

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2011**

Chairman Ronald E. Stahley 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 E. Stahley, Jerry Joseph, Ronald J. Heintzelman, Attorney Lisa Young and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the minutes of the following meetings were approved as presented: 1. February 3, 2011, Board of Supervisors Meeting. Roll call: Jerry J. Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman – yes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Tires will not be accepted for recycling until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011
2. The Municipal Offices will be closed Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> for the Presidents' Day Holiday.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

- Nick Felegy, Tri Clover Road, Orefield, expressed his concern regarding the East Penn Trucking Company and improper land use. He presented the Board with several pictures of alleged illegal parking of trucks.
- Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, commented that there was an Ordinance passed last fall to expedite issues like Mr. Felegy's. He also expressed his opinion on not having the spring clean up.
- Chuck Braymer, Orefield, stated that it was not the responsibility of the township to pay for disposal of residents' garbage; they should use their trash hauler.
- Ricky Herring, Schnecksville, commented that people who own vacant land end up having garbage dumped on it.
- Harold Smith, Neffs, asked why the walking trail into Neffs Park wasn't plow and noted that there was a pothole on Coplay Creek Road.
- Doug Wetzel, Schnecksville, asked why the Township doesn't go to centralized hauling if the mandated trash hauler ordinance isn't enforced.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry J. Joseph, the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks # 4589-4644. Roll call: Jerry J. Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**RIVERSIDE PROF BUILDING ADDITION**

**PRELIMINARY**

Steve Pany presented the Riverside Professional Building Addition Plan to the Board. Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Plan was approved as a Preliminary subject to the following conditions:

1. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the General Planning Engineer January 11, 2011.
2. Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Sewage Enforcement Officer dated January 11, 2011.
3. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Zoning Officer dated January 13, 2011 and the Developer agrees to comply with the conditions in the Zoning Officer's letter of February 9, 2011 and with reference to 602.D as it relates to the Zoning Hearing Board decision.
4. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Traffic Engineer dated January 10, 2011.

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*RIVERSIDE PROF BUILDING ADDITION continued*

5. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations of the Planning Commission Meeting of December 28, 2011.
  6. The Developer shall comply with all of the provisions contained in the Planning Administrator's checklist letter dated January 4, 2011.
  7. The Developer shall contribute \$ 4,200.00 to the Traffic Impact Fund
  8. The Developer shall contribute \$ 1,500.00 to the Recreation Fund.
- Roll call: Jerry J. Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman – yes.
- Ed Ziegler, Slatington, noted that the lights on the sign shine too far into the road.

**TIMM & NANCY STOUTD                      EXTENSION OF TIME**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, to accept a 180-day extension of time, until August 2, 2011, in order for the Board to review the Minor Subdivision Plan of Timm & Nancy Stoutd. Roll call: Jerry J. Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**STATE SODIUM CHLORIDE PURCHASE PROGRAM**

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the Secretary to complete the on-line forms in order to participate in the Commonwealth's state contract for Sodium Chloride. We are requesting +/- 1500 tons. Roll call: Jerry J. Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**RESOLUTION 02-15-11              SHARED USE PATH CROSSING AGREEMENT    PADOT**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry J. Joseph, Resolution 02-15-11 was adopted. Resolution 02-15-11 authorized the Chairman to sign the PENN DOT Shared Use Path Crossing Agreement. The Shared Use Path Crossing Agreement provides for maintaining or constructing a Shared Use Path or Shared Use Paths for public use and enjoyment that will cross a State designated highway and /or highways. Roll call: Jerry J. Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DISTRIBUTE SCHNECK HOUSE ALLOCATION**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry J. Joseph, the Treasurer is authorized to distribute the 2011-budgeted allocation of \$2,000.00 to the Upper Lehigh Historical Society's Schneck House. Roll call: Jerry J. Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**AUTHORIZED SOLICITOR TO PREPARE ORDINANCES FOR REVIEW**

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the Solicitor to formally format 2 proposed ordinances for review by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors, and for submission to LVPC. The ordinances, proposed by the Zoning Officer Ken Nicholson, pertain to solar energy systems and requiring a certificate of occupancy for transfer of residential and non-residential property. Roll call: Jerry J. Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman – yes.

- Chuck Braymer, Orefield, and Ed Ziegler, Slatington, asked for clarification on the descriptions of the ordinances.
- Chuck Horwith, Coplay, asked if an inspection will be conducted before resale of a home.
- Samantha Neas, Schnecksville, commented on her home buying experience.

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**RESOLUTION 02-15-11A      DISPOSITION OF OBSOLETE RECORDS**

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, Resolution 02-15-11A was adopted. Resolution 02-15-11A authorized the Secretary to dispose of or destroy obsolete records as per the procedures for the destruction of Municipal Records outlined in the Municipal Records Manual of 2008. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**RESOLUTION 02-15-11B      AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, Resolution 02-15-11B was adopted. Resolution 02-15-11B clarifies the policy for paid days for bereavement and incorporates final illness to the policy. It also includes stepparents and step siblings in the policy. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

- Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, asked if it included working supervisors. He also inquired about the status of a court date in Harrisburg.

**AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN AGREEMENT**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board authorized the Chairman and the Secretary to sign an agreement with the Leonard Nuss, purchaser of property in Ormrod. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**SELECTION OF ENERGY DISTRIBUTION PROVIDER**

After review of several energy distributors through PSATS' energy advisor, On Demand Energy, Administrative Assistant Barbara Schwartz submitted a written synopsis to the Board recommending purchasing our distribution of electricity from Tri Eagle Power for the municipal building and the balance of our accounts would obtain distribution from Liberty Power. Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board approved the recommendation and authorized signing contracts with the above-mentioned power suppliers. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

- Chuck Braymer, Orefield, inquired about the status of the Act 537 Plan.
- Ed Zeigler, Slatington, inquired about the status of replacing street signs and painting stop markings on Cedar Crest Blvd. and Mauch Chunk Road. He noted that there was a street light out near Sliders Pub.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Notice of Annual Audit by CPA  
Training Brochures  
Connect Care 3 Newsletter  
PSATS Legal News

**ADJOURNMENT**      Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary