

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
CLOSEOUT MEETING DECEMBER 29, 2011**

Chairman Ronald E. Stahley called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and roll call. In attendance were Supervisors 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. December 20, 2011, Board of Supervisors Meeting. Roll call: Jerry Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Township offices will be closed January 2nd, 2012 for New Years Day.
2. The Township Supervisors' Organization Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012 at 7:30 PM.
3. The Township Auditors' Organization Meeting is scheduled for January 4th, 2012, at 6 PM.
4. The Board held 2 Executive sessions on December 21 and one session on December 19 to discuss matters of personnel.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Nancy Braymer, Orefield, asked for clarification on the Shared Path Agreement approved at the December 20th meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Treasurer was authorized to disburse General Fund checks 5642-5733. Roll call: Jerry Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADOPTION OF THE 2012 BUDGET

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board adopted the proposed budget for 2012. Roll call: Jerry Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF SUPERVISOR-EMPLOYEE IN TOWNSHIP INSURANCE PLANS

The Township received a written request from employed-Supervisor Heintzelman to be included, along with dependents, in all Township sponsored insurance plans including but not limited to medical, life, long and short term disability, prescription, dental and vision, as per Section 606(c) (1) of the Second Class Township Code. This request is for the calendar year of 2012. Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Board granted the request. Roll call: Jerry Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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ADOPTION OF TAX RESOLUTION 12-29-11

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board adopted Tax Resolution 12-29-11. Tax Resolution 12-29-11 establishes the 2012 rate as follows:

1. Real Estate to be 1.5 mill or \$1.50 for every \$ 1,000.00 of assessed valuation;
2. Street Light Assessment will be based a flat rate of \$37.00/residential and \$1,505.00/institutional;
3. Real Estate Transfer Tax at the rate of 1/2 of 1%;
4. Earned Income Tax at the rate of 1/2 of 1%.
5. Local Service Tax at the rate of \$52.00 (Twp portion \$47.00 and School District \$5.00)

Roll call: Jerry Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

APPOINTMENT OF EXISTING WORKING SUPERVISOR

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Board appointed the position of the existing working supervisor, Community Services Director and Interim Municipal Coordinator, to be in effect through the date and time for the 2012 Organization Meeting, on January 3, 2012. Roll call: Jerry Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN ANIMAL CONTROL DOCUMENT

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the Secretary to sign the necessary documents designating The Sanctuary at Haafsville as the Township's animal services agency for 2012. Roll call: Jerry Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 12-29-11A UNION CONTRACT RATIFICATION

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Board adopted Resolution 12-29-11A. Resolution 12-29-11A ratified the labor contract between North Whitehall Township and the North Whitehall Township employees, Local 375 IBEW, AFL-CIO for the years 1/1/2012 TO 12/31/14. Roll call: Jerry Joseph – yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

- Harold Smith, Neffs, asked what was the union salary increase.

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ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer