**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING**
**JULY 11, 2016**

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 June 6, 2016 were approved. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**
1. In order for the township staff to attend the Annual Summer Convention of the Lehigh County Association of Township Officials on August 5th, Township offices will be closed.
2. A request for bids for Sodium chloride deicing rock salt has been advertised and bids will be publicly opened on July 25, 2016 at approximately 10:30 AM.
3. Isaac Daniels, Troop 57, attended the meeting as part of his Communication badge requirements. Nick Sanzo, Troop 150, attended the meeting as part of his Citizen in the Community badge requirements, he is also working towards his Eagle Scout rank.
4. Wes Schlauch, an intern in Rep. Gary Day's office, delivered a message from Rep. Day expressing his appreciation of the Board's dedication to the community. He also delivered brochures and an American flag and a state flag.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**
Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Steve Pany, the June Treasurer's report and checks # 11022-11100 were approved as presented. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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**OLD BUSINESS:** No Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Heintzelman recessed the regular meeting in order to conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed Ordinance 2016-2.

**ORDINANCE 2016-2 PROHIBITING PARKING ON COVE ROAD**
Ordinance 2016-2 approves the prohibiting of parking on both sides of Cove Road so as to accommodate emergency access, the removal of ice and snow, to promote the safety of pedestrians, the traveling public and property within the Township. Atty. Young noted that the Ordinance was duly advertised and gave a brief synopsis of Ordinance 2016-2.

A stenographer recorded the proceedings; a copy of the transcript of the hearing shall be placed in the Minute Book.

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board adopted Ordinance 2016-2. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

Supervisor Heintzelman resumed the regular meeting.

**PARKLAND HOLLOW MINOR RESUBDIVISION EXTENSION OF TIME**

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board agreed to accept an extension of time, until August 2, 2016, in order for the Board to review the Parkland Hollow-Lot 15 Minor Subdivision Plan of Castle Holdings. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**SCENIC VISTAS SUBDIVISION REVISED PLAN CONDITIONAL APPROVAL REQUEST**

The Developer is requesting Conditional Approval until he can resolve outstanding issues with several outside agencies. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board authorized the Township Engineer, the manager and the Solicitor to work with the Developer's professional staff to establish conditions of approvals for the next Board meeting. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**REQUEST FOR EXONERATION OF DELINQUENT STREET LIGHT TAXES**

GH Harris, collector of delinquent street light taxes, has requested exoneration from the collection of the following delinquent taxes:

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| Kevin Fox | 2335 Fernwood | 2010 | $ 37.00 |
| Frank Goreski | 4312 Rt. 309 | 2012, 13 & 15 | $114.70 |
| JPMC Mortgage | 5718 Rt. 873 | 2013 | $ 37.00 |

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Steve Pany, the Board granted the request of the GH Harris and exonerated them from the collection of the delinquent street light taxes. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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**APPLE BLOSSOM CIRCLE SUBDIVISION EXTENSION OF TIME**

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board accepted an extension of time, until January 31, 2017, in order for the Board to review the Subdivision Plan of Apple Blossom Circle and so that the Developer can resolve outstanding issues with several outside agencies. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**EXONERATION OF TAXES VETERAN'S EXEMPTION KRESGE**

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board approved the request from the PA Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, on behalf of Gerald Kresge, for exoneration from collection of his Real Estate property tax of. Mr. Kresge is a qualified applicant for Disabled Veterans Real Estate Property Tax Exemption. 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 various road maintenance projects. In addition, he mentioned the basketball courts will be sealed and top coated.
- Mr. Bartlett presented an update on the completion of the IRT extension project. He noted that some people using the trail are trespassing on properties adjacent to the trail.
- He commented on vandalism in the township parks, camp sign-ups and prohibition on burning garbage.

*MANAGER'S REPORT continued . . .*

- Mr. Bartlett announced that all groups receiving township funding should submit their requests to him as part of preliminary budget planning.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – No Report

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):**

- Jim Morris, Riverview Rd., Slatington, presented his pros and cons on the subject of eliminating the current assessment of street light districts for a blanket assessment on all properties.
- Eric Neubauer, Abbey Rd., Coplay, noted that he supported Mr. Morris' comments.
- Dick Getz, Mauch Chunk Rd., Coplay, commented on the street light assessment he receives for an empty lot he owns.
- Jeff Johnson, representing NWT ESO, spoke about the deplorable conditions of some of the homes emergency personnel must enter in response to a call. He expressed the need for a property maintenance code ordinance which would allow the Zoning Officer to inspect the property based on an EMS report of unsafe conditions. In addition, he requested that a Knox Box requirement for all businesses be included in that ordinance.
- Ronald Roth, Rt 309, Schnecksville, inquired about the status of any pending law suits.

**ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer

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