

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
OCTOBER 6, 2014**

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

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meetings of September 8, 2014 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 13th for the Columbus Day Holiday.
2. Township trick or treat night will be held on Friday, October 31st from 6-8 PM, no rain date.
3. Supervisor Heintzelman noted that October is Fire Prevention Month and reminded everyone to check their CO detectors, smoke alarms and to thank a fire fighter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the September Treasurer's report and the check register of checks # 9020-9113 were approved as presented. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS:

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

PENSION REQUIREMENT ESTIMATE FOR 2015

Treasurer Brenda Norder presented an estimate of the minimum municipal obligation for the North Whitehall Township Retirement Plan for the year 2015 to be \$ 62,559.14. Income from State Pension Aid is projected to be \$ 62,500.00. A total estimate of \$ 125,059.14 is projected in pension expenses for budgetary figures.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Mr. Bartlett reported on an Emergency Preparedness Day anecdote.
- Mr. Bartlett presented an update on the Ironton Rail Trail DEP permit review and the paving of the trail and the parking lot.
- He noted that 2 appeals have been filed in state and federal courts regarding the Zoning Hearing Board's heliport case.
- Mr. Bartlett gave a preliminary budget overview.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- **MOTION** - Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board authorized the Solicitor to advertise for an Ordinance regarding the Ironton Rail Trail joint agreement with Whitehall Township for the disbursement of grant monies. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.
- Atty. Young notes that the Board will hold an executive session following this meeting to discuss issues of litigation and labor negotiations.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):

- Ray Deutsch, Vista Dr., Coplay, thanked the Board for paving the current section of the IRT and also requested that money be budgeted in 2015 for paving the unbuilt section.
- Leonard Nuss, Old Post Rd., Coplay, noted that if trail specs are changed there will be a problem with DEP.
- Paul Mantz, Clearview Rd., Coplay, asked about zoning setback requirements for an invisible fence.
- Dick Getz, Mauch Chunk Rd., Coplay, inquired about ordinances for burning and noise and commented on the speeding on Mauch Chunk Road.
- Mark Hills, River Rd., Laurys Station, commented on brake retarder signs he has seen in other townships.
- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, encouraged everyone to purchase the reflective address signs being sold by the fire companies.
- Dan Nemeth, Clearview Rd., Coplay, asked what plans have been submitted or rejected by the Board related to Strawberry Acres.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer