

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AUGUST 6, 2012**

Chairman Ronald J. Heintzelman 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 Steve Pany, Mark Hills, Manager Jeff Bartlett, and Attorney Lisa Young. Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder was absent.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the minutes of the following meetings were approved as presented: July 2, 2012 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes and July 17, 2012 Hearing Continuation Minutes. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Phone book recycling will continue until August 17th. Residents may place unwanted phone books in a dumpster that will be located in front of the municipal building.
2. In order for the township staff to attend the Annual Summer Convention of the Lehigh County Association of Township Officials on August 10th, Township offices will be closed.
3. The Township Offices will be closed Monday, September 3rd for the Labor Day Holiday.
4. The annual Senior Activity Day will be held September 13th at the Schnecksville Fire Company Pavilion.
5. Community Preparedness Day will be held at the PA Expo Building in South Whitehall Township on September 15th, from 11 AM to 3 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks # 6439-6485. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESIGNATION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills the Board accepted the resignation of Richard Benjamin from the position of Emergency Management Director. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board appointed Nelson Fogel as Emergency Management Director and Don Jacobs will continue as Assistant EMD. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes.

- Jeff Johnson, Old Mile Hill Rd, Orefield, commented on their interest and qualifications for the positions.
- Jeff Johnson, Old Mile Hill Rd, Orefield, also commented on the issue of installing pre-emption equipment on the traffic signal at Kernsville Road and Rt. 309. It was noted that the township is currently in the process of securing permits for 4 intersections to get pre-emption devices within the current budget funds.

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UNUSED TOWNSHIP FUEL ISSUE

The Manager was authorized to negotiate the fuel sale of up to 4000 gallons of fuel oil to the Schnecksville Fire Company and begin the process of fuel tank removal.

KIDSPeACE 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 Steve Pany, 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: Mark Hills - 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 July 30, 2012, to the Board, requesting a well isolation distance exemptions and groundwater study waivers for the following properties: 1122 Clearview Road and 4518 Daisy Avenue, be granted. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board granted the well-sewage system isolation distance exemptions and groundwater waivers request. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 08-06-12 RETIREMENT PLAN AMENDMENT

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, Resolution 08-06-12 was adopted. Resolution 08-06-12 adopts an amendment to the North Whitehall Township Retirement Plan in order to incorporate certain proposed changes to the existing Pension Plan and authorizes the Secretary to sign the appropriate amendment documents. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- **AUTHORIZED ADVERTISEMENT OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board authorized the Solicitor to advertise for a public hearing for a proposed ordinance, with minor changes, regarding the maintenance, cleaning and snow removal of all sidewalks in the township. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AUTHORIZED ADVERTISEMENT OF LST COLLECTION CONTRACT

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the Solicitor to advertise for the Local Services Tax Collection Agreement Contract with the Parkland School District. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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OLD BUSINESS:

TIMM & NANCY STOUTD

EXTENSION OF TIME

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, to accept a 90-day extension of time, in order for the Board to review the Minor Subdivision Plan of Timm & Nancy Stoudt. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUATION

CONDITIONAL USE LEHIGH COUNTY AUTHORITY

The purpose of this meeting was the continuation of the Public Hearing to hear comments on the conditional use request of Lehigh County Authority. The Applicant is proposing to construct a sewage treatment plant on property located at 3127 Jordan Road. A stenographer took testimony of the hearing; a copy of the transcript of the hearing shall be placed in the Minute Book.

The Board continued the Hearing until August 21, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

Chairman Heintzelman resumed the regular meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):

DCNR GRANT FOR THE IRONTON RAIL TRAIL (IRT)

Raymond Deutsch addressed the Board regarding a proposed change in a DCNR grant application for the IRT paving project. Due to lack of funding, the grant would need to be changed to a 50/50 grant match instead of the original 80/20 grant program. This would increase the Township contribution to \$41,000.00, an increase of \$24,000.00. Mr. Bartlett will meet with Whitehall Township officials to determine if they will still move forward with the grant. The Board members will be polled as to their approval/denial to adjust the grant application after more information has been gathered. A decision is needed by DCNR by August 10, 2012.

COMMUNICATIONS

Public Works Publications
Lehigh County Property Transfer Updates
Benecon Health Newsletter

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Bartlett, Acting Secretary