NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meetings of August 5, 2019 and the bid minutes of August 12, 2019 were approved. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Township Offices will be closed on Thursday, September 12th for the Senior Citizen's Activity Day which will be held at the Union Lutheran Church.
2. An executive session was held August 5, 2019, to discuss personnel matters.
3. An executive session was held August 22, 2019, to discuss personnel matters.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the August Treasurer's report and checks #14498-14555 were approved as presented. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS:

Secretary Brenda Norder reported that a reply was received from PADOT on the issue of lowering the speed limit on a section of Mauch Chunk Road. PADOT stated that their review does not warrant a reduction in speed in the noted area.

NEW BUSINESS:

EXTENSION OF TIME **NORTH VALLEY TRADE CENTER LOT CONSOLIDATION & LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS**

Joshua Hoffman, on behalf of the North Valley Trade Center Land Development, submitted a written request offering the Board an extension of time, of 30 days beyond the current plan expiration date of October 20, 2019, in order for the Board to review both of the North Valley Trade Center Plans. Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board accepted the time extension. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

- Joann Coppola, Skyline Dr., Schnecksville, asked how long this project had been in planning and why the township could not turn it down.

AWARD OF BID **LEASED AGRICULTURAL LAND**

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the rental of farmland at the Johnson Ponds of +/- 3.5 acres, for a 3-year lease, was awarded to James Heintzelman at the bid price of $35.00/acre. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - abstained; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AWARD OF 9-TOWNSHIP WINTER SALT BID

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board awarded the 9-township contract for Sodium Chloride for the 2019/2020 season to Eastern Salt, at their bid price of $ 69.90 per ton delivered as needed. This contract was bid in conjunction with neighboring municipalities. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

- Leonard Nuss, Old Post Rd., Coplay, asked where Eastern Salt was located.

RESOLUTION 09-09-19 GENERAL FUND BUDGET REVISION

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, Resolution 09-09-19 was adopted. Resolution 09-09-19 approves a reallocation of:

$500,000.00 of funds from the General Fund account 492.8000 to the Capital Projects Fund account 392.0100; and

$500,000.00 of funds from the General Fund account 492.3100 to the Road Machinery Fund account 392.0100

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

RESOLUTION 09-09-19A STREAM NAMING

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, Resolution 09-09-19A was adopted. Resolution 09-09-19A resolved that the Board supports the submission of proposed names for four unnamed streams located in the northeastern portion of the Township to the US Board of Geographic Names for their review. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 09-09-19B MARY ANN'S PLAZA TRAFFIC SIGNAL TRANSFER

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, Resolution 09-09-19B was adopted. Resolution 09-09-19B is a PADOT resolution to finalize the transfer of the Rt. 873/Schneck Road traffic signal from the Developer to the Township. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz – yes.

- The Solicitor noted she had received several complaints about the traffic backups and will request a review of the timing of the signal.

TRAFFIC CONTRIBUTION MARY ANN'S PLAZA TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board authorized the Treasurer to disperse a check in the amount of $35,644.01, fulfilling its obligation of a monetary contribution toward the traffic signal at the intersection of Schneck Road and Route 873, as outlined in the Contribution Agreement dated March 2018. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

REFUND OF TAXES

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board authorized the Treasurer to refund Township taxes based on revised 2019 assessments, on the following property:

4916 Orchard Rd $ 204.64

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

PARTIAL RELEASE OF ESCROW LEGAL & ENGINEERING

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board authorized the Treasurer to return a portion of the legal and engineering escrow, in the amount of $ 40,261.85 from the Earl Nuss Estate Subdivision, to the developer. The balance will be released after all outstanding invoices have been paid. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AUTHORIZATION TO DISTRIBUTE BUDGETED ALLOCATIONS EMS & SR. CLUBS

Supervisor Heintzelman made a statement noting that he would abstain from voting due to a potential conflict, as he is a member of one of the fire companies. Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Treasurer was authorized to distribute the 2019 budgeted allocations to the Emergency Service Organizations and the Senior Citizens Clubs as follows:

Schnecksville Senior Citizens	$ 950.00
Laurys Station Keen-agers	$ 700.00
ESO	$ 4,500.00

The emergency services organizations will receive the balances of their 2019 allocation.

$ 28,000.00 to Northern Valley Ambulance Corp,
$ 18,168.75 to each of the four fire companies.

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

CHANGE OF RECREATION BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the appointment, on August 5th, 2019 of Amy Long to the unexpired term of Rick Miller was rescinded as she had been appointed earlier in the year for a different term. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

APPOINTMENT OF RECREATION BOARD MEMBER TO UNEXPIRED TERM

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, Norma Visnar was appointed to the Recreation Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Rick Miller until 12/31/22. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No Report

- Supervisor Klusaritz made a suggestion to purchase 2 benches for the front entranceway.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):

- Richard Getz, Mauch Chunk Rd., Coplay, inquired when the yard waste center closes on Saturdays, he noted it was closed at 3 PM.
- Leonard Nuss, Old Post Rd., Coplay and Donna Kumernitsky, Mauch Chunk Rd., Coplay, both commented on how the driveways on Balliett St. wash out since the township milled the road and asked when it would be put back to the original condition.

Continued: *COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR*

- Dale Kemmerer, Route 873, Neffs, asked for an update on the attempts to get PADOT to respond to the stormwater issue on Rt. 873. He also noted the residents were still entering the boarded-up house on Rt. 873.
- Lewis & Margaret Meyer, Rt. 873, Neffs, & Teresa Beers, Baker Alley, Neffs voiced their concerns regarding the stone debris, from Route 873, that washes down to Baker Alley after storms.
- Courtney, Cedar Street, Laurys Station, asked about the status of Lake Shore Home Park and the attempts to install manufactures homes closer than the 25 feet stated in the SALDO.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer