

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
NOVEMBER 13, 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION OF THE 2014 BUDGET

TENTATIVE ADOPTION

Township Manager Jeff Bartlett presented a brief synopsis of the proposed 2014 budget and reviewed each fund account. Steve Pany moved, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, to tentatively adopt the 2014 proposed budget with amendments as discussed and the inclusion of a \$750.00 allocation for Freidens Fire Company, to authorize the advertisement of same as being available for public inspection, and to authorize advertisement of a final budget meeting on December 16, 2013 at 7 PM. Adoption of the budget is scheduled for December 16, 2014. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Jim Morris, Riverview Rd., Slatington, requested a token allocation to the Freiden's Fire Company for their coverage of the northern area of the township.
- Jeanene Bauer, Jordan Rd., Orefield, asked the amount of the NW1 loan and the terms.
- Raymond Deutsch, Coplay, presented a short history of the Ironton Rail Trail and asked that the Board consider including \$63,000.00 in the budget for future paving of the trail as a match to a future grant from the state.
- Eric Neubauer, Abbey Rd., Coplay, noted that matching money from the state is not free money, taxpayers pay for it at both ends.
- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, questioned why the trail must be paved and noted the D&L Trail is fine without paving, he preferred to use the money for upgrades to the township vehicles.
- Ray Bieak, Whitehall, stated that handicapped and senior trail users hesitate to use a non-paved trail and the trail is heavily used and would be rutted in no time without paving.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer