NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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DECEMBER 7, 2015

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 Richard Celmer, Attorney Lisa A. Young, Manager Jeff Bartlett and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meetings of November 2, 2015 were approved. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
1. The Township Offices will be closed Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th for the Christmas Holiday and Friday, January 1st for the New Year's Day Holiday.
2. The Supervisors' Organization Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 4th, 2016 at 7:30 PM.
3. The Auditors' Organization Mtg. is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5th, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the November Treasurer's report and the check register of checks #10387-10464 were approved as presented. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS:

PARKLAND POINTE REDUCTION OF LETTER OF CREDIT
Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board accepted the written recommendation of the General Planning Engineer Stephen Gitch, dated October 27, 2015 and authorized the release of $ 59,040.00 from the Maintenance and Improvements Letter of Credit for Parkland Pointe, leaving a balance of $ 210,564.00 in the account. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

PARKLAND HOLLOW MINOR RESUBDIVISION EXTENSION OF TIME
Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board accepted an extension of time, until February 2, 2016, in order for the Board to review the Plan of Parkland Hollow Minor Resubdivision. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

NEW BUSINESS:

KIDSPEACE PLAN DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE
Atty. Jackson Eaton gave a brief explanation of the changes to the phasing schedule to allow later completion of the proposed development with regard to the KidsPeace phased-development plan (approved August 19, 1998, revised August 3, 2005). Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the annual update of the schedule of improvements was approved. A copy will be place in the minute book. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

2016 BUDGET ADOPTION
Mr. Jeff Bartlett presented a short synopsis of the 2016 budget. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board approved the 2016 budget as presented. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

TRUCK PURCHASE
Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board endorsed the purchase of a 2016 Freightliner small dump truck as a 2015 budgeted item. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes.

- Dan Nemeth, Clearview Rd., Coplay, inquired if this was a lease/purchase.

ADOPTION OF TAX RESOLUTION 12-07-15
Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board adopted Tax Resolution 12-07-15. Tax Resolution 12-07-15 establishes the 2016 rate as follows:

1. Real Estate to be .5 mill of assessed valuation;
2. Street Light Assessment will be based a flat rate of $40.70/residential and $1,655.50/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: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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 dependent, 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 2016. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board granted the request. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes.

- Jeanene Bauer, Jordan Rd., Orefield, asked for clarification on the insurance inclusion for a working supervisor.

APPOINTMENT OF EXISTING WORKING SUPERVISOR
Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board appointed the position of the existing working supervisor, Community Services Director, Facilities and Recreation Director, Community Information Team Leader, and Recycling Coordinator to be in effect through the date and time for the 2016 Organization Meeting, on January 4, 2016. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- **REQUEST FOR PAYMENT #6 IRT EXTENSION PROJECT**

  An application for payment of $112,644.63 has been requested from Livengood Excavators for the work on the Ironton Rail Trail Phase 2 Extension Project. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board approved the payment application. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany – yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT continued. . .

- Tom Van Vreede, Church Drive, Coplay, asked about the bridge warranty and who will honor it if the company goes out of business.
- Betty Schuster-Hanzlik, Hilton Rd, Schnecksville, inquired if the approved check includes the payment for the bridge.
- Glenn George, Rt. 873, Neffs, commented that he thought the trail end was supposed to be on Levans Road.

- Mr. Bartlett noted that the leaf cleanup is near completion and the crew is starting winter prep.
- He also noted the website is being tested and should be operational by the end of the week.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – No Report.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):

- Susan Gelinas, Hickory Road, Schnecksville, inquired if ~~all~~ any interested parties for the tax collector opening have been interviewed.
- Ronald Roth, Rt 309, Schnecksville, inquired about the following items: the status of the sign/light at Orefield Cold Storage entrance; the status of the treatment plant; what would be the difference between purchasing a Freightliner versus a Mack; and the status of the Selig appeals case.
- Kevin & Lynn Herman, Oswald Lane, Coplay, discussed incidents related to a dispute between neighbors.
- Paul Mantz, Clearview Rd., Coplay, asked about the status of the Strawberry Acres court case.
- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, asked if the township handled the downed tree on Clearview Road and if Parkland Hollow would be billed for the cost.
- Ronald Roth, Rt 309, Schnecksville, praised the public works crew for doing a good job.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer