

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AUGUST 16, 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, Supervisor Ronald J. Heintzelman, Attorney Lisa Young, and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder. Supervisor Jerry Joseph was absent.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the minutes of the following meetings were approved as presented: 1. August 2, 2011, Board of Supervisors Meeting. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - absent; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Phone book recycling will continue until August 19th. Residents may place unwanted phone books in a dumpster located in front of the municipal building.
2. The Township Offices will be closed Monday, September 5th for the Labor Day Holiday.
3. The annual Senior Activity Day will be held September 15th at the Schnecksville Fire Company Pavilion.
4. Community Preparedness Day will be held at the PA Expo Building in South Whitehall Township on September 17th, 11 AM to 4 PM.
5. The 1st annual Laurys Station Community Day will be held at the Laurys Station Fire House Park on September 17th, at 2 PM.
6. Supervisor Stahley reported on various state roads that are scheduled to be paved or closed for repair.
7. Supervisor Heintzelman thanked residents who donated items to be sent to the soldiers the township has "adopted".

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- Christine Smith, Neffs, asked what is the Preparedness Day event.
- Gary Birks, Senator Browne's Office, provided additional information about the Preparedness Day event.
- Leonard Nuss, Coplay, asked for clarification on the Sand Spring Road micro-sealing project.
- Susan Travis, Slatington, inquired about the status of Manchester Place.
- Al Molchan, Orefield, asked about the delay in opening Orchard Road at the college.
- Mark Hills, Laurys Station, reported on the frequency of accidents on Route 145 and River Drive and commented on supervisors missing meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks # 5237-5279. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - absent; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

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NEW BUSINESS:

AUTHORIZED SOLICITOR TO PREPARE ORDINANCE

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the Solicitor to formally format the proposed ordinance for establishing the position of township manager.

Roll call: Jerry Joseph - absent; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

- Susan Travis, Slatington, commented that she thought the process was moving too quickly and the township should have its finances in order before spending additional money to hire a manager.
- Samantha Neas, Schnecksville, was happy to see this first step being taken.
- Harold Smith, Neffs, Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, Nancy Braymer, Orefield, Charles Hoover, Orefield, and Leonard Nuss, Coplay, all offered comments on this subject, discussion ensued.

AUTHORIZED ADVERTISEMENT OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the Solicitor to advertise for a public hearing for a proposed ordinance establishing the position of township manager. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - absent; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Board authorized the Chairman or Secretary to sign the proposal necessary to secure the professional services of the Meyner Center in the recruitment of a township manager. The fee will be \$65.00/hour capped at \$4,000.00. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - absent; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

- Donald Steffy, Coplay, asked about the cost and when the hearing would be scheduled.
- Mark Hills, Laurys Station, asked about the resume of the Center's director.

REQUEST TO USE FIRE POLICE

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DAY

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the request for the use of the North Whitehall Township Fire Police by the Woodlawn Fire Company, as mutual aid for traffic control at the Emergency Preparedness Day, September 17, 2011, was granted. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - absent; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

REQUEST TO USE FIRE POLICE

SCHNECKSVILLE FIRE COMPANY COMMUNITY DAY

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the verbal request for the use of the North Whitehall Township Fire Police by Ricky Harring, as mutual aid for traffic control at the Schnecksville Fire Company Community Day event, September 11, 2011, was granted. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - absent; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

WELL ISOLATION DISTANCE EXEMPTION & GROUNDWATER STUDY WAIVER REQUEST

Sewage Enforcement Officer, Scott Bieber submitted a letter dated August 12, 2011, to the Board, recommending that the request for the well isolation distance exemption and groundwater study waiver for Melvin Mertz, 5226 Route 873, Schnecksville, be granted. Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley,

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GROUNDWATER STUDY WAIVER REQUEST continued

seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board accepted the written recommendation of the Sewage Enforcement Officer and granted the well-sewage system isolation distance exemption and groundwater waiver request. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - absent; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ADDITIONAL COMMENT

- Leonard Nuss, Coplay, announced the day and time of the Weis Gas 'n Go tanker demonstration.
- Ricky Haring, Schnecksville, asked if that time would depict reality.

COMMUNICATIONS

Pesticide Registry
Waste News

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer