NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

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, Manager Chris Garges, Attorney Lisa A. Young, Engineer Steve Gitch, Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder, and Administrative Assistant Jessica Koenig.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting of August 2, 2021 were approved. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Atty. Young announced an Executive Session was held on August 17, 2021 to discuss Personnel issues.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Mark Hills, the August Treasurer's report and checks #16385-16471 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:
ROUTES 329/873 & NEFFS LAURYS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PADOT
Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board approved proceeding with PennDOT's proposed improvement sketch plan C to improve the Rts 329/873/Neffs Laurys Road intersection. PennDOT will bear the cost of the improvements. The Board members attended the August 18, 2021 meeting as part of a fact-finding task, no deliberations or decisions were made. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

- Brian Horwith, Springfield Dr., Coplay, asked for a description of Option C and suggested the Township push PADOT for more improvements.
- Dr. Renee Morrow-Connelly, Buck Hill Circle, Schnecksville, recounted her accident at this intersection and asked the Board for a bigger improvement.
- Leonard Nuss, Old Post Rd., Coplay, suggested making Neffs Laurys Road one-way.
- Dan Nemeth, Clearview Rd., Coplay, suggested the Board invite Ron Young of PADOT to a public meeting to hear township concerns.
- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd, Coplay, stated that line striping would not be effective and the Board should go back to PADOT asking for barriers.
- Kristin Rollins, Washington St, Schnecksville, stated a 4-way stop or signalization would be more effective.
- Gene Wolfgang, Faye Dr, Orefield, noted that the historic church and cemetery would be a problem for a roundabout to be constructed.

NEW BUSINESS:
VIEWS AT FELLS CREEK WAIVER
Lew Rauch, on behalf of the Views at Fells Creek Land Development Plan, requested the following waivers: Sect. 3.02 A. - The Plan is viewed as a Final as well as a Preliminary;
Sect. F.04.F – To allow basin side slopes to be increased to 3 horizontals to 1 vertical.
Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board granted the waivers. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

- Brian Horwith, Planning Commission Chairman, stated the Planning Commission gave this a favorable recommendation.

VIEWS AT FELLS CREEK PRELIMINARY/FINAL

Lew Rauch, on behalf of the Views at Fells Creek Land Development Plan, presented the Plan to the Board. Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Plan was approved as a Preliminary/Final subject to the following conditions:

1. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the General Planning Engineer and Sewage Enforcement Officer dated July 22, 2021.
2. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Zoning Officer dated July 22, 2021.
3. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations of the Planning Commission Meeting of August 24, 2021.
4. The Developer shall comply with all of the provisions contained in the Planning Administrator's checklist letter dated August 27, 2021.
5. The Developer shall comply with the July 6, 2021 email from the Parkland School District.
6. The Developer shall, at a minimum, install one street light at the new road intersection with Neffs Laurys Rd.
7. The Developer shall revise the road to a name that does not exist in the Township.
8. The Developer shall work with Township staff to provide signage in adjacent roadways that will become through streets.
9. The Developer shall contribute $7,400.00 to the Traffic Impact Fund.
10. The Developer shall contribute $92,500.00 to the Recreation Fund.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

- Brian Horwith, Planning Commission Chairman, asked Mr. Rauch to explain how the developer is diverting water away from Parkland Estates homes.
- John Coppola, Skyline Dr., Schnecksville, inquired who is responsible to unclog storm-water pipes.
- Joanne Coppola, Skyline Dr., Schnecksville, stated a lot of basements in Parkland Estates were flooded with the last 2 storms.

THE RIDINGS II TIME EXTENSION

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board accepted an extension of time, until December 31, 2021, in order for the Board of Supervisors to review the Ridings II Plan. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE DELEGATE APPOINTMENT

Act 32 requires the Township to appoint a representative to the Tax Collection Committee under the local earned income tax collection reform legislation. Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board appointed Leslie Frisbie as the representative and Jessica Koenig as the alternate for North Whitehall Township. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RELEASE OF TEMPORARY C/O ESCROW

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board authorized the Treasurer to return the temporary C/O escrow, of $1,000.00, for:

5360 Wagonwheel Dr.

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

EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTION PLAN

Mr. Garges distributed copies, to the Board, of an Emergency Response Action Plan, which is recommended by our insurance carrier's Risk Management Department. Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board adopted the Emergency Response Action Plan. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

YOUTH RECREATION SUMMER CAMP PARTNERSHIP WITH SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP

Mr. Garges presented an overview of the potential partnership with South Whitehall to conduct 2022 youth summer camp programs. Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board approved the township's participation with South Whitehall Township in creating recreation programs and to include any related expenses and revenues in the upcoming preliminary 2022 budget. 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

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board ratified the 2021 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	$ 5,000.00

The emergency services organizations will receive the balances of their 2021 allocations.
$ 19,668.75 to each of the four fire companies.

The allocation of $ 30,000.00 to Northern Valley Ambulance Corp will be distributed upon receipt of their 2020 financial report and 2021 roster.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

- **REDUCE SPEED LIMIT**

  Mr. Garges received a letter from Patricia Wakefield requesting the township ask PADOT to reduce the speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph (or less) on Neffs Laurys Road from Old Post Road to Fells Creek Road.

  Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board authorized the Manager to request, in writing, that PADOT consider the speed reduction. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

- **COFFEETOWN ROAD BRIDGE MUNICIPAL FUNDING DISCUSSION**

  Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board approved a commitment of up to $250,000.00 to match funding secured by Sen. Pat Browne for the improvement of the Coffeetown Road Bridge. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

  - Dan Nemeth, Clearview Rd., Coplay, inquired if PADOT could include improvements to the hill approaching Coffeetown Rd and Levans Rd with the bridge improvement project.

- **APPROVED NEW PUBLIC WORKS HIRE**

  Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board approved the hiring of Clint Schock for the Public Works Department, starting October 4, 2021. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

- Mr. Garges made the following announcements:

  He attended a hearing at the Magistrate's office involving the Kolapechka Park property damage. The hearing was continued until October 18, 2021.

  The Comprehensive Park, Recreation, Open Space Plan study committee will meet on September 15, 2021.

  A Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the October 4, 2021 Supervisors' Board Meeting to consider adoption of Ordinance 2021-3 which amends the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to provide for notification to certain property owners of pending subdivision and land development submissions.

  The Zoning Hearing Board will meet September 15 at 7:30 PM;
  The Recreation Board will meet September 20 at 7:30 PM; and
  The Planning Commission will meet September 28 at 7:30 PM.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Atty. Young requested authorization to move forward with injunctive and other legal relief regarding an ordinance violation on Neffs Laurys Road. Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board approved the Zoning Enforcement proceedings. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

- **TRETTER LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTION 09-13-21**
  Resolution 09-13-21 accepts dedication of the Right-of-Way along Jordan Road, located in the lands of Tretter. Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Mark Hills, Resolution 09-13-21 was adopted. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):

- Ron Stahley, Schnecksville Fire Chief, thanked the Board for the fire company's allocation.
- Jim Wilson, Allied Services, Schnecksville, requested information on presenting a waiver for a submission to the Planning Commission.
- Richard Getz, Mauch Chunk Rd, Coplay, inquired about a newspaper article regarding a joint study between South Whitehall and North Whitehall Townships.
- Dan Nemeth, Clearview Rd., Coplay, suggested the township create a fund for traffic improvements. He also noted that the erosion on the north side of Clearview Road has worsened.
- Richard Semmel, Clearview Rd, Coplay, added that the inlets are clogged, discussion about Clearview Road drainage and flooding ensued.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR continued. . .

- Supervisor Klusaritz asked for an update on the following topics:
  Does the developer of Vistas at Park Valley have to notify the residents of Parkland Estates of his project;
  What is the status of the stop sign issue at Paradise and Neffs Laurys Roads; and
  What is the status of the George Family park bench and plaque?
- Jeff Taschler and Eric Liskanich, Buchanan St, Coplay, expressed their concerns over the boarded up, abandoned house in their neighborhood.
- Kristin Rollins, 3828 Washington St, Schnecksville, asked the Board to consider changing the ordinance that regulates the number of chickens a resident can keep on their property.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer