

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**

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 Mark Hills, Attorney Lisa A. Young, Manager Jeff Bartlett and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Steve Pany, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting of August 5, 2013 were approved. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. The Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing for the Conditional Use Application for Strawberry Farms, on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Community Fire Company #1, a/k/a Schnecksville Fire Company.
2. The annual Senior Activity Day will be held September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Schnecksville Fire Company Pavilion.
3. Community Preparedness Day will be held at the St. Luke's campus in South Whitehall Township on September 21<sup>st</sup>, from 11 AM to 3 PM.
4. The annual Laurys Station Community Day will be held at the Laurys Station Fire House Park on September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2 PM.
5. The Township received a Recycling Performance Grant from DEP, for the calendar year 2011, for \$14,497.00.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Steve Pany, the August Treasurer's report and check register were approved as presented. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO DISTRIBUTE BUDGETED ALLOCATIONS EMS & SR. CLUBS**

Supervisor Heintzelman made a statement noting that he would abstain from voting due to a potential conflict as he is a member of one of the fire companies.

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Treasurer is authorized to distribute the 2013 budgeted allocations to the Emergency Service Organizations and the Senior Citizens as follows:

Each fire company	\$28,000.00
ESO	12,000.00
Schnecksville Senior Citizens	950.00
Laurys Station Keen-agers	700.00

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - abstained; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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**TIMM & NANCY STOUTD                      EXTENSION OF TIME**

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

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

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board granted the request of the Lehigh County Tax Claim Bureau and exonerated them from the collection of the delinquent real estate taxes for the following properties:

4415 Wolfs Crossing Rd.	2012	\$11.40
4317 Levans Rd.	2012	\$19.35 & 2011 \$19.35

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

**AUTHORIZATION FOR HIPAA COMPLIANCE                      REVISED PRIVACY POLICY**

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board of Supervisors adopted the revised Privacy Policy as it relates to North Whitehall Township's Group Health Program and authorized the Privacy Officer to sign the document. This action complies with the mandated HIPAA regulation changes effective September 23, 2013. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**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-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.

- Jeanene Bauer, Jordan Rd., Orefield, asked about the contents of the schedule.

**RESOLUTION 09-09-13                      RIGHT-OF-WAY                      GRIST MILL ROAD**

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, Resolution 09-09-13 was adopted. Resolution 09-09-13 accepts land for Right-of-Way along Grist Mill Road, located in the lands of Hoonani and Carmelo Cuadrado. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Bartlett presented the following updates:

- The Sand Spring Rd and Rt. 309 Project will receive its final milling and should be repaved by the end of the week, weather permitting.
- The Township's final paving project should take place Wednesday, weather permitting.
- Residents must stop the practice of depositing grass clippings on roadways when mowing their lawns. This is illegal, creates problems for the Public Works Department and creates a dangerous driving condition.
- The proposed draft of the Jordan Creek Greenway Project was reviewed and revised. A follow-up meeting has been scheduled.

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*MANAGER'S REPORT continued*

- Cory Merkel, 3615 Oak Street, Schnecksville, submitted a written request asking the Board to consider the removal of a partial cul-de-sac at the end of his driveway and the dedication of that land back to him. The request will be reviewed and researched by the Manager and the Solicitor.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** No report.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

- Rex Mott, 3429 Route 309, Orefield, commented on the website.
- Nick Felegy, 2825 Tri Clover Rd., Orefield, inquired about the status of the boundary survey for the East Penn Trucking property.
- Jeanene Bauer, Jordan Rd., Orefield, commented on Mr. Felegy's attempts to resolve this issue and asked if the surveyor's report was available for him to read.
- Heather Skrinko, Clearview Rd., Coplay, asked the Manager to explain the comment he made to the Channel 69 reporter and why the Strawberry Farms issue was not presented to the residents as a referendum. She also inquired about the process to get approval for a fireworks display.
- Ronald Roth, Route 309, Schnecksville, inquired about the status of the heliport lawsuit.
- Jim Morris, Riverview Rd., Slatington, commented on the dangerous practice of allowing a developer to submit 3 different plans under 1 submission, for review by the various township boards/commissions.
- Rich Celmer, Maple Street, Allentown, stated the Board should not have allowed multiple plans to be viewed as 1 submission, it complicates the review process.
- Leonard Nuss, Coplay, agreed with Mr. Celmer adding the Board doesn't know which comments go with which plans.
- Jim Morris, Riverview Rd., Slatington, suggested that at a minimum, the Planning Commission should review each plan as a separate entity.
- Heather Skrinko, Clearview Rd., Coplay, inquired if there is still a need for a hearing if there is no single plan.
- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, inquired how zoning variances are obtained.
- Glenn Jordan, Neffs, stated that he felt the applicant was running the show, not the Board.
- Rosie and Jim DeFrancisco, Fair Street, Orefield, reported to the Board the issue they are having with their landlord not addressing the problems of mold, sewage and rats in their manufactured home park.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Benecon Health Newsletter  
Securian Compliance Notice  
PSATS News Bulletin

**ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer