NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MARCH 7, 2022

Chairman Al Geosits called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. In attendance were Supervisors Ronald J. Heintzelman and Dennis Klusaritz, Attorney Lisa A. Young, Manager Chris Garges, Engineer Steve Gitch, Administrative Assistant Jess Koenig and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting of February 7th were approved. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
1. Atty. Young announced that an executive session was held March 7, 2022 for discussion of personnel matters and property acquisition.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Al Geosits, the February Treasurer's report and the register of checks # 16867-16995 were approved as presented. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS:

JOHNSON PONDS WINTER ACTIVITIES DISCUSSION
Mr. Garges noted that there would not be a premium increase if winter activities, including but not limited to ice fishing, ice hockey and skating, were allowed. Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, to permit the use of the ponds with regard to winter activities, as long as signs are posted to warn residents of risks. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - no.

- Brian Horwith, Springfield Dr., Coplay, stated he feels the township will regret the decision not to prohibit the activities.

NEW BUSINESS:

GREENLEAF AT MAPLE STREET DISCUSSION
Phil Malitsch, Tuskes Homes, Andrew Woods, Hanover Engineering and Atty. Joseph Piperato (via Zoom) met with the Board to discuss options for proposed road improvements and various cost options prior to meeting with the Planning Commission.

- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, stated he felt this project should be constructed as one project, not as 2 separate projects and that asphalt pathways are not easily maintained.
- Leonard Nuss, Old Post Rd., Coplay, asked if they were planning on installing street lights.
- Brian Horwith, Springfield Dr., Coplay, inquired if this were a 63-lot project what would be the requirements for road improvements.
- Jim Steward, Park Ave., Neffs, voiced his concern about additional traffic using the intersection of Maple St. and Old Post Rd., and suggested lighting that intersection.

5077 OVERLOOK ROAD (STRAWBERRY ACRES) EXTENSION OF TIME

Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board accepted the extension of time offer for this project, until April 30, 2022, in order for the Major Subdivision and Land Development Application for 5077 Overlook Road, to be reviewed by the Planning Commission, as pursuant to Section 913.2(b)(1) of the PA Municipalities Planning Code. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

- Tom Van Vreede, Church Drive, Coplay, read a statement summarizing the inconsistencies of the project and recommended that the Board not grant the extension.

EXONERATION OF TAXES VETERANS R.E. TAX EXEMPTION

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Al Geosits, the Board approved the notice from the Lehigh County Assessment Appeals Office, on behalf of Kenneth Reichenbach and Reynolds Davies for exoneration from collection of their Real Estate property tax, as qualified applicants for Veterans Real Estate Property Tax Exemption, effective January 1, 2022.
Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 03-07-22 DESIGNATE SIGNATORIES

Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, Resolution 03-07-22 was adopted. Resolution 03-07-22 designated the Manager and Solicitor as the signatories to sign for the Robert Schmidt Agreement of Sale. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 03-07-22A DESIGNATE SIGNATORIES

Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, Resolution 03-07-22A was adopted. Resolution 03-07-22A designated the Manager and Solicitor as the signatories to sign for the Edwin & Susan Gardner Agreement of Sale. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 03-07-22B UMT/SWT/NWT JOINT YOUTH RECREATION M.O.U.

Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, Resolution 03-07-22B was adopted. Resolution 03-07-22B approved a Memorandum of Understanding for the intermunicipal summer youth program involving Upper Macungie Twp., South Whitehall Twp., and North Whitehall Twp.
Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 03-07-22C LOCAL SHARE GRANT

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Al Geosits, Resolution 03-07-22C was adopted. Resolution 03-07-22C authorized the Township Manager to apply for a DCED Local Share Account Grant and sign all documents related to the Grant application process with regards to the Open Space Action Plan. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

REQUEST FOR EXONERATION FROM COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT R. E. TAXES

Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board granted the recommendation of the Lehigh County Assessment Office and exonerated Portnoff & Associates from the collection of the 2021 delinquent real estate taxes for the following property: 3468 Wolf Pack Dr $13.70
Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

REQUESTED USE OF TOWNSHIP FIRE POLICE IRT

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Al Geosits, the Board authorized the use of the North Whitehall Township Fire Police for the IRT 5K walk/run on June 5, 2022, a Certificate of Liability Insurance has been presented to the Secretary. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

POLICY FOR PSATS SUPERVISOR LOST TIME COMPENSATION

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Al Geosits, the Board approved a policy setting forth compensation rules to reimburse supervisors who incur lost compensable time while attending the PSATS conference. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

FARMLAND & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Al Geosits, the Board appointed Robert Korp to fulfill the unexpired term of Jeff Johnson until January 1, 2025. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AUTHORIZED ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSED ORDINANCE COMPENSATION

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Al Geosits, the Board authorized advertisement for an ordinance amending the Supervisors' compensation from $3,250.00 annually to $4,125.00 annually, as per the 2nd Class Township Code. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - no; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

- Mark Hills, Old Post Rd, Coplay, noted that the past Boards of Supervisors turned down the raises for the past 10 years.

BID AWARD ROUTE 309 TURNING LANE

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Al Geosits, Barwis Construction was awarded the contract for the Route 309 right-hand, north-bound turning lane, in the vicinity of Independence Drive, at their low bid price of $448,723.68, contingent upon the satisfactory review of the bid documents by Keystone Engineering Consultants. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT WITH UPPER MACUNGIE TWP.

Upper Macungie Twp. has invited us to hold a joint Household Hazardous Waste Event on April 9, 2022 from 8:00 AM – noon. A $10.00 registration fee is required. Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board approved North Whitehall's participation in the event. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

Manger's report continued:

- Mr. Garges reported that he met with officials from PENNDOT and South Whitehall Twp. on February 23rd to discuss the Route 309 Betterment Project. Within NWT there will be alignment work and new signal equipment at the Orefield/Kernsville and Route 309 Intersection. There will be minor improvements and a signal upgrade at Shankweiler Road and the entire stretch of Route 309 from Walbert Ave. to Shankweiler Rd. will receive new 8-10' wide shoulders and a mill and overlay. The project is scheduled to be bid in March 2024.
- He also submitted the year end reports for Public Works and the Zoning Office.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

RESOLUTION 03-07-22D TIMBERIDGE LUXURY APARTMENTS
Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Al Geosits, Resolution 03-07-22D was adopted. Resolution 03-07-22D authorized the Township Manger to execute the Limited Construction Agreement and Indemnification for the Timberidge Luxury Apartments. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 03-07-22E ACCEPT R.O.W. MARY ANN'S PLAZA
Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, Resolution 03-07-22E was adopted. Resolution 03-07-22E accepts additional right-of-way for 2 parcels along Rt. 873 and Schneck Road, from the Mary Ann's Plaza land development project. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 03-07-22F ZONING ENFORCEMENT PAYMENT PLAN
Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, Resolution 03-07-22F was adopted. Resolution 03-07-22F approved a payment plan for a zoning enforcement matter and authorized the Manager to sign the zoning enforcement payment plan agreement. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AUTHORIZED ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSED ORDINANCE LOCK BOX
Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Al Geosits, the Board authorized advertisement for a proposed Lock Box (a/k/a Knox Box) ordinance. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

- Jim Steward, Neffs Vol. Fire Co. Chief, offered an explanation of how Emergency Services accesses the Knox Boxes currently in the Township.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):

- Debbie and Kris Kreglow, 2528 Levans Rd, Coplay, informed the Board of the deplorable conditions of the other half of their duplex, 2526 Levans Rd. and requested assistance from the township to enforce cleanup of the property.
- Giovanni Velez, owner/landlord of the 2526 Levans Rd. property detailed his unsuccessful attempts to resolve the tenant/squatter situation and clean up the property.
- Tom Van Vreede, Church Drive, Coplay, proposed the Township enact an ordinance regarding the regulation of future solar ray development.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR continued:

- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, asked for an update on the Clearview Road ice/water runoff issue.

MOTION - Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz the Board authorized Keystone Consulting Engineers to create sketch plans for possible remediation options for Clearview Road.

- Jim Wilson, owner of Allied Utility Services, asked the township to consider coordinating with his plant to inspect sewer lines before issuing certificates of occupancy for new construction.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer, and

Jessica Koenig, Administrative Assistant