

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
FEBRUARY 10, 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 Richard Celmer, seconded by seconded by Steve Pany, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting of January 6, 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. Tires will not be accepted for recycling until April 1st, 2014.
2. The Municipal Offices will be closed Monday, February 17th for the Presidents' Day Holiday.
3. A request for bids for diesel and gasoline fuels has been advertised and bids will be publicly opened on February 21st at approximately 9:00 AM.
4. Miller-Keystone Blood Bank is in need of donors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the January Treasurer's report was approved as presented and the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks # 8178-8294. 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:

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 Lehigh County Tax Claim Bureau and exonerated them from the collection of the delinquent real estate taxes for the following properties:

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| 4444 Sybil Drive | \$ 8.15 | 2010 |
| 1037 Aspen Street | 6.00 | 2012 |
| 1049 Birch Street | 6.98 | 2012 |
| 1017 Birch Street | 6.83 | 2012 |
| 1083 Cedar Street | 21.60 | 2010-2012 |
| 1088 Cedar Street | 8.93 | 2012 |
| 1024 Cedar Street | 12.30 | 2012 |

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

RESOLUTION 02-10-14 LEHIGH VALLEY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Upon motion by Richard Celmer, seconded by seconded by Steve Pany, Resolution 02-10-14 was adopted. Resolution 02-10-14 adopts the 2014 Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of North Whitehall Township. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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RESOLUTION 02-10-14A RECREATION BOARD BY-LAWS AMENDMENT

Upon motion by Richard Celmer, seconded by seconded by Steve Pany, Resolution 02-10-14A was adopted. Resolution 02-10-14A amends the Recreation Board By-laws Resolution 01-21-98, Article VII, Section I, establishing that the Recreation Board will meet four (4) times a year instead of six (6). Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AUTHORIZATION TO DISTRIBUTE BUDGETED IRONTON RAIL-TRAIL ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Treasurer is authorized to distribute the 2014-budgeted allocation of \$500.00 to the Ironton Rail-Trail Oversight Commission. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AUTHORIZATION TO DISTRIBUTE SCHNECK HOUSE ALLOCATION

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Treasurer is authorized to distribute the 2014-budgeted allocation of \$2,000.00 to the Upper Lehigh Historical Society's Schneck House. 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 gave an update on the Heliport Appeal of the Zoning Hearing Board's decision of Dr. Selig's Special Exception Appeal.
- Mr. Bartlett repeated the importance of the township's ordinances that pertained to snow removal and advised residents that they are responsible for clearing sidewalks in front of their homes and that shoveling snow into the roadway and parking on the road during a snow event are prohibited.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Atty. Young responded to the offer from The Neffs National Bank, to dedicate the roads in Spring Knoll Estates to the township. Due to issues with improvements to the site, the dedication was postponed. Kevin Schmidt and John Simock represented the Bank.

VISITING SCOUT

Garrett Richards, from Troop 191, was in attendance as a requirement toward earning the Citizenship in the Community merit badge

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):

- Ronald Roth, Route 309, Schnecksville, commended Atty. Young for her 11th court win. He suggested using caller ID for the harassing calls. He also inquired about the Act 537 Plan and the acquisition of the Jaendl land. He asked if the timing of the signal at Rt 309 and Sand Spring Rd. could be changed to allow for a left turn (southbound).
- Tom Farrington, Park Valley Rd., Schnecksville, and Glenn George, Rt. 873, Neffs agreed that the signal causes traffic backups.

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Comments continued. . .

- James Sinkus, Rockdale Rd., Slatington, voiced his concern about the lack of care for animals in the township. He related an example of alleged abuse and his attempts to get help from several agencies.
- Dan Nemeth, Clearview Rd., Coplay, suggested putting post cards in with the tax bills to educate residents about snow removal regulations.
- Tom Farrington, Park Valley Rd., Schnecksville, spoke about noise violations concerning the Family Fun Center near his apartment. He proposed that the township should make the noise ordinance more stringent.
- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, asked if there were other complaints regarding this business.
- Ronald Roth, Route 309, Schnecksville, inquired if the township has a Snow Emergency Ordinance and suggested that any residents who do not comply should have their vehicles towed.
- Mark Hills, Laurys Station, suggested notifying residents through the newsletter.
- Thomas Van Vreedee, Church Dr., Coplay, asked about the status of the Strawberry Farms application.
- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, Nancy Sinkus, Rockdale Rd., Slatington, and Tom Farrington, Park Valley Rd., Schnecksville, offered additional comments about feral cats and the State Dog Officer.

COMMUNICATIONS

PSATS News Bulletin and Legal Briefs
KMIT Workers Compensation Audit

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer