supervisor Heintzelman noted that it is Fire Prevention Week and reminded everyone to check their smoke detectors, create an escape plan and meeting place in the event of a fire.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the September Treasurer's report was approved as presented and the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks #10251-10291. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

PENSION REQUIREMENT ESTIMATE FOR 2016

Treasurer Brenda Norder presented an estimate of the minimum municipal obligation for the North Whitehall Township Retirement Plan for the year 2016 to be \$ 54,113.59. Income from State Pension Aid is projected to be \$ 63,360.68. A total estimate of \$ 117,474.27 is projected in pension expenses for budgetary figures.

REFUND OF TAXES

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board tabled the request from the Legacy Title Company and authorized the Treasurer to refund Realty Transfer Tax in the amount of \$1,592.50 (\$1,625.00 less county commission) based on the circumstance that this transfer should have been exempted and was erroneously omitted in the original submission to the County.

Property – 5452 Amanda Drive, Laurys Station.

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

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PARKLAND HOLLOW MINOR RESUBDIVISION EXTENSION OF TIME

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board accepted an extension of time, until December 8, 2015, in order for the Board to review the Plan of Parkland Hollow Minor Resubdivision. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

- Atty. Young noted that the attorney for the former Mrs. Hale raised objections to the plan. Mrs. Hale retains property interests and opposes the plan. Atty. Young will make the packet a part of the planning file.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR ATTENDING PLANNING SEMINAR

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board approved reimbursement of the registration fee (\$306.00) and mileage for Planning Commission member Joanne Guth to attend the PA chapter of the American Planning Association's annual conference. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

REFUND OF TAXES VETERAN'S EXEMPTIONS SCHRANTZ & SAUL

Upon motion by Richard Celmer, seconded by Steve Pany, the Board approved the request from Lehigh County Assessment, on behalf of James Schrantz and Richard Saul, for a refund of their Real Estate property tax. Mr. Schrantz' refund is \$77.57 and Mr. Saul's refund is 36.34. Both are qualified applicants for Disabled Veterans Real Estate Property Tax Exemption through the VA. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

TIMM & NANCY STOUTD EXTENSION OF TIME

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board agreed to accept a 180-day extension of time, in order for the Board to review the Minor Subdivision Plan of Timm & Nancy Stoutd. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

BROOK HILL ESTATES EXTENSION OF TIME

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board agreed to accept a 6-month extension of time, in order for the Board to review the Brook Hill Lot Consolidation Plan. 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 (Non-agenda items):

- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, asked the Board when the line painting would be completed on Clearview Rd. and if the Ordinance changes suggested by Mrs. Skorinko have been submitted to the Planning Commission.
- Dave Conner, Quarry St., Coplay, stated that according to Jane Kelly the township records show the properties around him have NBMA water and this is not true, he would like the records to be corrected
- Nick Felegy, Tri Clover Rd., Orefield, inquired about the website.

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- Leonard Nuss, Hill St., Coplay, noted the weeds at Levans and Mauch Chunk Rds. needed to be cut.
- Jon Bennett, Mike Turczyn, Dave Cope, and Dave Heist from Rosewood Drive, asked the Board when the stub streets off Rosewood Drive would be dedicated and have winter maintenance from the township.
 - Don Travis, Manchester Place, Slatington, asked how the township enforces the developer's responsibility to plow the road.
- Don Travis and Jeff Barber, Manchester Place, Slatington, questioned the Board about the costs to pave Manchester Place and why the developer has not been required to increase the escrow in the past ten years. Mr. Barber asked the Board how it plans to enforce the Improvements and Maintenance Agreement.
- Dick Getz, Mauch Chunk Rd., Coplay, commented on the need for an ordinance against brake retarders.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer