

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MAY 14, 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 Ronald J. Heintzelman, Steve Pany, Manager Jeff Bartlett, Attorney Lisa Young and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the minutes of the following meetings were approved as presented: 1. April 2, 2012, Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes, 2. May 10, 2012 Bid Minutes. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - absent; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A request for bids for In-place crack seal, micro surfacing, and seal coat projects have been advertised and bids will be publicly opened on May 17th at approximately 8:45 AM.
 2. The Board of Supervisors will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at 7:30 PM. The sole purpose of this meeting is to award contracts for the 2012 in-place road projects.
 3. The Municipal Offices will be closed Monday, May 28th for the Memorial Day holiday.
 4. The Board held Executive Sessions on April 27 for personnel issues and on May 14 for litigation issues.
- Boy Scouts from Troop 144, attended the meeting as a requirement toward earning the Citizenship in the Community merit badge; Shaun McHugh, Matt Steigerwalt, Andrew Everett, John Everett and Jacob Gottwald.

The Secretary read a letter of resignation from Supervisor Joseph. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board accepted Mr. Joseph's resignation. Roll call: Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Steve Pany, Steve Pany was named Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the year 2012. Roll call: Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the April Treasurer's report was approved as presented and the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks # 6067-6209. Roll call: Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, 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:

1072 Cedar St	2011	\$ 8.25
1078 Aspen St	2011	\$ 5.10

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

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REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC SIGNS

The Secretary has received a letter from Chris Frey requesting a 20 or 25 MPH speed limit sign and a Children At Play sign to be placed on Pine Meadows Lane, to deter speeding. Supervisor Pany noted the Board would like more time to review this request, no action was taken at this time.

AWARD OF BID

PROPANE FUEL

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the contract for propane fuel was awarded to Spectrum Propane at their low bid price. Roll call: Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

BROOK HILL ESTATES

REQUEST TO WAIVE 18-MONTH WAITING PERIOD

Mike Kokolus, developer for the Brook Hill Estates subdivision submitted a written request dated March 28, 2012, asking that the 18-month maintenance period for the roads within his development be waived. Planning Engineer Steve Gitch had inspected the improvements and generated a 'punch-list' of outstanding items to be completed. The punch list items must be completed to the satisfaction of the Planning Engineer and the Developer shall submit the deeds of description and opinion of title to the township. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board tabled the request. Roll call: Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**RESOLUTION 05-14-12 C
COMPONENT #2**

SPRING KNOLL LOT 8

SEWAGE PLANNING MODULE

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board adopted Resolution 05-14-12C. Resolution 05-14-12C approved a Sewage Plan for New Land Development as it pertained to the plan of Spring Knoll Estates Subdivision Lot 8 and authorized the Secretary to sign the Planning Module. Roll call: Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- **RESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL**

Brad Petrohoy submitted a resignation letter citing personal reasons for resigning as the Township's Assistant Fire Marshal. The Township will confer with the Fire Chiefs for suggestions of a replacement.

- **RESOLUTION 05-14-12 B**

PREVAILING WAGE REFORM

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board adopted Resolution 05-14-12 B. Resolution 05-14-12 B confirms that North Whitehall Township supports the idea of wage reform and urges the Pennsylvania General Assembly to eliminate or amend the state prevailing wage act. The resolution will be sent to PSATS and state officials. Roll call: Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

- Mr. Bartlett gave a synopsis of the recent PSATS Conference attended by Supervisor Heintzelman, Mr. Bartlett and Secretary Brenda Norder. He discussed the legislative reception and various unfunded mandates imposed on townships.

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Manager's Report continued. . .

- Mr. Bartlett announced he received a letter from Lehigh County Authority granting the Township an extension of time in which to hold the first hearing on their Conditional Use Application beyond the 60-day initial period.
- The Manager commented on recent illegal dumping at the yard-waste recycling center. Continued dumping could have a negative impact on the hours of operation for the center. A picture of the offending vehicle is posted on the Township's website.
- Mr. Bartlett noted that the EPA's public notice regarding the Heleva Super Fund Site 5-year Report Study will be issued in September. Additional information will be posted on the Township's website.

RESOLUTION 05-14-12 RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board adopted Resolution 05-14-12. Resolution 05-14-12 accepts dedication of land for Right-of-Way located in the lands of Gogel/Dinbokowitz along Peachtree Road. Roll call: Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 05-14-12 A PPL RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board adopted Resolution 05-14-12A and authorized the Chairman to sign the right-of-way agreement. Resolution 05-14-12A grants right-of-way access to PPL for the purpose to construct, operate and maintain its overhead wires along the property, which the Township owns, located along Portland Street. Roll call: 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 Ronald J. Heintzelman, to accept a 90-day extension of time, until August 12, 2012, in order for the Board to review the Minor Subdivision Plan of Timm & Nancy Stoudt. Roll call: Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

- Supervisor Heintzelman noted that the Township is still collecting items for soldiers serving in Afghanistan. He thanked the residents who have contributed items for this worthwhile cause.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):

- Eugene Wolfgang, 3426 Faye Dr., Orefield, asked what items are needed.
- Mark Hills, 5149 River Dr., Laurys Station, asked if we were still accepting used cell phones.
- Nick Felegy, 2825 Tri Clover Rd., Orefield, inquired about the status of collecting fines from the East Penn Trucking Company.
- Nancy Braymer, 3532 Apple Road, Orefield, asked for clarification on the procedure to the fill the Supervisor vacancy. She also noted that the agenda was not on the website.

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- Jeanene Bauer, 3216 Jordan Rd., Orefield, inquired about the Township's position on the Neighborhood Improvement Zone (NIZ) issue.
- Barbara Burke, 4617 Debbie Lane, Orefield, Michelle Collins, 2761 Earhart Ct, Orefield, and Richard Getz, 3333 Mauch Chunk Rd, Coplay, offered comments about the NIZ issue.
- Mark Hills, 5149 River Dr., Laurys Station, commented on the initiative to eliminate property tax and increase the sales tax. He suggested people contact their state officials.
- Jeanene Bauer, 3216 Jordan Rd., Orefield, asked if the time extension regarding the Lehigh County Authority's Conditional Use issue could be extended if the Planning Commission needs more review time.

COMMUNICATIONS

Township News
PSATS News Bulletin
KMIT Trustee Ballot Proxy

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer