NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
OCTOBER 7, 2013

Chairman Ronald J. Heintzelman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence. In attendance were Supervisors Steve Pany, and Mark Hills, Attorney Lisa A. Young, Manager Jeff Bartlett and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Steve Pany, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting of September 9, 2013 and the September 17, 2013 Hearing Continuation Minutes were approved. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Township Offices will be closed Monday, October 14th for the Columbus Day Holiday.
2. Township trick or treat night will be held on Friday, October 25th from 6-8 PM, no rain date.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Steve Pany, the September Treasurer's report and checks 7791-7878 were approved as presented. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

PARKLAND POINTE LOT 13

Michael Gula, Lehigh Engineering Assoc., and Matt Sorrentino of Castle Builders, requested relief from the legal and engineering escrow fee requirement and a waiver from the submission deadline for the Planning Commission. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board approved a reduction in the required escrow to $5,000.00 contingent upon the existing escrow account that is in arrears be made current. No action was taken on the deadline waiver. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

EMERGENCY SERVICES LONG TERM FUND GRANT LAURYS STATION FIRE CO.

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board granted the Laurys Station Volunteer Fire Company's request for a grant from North Whitehall Township toward the purchase of a new Brush/Quick Attack fire truck, in the amount of $150,000.00. The proposed purchase price is $350,000.00. Resolution 05-02-01 (amended by Resl. 12-19-01E & 01-18-06A) provides for grants from the Emergency Services Long Term Capital Reserve Fund. In conjunction with this grant, Station 12 will apply for a $100,000.00 PA PEMA Loan; will request $39,123.00 in Relief Association money and the Fire Company's participation will be $102,102.00. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes.

- Gene Wolfgang, Faye Dr., Orefield, asked if KME was Kovatch Trucking.

ENVISION LEHIGH VALLEY

Joyce Marin, Executive Director of Renew Lehigh Valley, gave a presentation on behalf of Envision Lehigh Valley to the Board. Envision Lehigh Valley is a collaboration of several public-sector and non-profit organizations to develop a sustainable community plan for the Lehigh Valley. They are conducting a public input program to consider long term goals for future community growth in the Lehigh Valley.

RESOLUTION 10-07-13 TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPLICATION

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, Resolution 10-07-03 was adopted. Resolution 10-07-03 authorized the Manager to sign and submit an Application for Traffic Signal Approval to PA DOT. This application requests modification of the signal timing at the Weis Market intersection. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 10-07-13A ESTABLISH TAX GUIDELINES

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, Resolution 10-07-03A was adopted. Resolution 10-07-03A authorized the interim billing months as February, May and August, established a $50.00 threshold for interim billings, and reaffirmed the minimum for Township tax refunds. The Tax Collector and the Township Treasurer will not issue refunds for amounts under $5.00. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

PENSION REQUIREMENT ESTIMATE FOR 2014

Treasurer Brenda Norder presented an estimate of the minimum municipal obligation for the North Whitehall Township Retirement Plan for the year 2014 to be $ 39,049.42. Income from State Pension Aid is projected to be $ 71,316.82. A total estimate of $ 110,366.24 is projected in pension expenses for budgetary figures.

REFUND OF TAXES

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board approved the following refunds of Township taxes, based on a revised assessment, as directed by the Lehigh County Assessment Office, the Township Tax Collector and Common Pleas Court Orders, to the following property owners:

David Jaindl	3 properties	$225.78 total
Western Lehigh Valley Corp	5 properties	$598.83 total
James Vomero	1 property	$ 20.92 total

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

REIMBURSEMENT FOR ATTENDING PLANNING SEMINAR

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board approved reimbursement of the registration fee ($155.00) and mileage for Planning Commission member Joanne Guth to attend a planning seminar in October. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

APPROVED REGISTRATION FOR PLANNING SEMINARS
Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board approved the registration costs and mileage for Planning Commission Chairman Rich Celmer to attend 2 planning seminars, The Lehigh Valley Summit for Smart Growth and The Basic Course in Subdivision Review.
Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

MANAGER'S REPORT
Mr. Bartlett reported on the following issues:

- The Route 309/Sand Spring Road project was finished ahead of schedule. There are a few minor items that need to be addressed.
  Glenn Jordan, Neffs, inquired who would be responsible for mowing the grassy area next to the diner.
- Zoning Hearing Board update – the Thrifty Propane variance request was denied; the Laurys Station billboard request was approved; and the zoning appeal regarding the Selig Heliport issue will be heard in court on Wednesday.
- Website update – a meeting was held to prioritize the construction of the website revamp, initial changes are scheduled for November.
- The Upper Lehigh Chamber of Commerce will be holding a County Commissioner candidate debate at the Meet the Candidate Night at NOVA on October 15th.
- Senior Day update – Mr. Bartlett thanked the volunteers and vendors who participated in the event which hosted 300 + attendees. Supervisor Heintzelman thanked Crystal Spring Farm for hosting the tour and Supervisor Hills noted that 200 free flu shots were administered.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT
No report

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Jim Steward, Park Ave., Neffs, asked the Board to review and consider revising Ord. 2008-2 with regard to recreational fires, as it has posed several problems for the fire companies.
- Nick Felegy, 2825 Tri Clover Rd., Orefield, inquired about the status of the boundary survey for the East Penn Trucking property.
- Ed Ziegler, Slatington, inquired about the status of the Act 537 Plan, the traffic signal at the Neffs Church and the bridge construction on Game Preserve Road.
- Ronald Roth, Route 309, Schnecksville, questioned the manager about the Mack truck frame replacement and its projected cost.
- Harold Smith, Park Valley Rd., Neffs, queried the Board about the Neffs pool issue.
- Michael Kondravy, 3615 Levans Rd, Allentown, asked about the status of the crime watch groups in the township.
- Ellynn Schneck, Crescent Dr., Schnecksville, voiced concerns about the new retaining wall at Sand Spring Road and Route 309 and the curbing along Route 309 near the former Krause Dodge property.
- Samantha Neas, Route 309, Schnecksville, commented on the curbing issue.

- Ronald Roth, Route 309, Schnecksville, stated that there is a noticeable dip in the south bound lane of Route 309 in the vicinity of 4422 Route 309 since the repaving.
- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, inquired about the erosion issue on Clearview Road.

SCOUT TROOP 57 NEFFS

The following Boy Scouts from Troop 57 attended the meeting as a requirement toward earning the Communication merit badge and the Citizenship in the Community merit badge:

Bradley Drews, Schnecksville
Justin Querio, Schnecksville
Jaidon Beatty, Slatington
Kody Hermany, Whitehall
Beaudyn Borger, Slatington
Kevin Wertz, Allentown
Noah Dorman, Schnecksville
Robert Blose, Schnecksville

COMMUNICATIONS

2012 CPA audit
Thank you card from Laurys Keenagers Club

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer