

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
APRIL 6, 2015**

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

The February 11, 2015 minutes reported a comment by Mark Hills that it was a constitutional right to carry a concealed weapon. It shall be corrected to read a weapon, not concealed as printed. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting of March 2, 2015 were approved and the minutes of February 11, 2015 were approved as corrected. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A request for bids for propane has been advertised and bids will be publicly opened on April 17th at approximately 9 AM.
2. Supervisor Pany noted that athletics fields should not be used for another week, in order to allow them to dry out. The saturated fields will be damaged with use at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the March Treasurer's report was approved as presented and the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks #9616-9716. 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:

Supervisor Heintzelman recessed the regular meeting in order to conduct a Public Hearing to hear comments on proposed Ordinances.

ORDINANCE 2015-3 RULES FOR RECREATION PARKS & FIELDS

Ordinance 2015-3 amends Ordinance 2007-12 regarding the rules and regulations for conduct and use of the parks, playgrounds, recreation areas and open space areas owned and operated by North Whitehall Township.

Atty. Young noted that the Ordinance was duly advertised and gave a brief synopsis of Ordinance 2015-3

A stenographer recorded the proceedings; 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, the Board adopted Ordinance 2015-3.

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

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ORDINANCE 2015-4 CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BLUE RIDGE

Ordinance 2015-4 amends Ordinance 2004-7 and provides for a continued franchise license agreement with Blue Ridge Communication in North Whitehall Township. Atty. Young noted that the Ordinance was duly advertised and gave a brief synopsis of Ordinance 2015-4.

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

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board adopted Ordinance 2015-4. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ORDINANCE 2015-5 CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT SERVICE ELECTRIC

Ordinance 2015-5 amends Ordinance 1995-2 and provides for a continued franchise license agreement with Service Electric Cable TV in North Whitehall Township. Atty. Young noted that the Ordinance was duly advertised and gave a brief synopsis of Ordinance 2015-5.

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

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board adopted Ordinance 2015-5. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ORDINANCE 2015-6 CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT RCN

Ordinance 2015-6 amends Ordinance 1995-7 and provides for a continued franchise license agreement with RCN Telecom Services LLC in North Whitehall Township. Atty. Young noted that the Ordinance was duly advertised and gave a brief synopsis of Ordinance 2015-6.

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

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board adopted Ordinance 2015-6. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RECREATION ALLOCATIONS

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Recreation Board and authorized the distribution of the following 2015 allocations to the various organizations:

North Parkland Athletic Association	\$ 3,500.00
Ormrod Playground Association	5,000.00
Laurys Athletic Association	5,000.00
Schnecksville Playground Association	4,500.00
Orefield Athletic Association	3,000.00
Neffs Playground Association	1,000.00

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

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AWARD OF IRONTON RAIL TRAIL PROJECT PHASE II BID

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board awarded the contract for construction of the IRT extension project to Livengood Excavators Inc. at their bid price of \$528,000.00. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AWARD PAVING MATERIALS & AGGREGATES BIDS

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board awarded the 2015 contract for course aggregates and paving materials to Eastern Industries at their bid price of \$45,267.50+/- and \$256, 380.00 +/- respectively. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 04-06-15 UNION CONTRACT RATIFICATION

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board adopted Resolution 04-06-15. Resolution 04-06-15 ratified the labor contract between North Whitehall Township and the North Whitehall Township employees, Local 375 IBEW, AFL-CIO for the years 1/1/2015 TO 12/31/17. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes.

- Ronald Roth, Rt 309, Schnecksville, asked what the major changes in the contract were.

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

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board granted the request of the Northeast Revenue Service on behalf of Lehigh County Tax Claim Bureau and exonerated them from the collection of the delinquent real estate taxes for the following properties:

1061 Birch St	\$ 8.10 for 2012-2014
3488 Lil Wolf Dr	\$26.77 for 2012-2013
1017 Dogwood St	\$ 8.54 for 2007 & 2009
1022 Dogwood St	\$33.91 for 2007-2009

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 reported on the following issues:

- There is no yard waste burning allowed in the Township.
- The Township is seeking to hire 1 or 2 people to oversee the yard waste lot. Starting salary is \$9.50/hour.
- Street sweeping has started.
- Residents are reminded that they are responsible for sweeping the sidewalks in front of their property for cinders used during winter.
- Basketball hoops are not allowed to stick out over the curb, into the roadway or block sidewalks.
- Residents are not allowed to ride 4-wheelers, ATVs or dirt bikes on private property without the owner's permission. These recreation vehicles are also subject to the noise ordinance.
- Dogs must be on leash when off their property and under control of their owner at all times.
- The Township is currently working with a web designer. Anyone who has pictures of the Township they are will to share should contact Mr. Bartlett.

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MANAGER'S REPORT continued . . .

- The Greater Northern Lehigh Chamber of Commerce will be honoring local businessman Edward Bechtel on April 18 at the Northern Valley Ambulance Corp. Tickets are \$35.00 and are available from Mr. Bartlett or Kevin Schmidt at the Neffs Bank.
 - Ronald Roth, Rt 309, Schnecksville, noted that there are old pictures of Schnecksville at the Shipping Plus store.
 - Mark Hills, River Rd, Laurys Station, commented on dog licenses.
 - Eugene Wolfgang, Faye Dr, Orefield, stated that Paul's Hardware sells dog licenses.
 - Leonard Nuss, Old Post Rd, Coplay, asked if the township was doing anything about Timberidge residents cleaning their sidewalks.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - No Report.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):

- Sue Mueller, Wagon Wheel Dr, Schnecksville, spoke regarding her letter to the Board concerning companies who drop newspapers, circulars and phone books on driveways and lawns creating an eyesore and littering.
- Jim Morris, Riverview Rd., Slatington, reminded the Board about his prior year complaints regarding phonebooks and advertising materials thrown on properties by various businesses. He also inquired about the pipe replacement on Riverview Rd.
- Nick Felegy, Tri Clover Rd., Orefield, asked when East Penn Trucking is going to stop using the AR land.
- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, inquired about the PPL street light upgrades and stated he felt all residents should be assessed for street lights.
- Ronald Roth, Rt 309, Schnecksville, questioned the Board about the antique shop at Kernsville and Rt 309. What was the time requirement given to the owners to make the shop handicapped accessible before they can open. He also inquired if that section of Rt 309 will be widened and had comments regarding the heliport issue.
- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, asked the status of the recommendations sent from the Planning Commission to the Board.
- Dan Nemeth, Clearview Rd., Coplay, asked what can be done to resolve the reoccurring problems outlined by the manager. He suggested the Board could hire a constable.
- Ronald Roth, Rt 309, Schnecksville, pointed out that the elected constable lives in the Township.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer