NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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MARCH 5, 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 Jerry Joseph, and 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. February 13, 2012, Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Tires will not be accepted for recycling until April 1st, 2012.
2. Aides from Senator Browne's office will meet with residents in the public meeting room, on Thursday, March 8th, from 10 AM to 1 PM to answer questions about and provide assistance in completing the 2011 Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications.
3. The Municipal Offices will be closed Friday, April 6th for Good Friday.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Mark Hills, Laurys Station, commented on the ending time of meetings.
- Gene Wolfgang, Orefield, as a member of the Lion's Tree Planting Committee announced that the Lion's would like to plant an evergreen tree on the township campus. He also inquired about recycling cardboard.
- Eric Neubauer, Coplay, noted that Bethlehem recycling center takes cardboard and magazines.
- Chuck Braymer, Orefield, questioned why the Act 537 topic was not on the agenda last meeting and asked what has been accomplished since the last meeting with regard to amending it. He also asked Supervisor Pany if he was ready to relinquish his role as Interim Public Works Director.
- Jeanene Bauer, Orefield, commented on current Act 537 options and asked the Board to consider contacting Coplay Whitehall Sewer Authority (CWSA) and the City of Allentown for services.
- Charles Hoover, Orefield, also suggested contacting CWSA and the City of Allentown.
- Kathy Bryan, Orefield, inquired if Lehigh County Authority (LCA) applied for a conditional use.
- Jeanene Bauer, Orefield, offered to supply the Board with booklets she obtained from DEP and asked the verdict of obtaining a copy of an audiotape.
- Rich Celmer, Allentown, stated that every township must have an Act 537 Plan in place and if it is revoked you have nothing. He also questioned if there was a capacity or pipeline issue with CWSA and the City of Allentown.
- Brian Horwith, Coplay, asked if there was any precedence of a township forcing residents to hook up to sewer after a facility is built.
- Gene Wolfgang, Orefield, offered comments regarding the design that was before the Zoning Hearing Board.
- Michael Kondravy, Allentown, speculated about KidsPeace plans for future expansion with regard to the sewage expansion issue. He also asked if there were holding tanks at the hospital.

Comments continued. . .

- Barbara Burke, Orefield, asked for clarification on why all the supervisors could not be at the LCA meeting.
- Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, offered his opinion on several of tonight's comments.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the February Treasurer's report was approved as presented and the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks # 5911-5965. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS:

TIMM & NANCY STOUDT EXTENSION OF TIME
Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Jerry Joseph, to accept a 90-day extension of time, until June 1, 2012, in order for the Board to review the Minor Subdivision Plan of Timm & Nancy Stoudt. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes.

- Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, noted this was at least the 5th request.

NEW BUSINESS:

STATE SODIUM CHLORIDE PURCHASE PROGRAM
Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Steve Pany, the Board authorized the Secretary to complete the on-line forms in order to participate in the Commonwealth's state contract for Sodium Chloride. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

PARKLAND LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE
Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Parkland Community Library's Nominating Committee and appointed Casey Garrett as North Whitehall Township's representative member to the Board of Directors of the Parkland Community Library. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

TCC DELEGATE APPOINTMENT
Act 32 requires the Township to appoint an alternate delegate to the Lehigh County Tax Collection Committee under the new local earned income tax collection reform legislation. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board appointed Jeff Bartlett as the alternate delegate. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS ROAD MATERIALS, IN-PLACE JOBS, EQUIPMENT RENTAL, SODIUM CHLORIDE AND FUEL

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Manager is authorized to advertise, as needed, for bids including but not limited to Road Materials, In-Place Jobs, Equipment Rental, Sodium Chloride and Fuel for the year 2012. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes.

- Jeanene Bauer, Orefield, asked what are in-place jobs.
- Harold Smith, Neffs, asked why we bought a paver and what did it cost to pave Atiyeh's road.

MANAGER'S REPORT

DCNR GRANTS UPDATE

Manager Jeff Bartlett reported on the status of two (2) Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources grants, one for the Ironton Rail Trail and one for a playground upgrade. He is currently in the process of modifying the IRT grant and the playground upgrade will be handled in-house.

CDBG GRANT INFORMATION

Mr. Bartlett recently attended a mandatory meeting regarding possible Community Development Block Grant funds and is looking at a couple of township projects that may meet the criteria of these grants.

ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING

The Manager is working on several options regarding the organic waste-recycling program.

HEATING OIL AND UNDERGROUND TANK REMOVAL

Mr. Bartlett provided an update on this issue. He has reviewed the cost options and is composing an agreement should the purchase of the oil be offered to emergency services organizations.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Joseph asked the Solicitor for clarification of a comment made at a prior meeting, whether Wal-Mart could sue the township if the Act 537 Plan had been revoked and requested examples of case law in writing.

Supervisor Joseph also inquired if Supervisor Pany was directly in charge of the Public Works staff as Interim Public Works Director. He further asked if it was necessary for him to have a title in order for him to continue his involvement and guidance in public works issues.

Supervisor Pany made a motion that he, Atty. Young and the Manager attend a meeting requested by LCA regarding the Act 537 Plan, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - no; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. Motion carried.

- Jeanene Bauer, Orefield, asked that all supervisors be allowed to attend and that a better option would be to have a public forum.
- Mark Hills, Laurys Station, stated he thought the supervisor with the civil engineering background would be better suited to attend.

- Barbara Burke, Orefield, asked why Supervisor Pany unilaterally decided he should attend the meeting.
- Nancy Braymer, Orefield, inquired if an expert on sewage would be attending the meeting.
- Jeanene Bauer, Orefield, questioned would it not be better to have another supervisor involved so that all township interests would be represented, could the meeting be taped.
- Brian Horwith, Coplay, asked that the attendees report back to the residents regarding the results of the meeting.
- Ricky Herring, Schnecksville, asked if Supervisor Joseph attended would he be conflicted if the topic was about the Wal-Mart sewage issue.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, asked if anything further was discussed with PA DOT regarding the covered bridge repair on Game Preserve Road.
- Harold Smith, Neffs, questions why the lights were on at the Independence Park pavilions during the day.

COMMUNICATIONS

Downstream notification for the Horsehead Corporation
Notice of Annual Audit by CPA
Training Brochures
PSATS Legal News
Thank you card from the UL Historical Society

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer