NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DECEMBER 2, 2024

Chairman Al Geosits called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. In attendance, were Supervisor Dennis Klusaritz, Supervisor Ronald J. Heintzelman, Township Manager Randy Cope, Attorney Tom Dinkelacker, Engineer Steve Gitch, Director of Operations Jeff Mouer, Director of Finance Seth O'Neill, Director of Public Works Rick Holtzman, and Secretary/Deputy Treasurer Jessica Koenig.

This meeting is being recorded. Upon approval of the minutes by the Board of Supervisors the electronic recording file will be destroyed.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the minutes of the November 4, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting were approved. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Township offices will be closing at 12 PM on Thursday, December 19th for staff to attend the annual Holiday Luncheon.
2. Township Offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th and Thursday, December 26th for the Christmas Holiday. Township Offices will also be closed Wednesday January 1st in observance of New Years Day Holiday.
3. The annual Supervisors' Organization Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2025 at 7 PM
4. The Auditors Organization Meeting is scheduled Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 7 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the November treasurer's report and checks. # 19746 - 19852 were approved as presented. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

DISCUSSION: 902 Grant Funding/Curbside Yard Waste Pick Up

PRESENTATIONS: Lt. Troutman (PSP) – North Whitehall Township End of Year Recap

- Heather Skorinko, Clearview Rd., Coplay, gave kudos to the State Police servicing the Township on their response time.
- Jim Steward, Park Ave., Neffs, also expressed appreciation for Lt. Troutman and the rest of the Bethlehem Station for the great work they are doing in the Township.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business

ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE 2024-6 SUPERVISOR SALARY INCREASE

Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board approved Ordinance 2024-6 establishing a rate of compensation for newly elected or appointed Supervisors consistent with Act 94 of 2024 increasing compensation for Supervisors of Second Class townships with a population of 15,000 to 24,999 individuals from the current sum of $4,125 to $6915. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 12-02-24 ACCEPTING DEEDS OF DEDICATION & BILL OF SALE RIDINGS AT PARKLAND PHASE 1

Upon motion Al Geosits, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board approved Resolution 12-02-24 conditionally accepting deeds of dedication for the rights-of-way of Bellflower Drive, Bluestem Drive, and Lilac Drive located within the Ridings at Parkland Phase I Subdivision as roadways for public use; conditionally accepting a deed of dedication for ultimate right-of-way along Schneck Road located within the Ridings at Parkland Phase 1 Subdivision; conditionally accepting bills of sale for stormwater improvements located within rights-of-way of Ridings at Parkland Phase I subdivision; and authorizing Township staff to perform any and all actions necessary to accomplish such acceptance. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 12-02-24A TUITION REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Al Geosits, the Board approved Resolution 12-02-24A approving an amendment to the Township Employee Handbook to include a Tuition Reimbursement Policy. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

- Bob Allen, Donna Dr., Coplay, inquired if this would be a topic that would be better discussed during contract negotiations with our union employees.

MOTIONS:

TIMBERIDGE LUXURY APARTMENTS SECURITY RELEASE #3

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Al Geosits, the Board accepted the written recommendation of the General Planning Engineer Steve Gitch, dated November 26, 2024 and authorized the reduction of $124,228.03 from the Timberidge Luxury Apartments letter of credit. Leaving a balance of $487,920.04 in the account. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

REQUEST TO USE FIRE POLICE

The Secretary received a request for the use of the North Whitehall Township Fire Police by the Faith Wesleyan Church to assist with traffic control for the annual Live Nativity Drive Thru event being held December 13, 14, and 15 from 7-9 pm. A Certificate of Insurance was received. Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the request to use the North Whitehall Township Fire Police was granted. Roll call: Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz- yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AUTHORIZATION TO DISTRIBUTE BUDGETED STIPENDS EMS

Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board approved the disbursement of the annual budgeted stipend for the Emergency Services Organizations as follows:

Laurys Station Vol Fire Co.	$11,960.00
Neffs Volunteer Fire Co.	$17,090.00
Tri Clover Vol Fire Co.	$13,302.50
Schnecksville Vol. Fire Co.	$19,065.00

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Township Manager Randy Cope gave a year end review of progress and accomplishments across all departments in the Township, and thanked staff for their hard work in 2024.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):

- Eugene Wolfgang, Faye Dr., Orefield, reminded everyone about the Tree Lighting Event happening at Kolapechka Park on December 3rd.
- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, inquired if the Township has received any complaints in regards to graffiti.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Koenig, Secretary/Deputy Treasurer