NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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OCTOBER 13, 2026

Chairman Dennis Klusaritz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. In attendance, were Supervisor Al Geosits, Supervisor Richard Semmel, Township Solicitor Rocco Beltrami, Engineer Dave Alban, Township Manager Randy Cope, Director of Operations Jeff Mouer, Director of Public Works Rick Holtzman, Director of Finance Seth O'Neill, Director of Grants, Preservation, and Trails Mike Kukitz, and Secretary/Deputy Treasurer Jessica Oswald.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. There was an executive session held on September 15 from 4:08 pm to 4:36 pm to receive legal advice regarding the TCNE appeal.
2. An additional executive session was held on October 13, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. to receive legal advice regarding the TCNE appeal and personnel matters.
3. There will be an Act 537 Board of Supervisors Workshop meeting held on November 2, 2026, at 5 PM.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Supervisor Geosits seconded by Supervisor Klusaritz, the minutes of the September 14, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting were approved. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Supervisor Klusaritz, seconded by Supervisor Geosits, the September 2026 treasurer's report and checks # 21675 – 21756 were approved as presented. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 10-13-26 GEIGER DRIVE ROAD DEDICATION

Upon motion by Supervisor Klusaritz, seconded by Supervisor Semmel, the Board approved Resolution 10-13-26 accepting a deed of dedication for the Right-of-Way of Geiger Drive located within the Parkland Pointe Subdivision as a roadway for public use and authorizing Township officials to perform any and all actions necessary to accomplish such acceptance. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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RESOLUTION 10-13-26A BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS TO CAPITAL FUND
Upon motion by Supervisor Geosits, seconded by Supervisor Semmel, the Board approved Resolution 10-13-26A approving several appropriations to the Capital Fund. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 10-13-26B EMERGENCY RESPONDER STIPEND PROGRAM REVISION
Upon motion by Supervisor Klusaritz, seconded by Supervisor Semmel, the Board approved Resolution 10-13-26B revising the provisions of the Emergency Responder Stipend Program, previously established by Resolution 11-01-21 adopted on November 1, 2021. Roll call – Supervisors Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits – yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 10-13-26C TIMBERIDGE CENTER DRIVE ROAD DEDICATION
Upon motion by Supervisor Klusaritz, seconded by Supervisor Semmel, the Board approved Resolution 10-13-26C conditionally accepting a deed of dedication for the right-of-way of Timberidge Town Center Drive located within the Timberidge Subdivision (Phase II) as a roadway for public use and authorizing Township Officials to perform any and all actions necessary to accomplish such acceptance. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 10-13-26D COPEECHAN ASA
Upon motion by Supervisor Klusaritz, seconded by Supervisor Semmel, the Board approved Resolution 10-13-26D. Resolution 10-13-26D approves the addition of the following properties for a total of 32.512 acres +/- to the Agricultural Security Area created by Ordinance 1190-1, 1993-2, and 1996-2.

Copeechan Fish & Game Club	4460 Washington St.
	4364 Washington St.
	4545 Copeechan Rd.
	4546 Copeechan Rd.

Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits – yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 10-13-26E AUTHORIZE REIMBURSEMENT OF PRIOR EXPENDITURES
Upon motion by Supervisor Geosits, seconded by Supervisor Klusaritz, the Board approved Resolution 10-13-26E. Resolution 10-13-26E authorizes the reimbursement of prior expenditures of funds from the proceeds of a tax-exempt bond/note to be issued for the financing of certain capital projects. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes.

- Bob Allen, Donna Dr., Inquired what checks and balances would be in place to ensure proper oversight of expenditures paid without prior approval under this resolution. Additionally, asked whether the resolution would apply to all projects or only to a specific project.

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MOTIONS:

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE PROPOSED OPEN SPACE EIT ORDINANCE 2026-12
Upon motion by Supervisor Semmel, seconded by Supervisor Geosits, the Board authorized Township staff to advertise proposed Ordinance 2026-12 Open Space EIT Ordinance. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

- Heather Skorinko, Clearview Road, Coplay, asked to make it known that if the EIT tax is approved the additional Farmland Preservation tax will become null and void.

AUTHORIZTION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE 2026-13 AUTHORIZATION TO REPEAL THE STREET LIGHT TAX ORDINANCE
Upon motion by Supervisor Klusaritz, seconded by Supervisor Geosits, the Board authorized staff to advertise proposed Ordinance 2026-13, repealing the Street Light Tax Ordinance and absorbing subsequent assets into the General Fund. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel - abstain. There were no public comments on this item.

TIMBERIDGE APARTMENTS PHASE II FINANCIAL SECURITY RELEASE #2
Upon motion by Supervisor Geosits, seconded by Supervisor Klusaritz, the Board accepted the written recommendation of the general planning engineer dated September 8, 2026, to reduce the Timberidge Apartments Phase II line of credit in the amount of $312,994.63. The balance remaining in the line of credit after this reduction is $513,661.42. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

PARKLAND POINTE FINAL LINE OF CREDIT REDUCTION
Upon motion by Supervisor Klusaritz, seconded by Supervisor Geosits, the Board accepted the written recommendation of the general planning engineer dated September 8, 2026, to reduce the Parkland Pointe line of credit in the amount of $210,564.00. This reduction closes out the line of credit. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO ENGAGE MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL CONSULTANT
Upon motion by Supervisor Klusaritz, seconded by Supervisor Semmel, the Board authorized the Township Manager to engage PFM Financial Advisors LLC for municipal financial consulting services in the context of a possible financing of approved capital projects and to authorize the Township Manager and PFM to issue bank RFP's to receive quotes for a tax-exempt financing. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

GRISTMILL ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT BID AWARD
Upon motion by Supervisor Semmel, seconded by Supervisor Klusaritz, the Board awarded the Gristmill Road Bid to Dirt Work Solutions at their low bid price of $258,457.28. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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YARD WASTE SITE IMPROVEMENTS BID AWARD
Upon motion by Supervisor Klusaritz, seconded by Supervisor Geosits, the Board awarded the Yard Waste Site Improvements Bid and all three alternate bids to Semmel Excavating, LLC at their low bid price of 890,013.79. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AWARD OF THE MULTI TOWNSHIP SALT BID
Upon motion by Supervisor Geosits, seconded by Supervisor Geosits, the Board ratified the award of the multi-township contract for Sodium Chloride for the 2026/2027 season to Eastern Salt Company, at their low bid price of $87.90 per ton delivered as needed. This contract was bid in conjunction with neighboring Townships and awarded by South Whitehall Township. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes.

- Bill Moyer, Donna Dr., asked how many tons the Township generally spreads over a normal winter.

APPOINTMENT OF A CPA AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE
Upon motion by Supervisor Geosits, seconded by Supervisor Semmel, the Board authorized Township Staff to advertise a notice that the North Whitehall Township Board of Supervisors intends to appoint Campbell, Rappold, and Yurasits as a certified accounting firm to conduct the North Whitehall Township fiscal year 2026 Audit. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- **Important Dates**
  Board of Supervisors Special Meeting – Tuesday, October 20th, at 5 PM;
  Zoning Hearing Board – Wednesday, October 21st, at 7 PM (**CANCELLED)**
  Planning Commission – Tuesday, October 27th, at 7 PM;
  Election Day – Tuesday, November 3rd
  Board of Supervisors – Monday, November 9th, at 7 PM
- **Neffs Valley Park** - Phase 1 of the project has been completed and the park is now open to public access. The project included relocating the parking area to Park Valley Road, installation of a 10' wide paved pedestrian walkway and landscaping throughout the park. Phase 2 will begin sometime in the spring or early summer and will include additional paving of trails, streambank restoration and a new pedestrian footbridge across the Coplay Creek.
- **Independence Park** - The township recently received a $250,000 grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to support park renovations. Renovations include a new playground and a pump tract for cyclists. We are still awaiting the announcement of an additional $250,000 grant from DCED which we hope to hear about prior to the end of the year. These improvements will likely occur in 2028/2029.
- **Farmland/Open Space Preservation Tour** - On Thursday, October 8, individuals from the Farmland/Open Space Preservation Board, Planning Commission and Recreation Board got a tour of the township to specifically look at existing open space and landowners interested in preservation.

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- **Leaf Collection** - Public Works crews started today canvasing the township looking for heavy leaf areas and will begin the week of October 19 township wide.
- **Township Golf Tournament** - The 2nd annual township golf tournament was an overwhelming success, raising over $28,000 to support our local state police. There were 128 registered golfers. Special thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers who made this year's event possible.
- **Upcoming Recreation Events** -
  1. Senior Day - Thursday, October 15 @ 11:00am (Union Lutheran Church)
  2. Fall Foliage Jam - Thursday, October 15 @ 6:00pm (Schnecksville FC)
  3. Trunk-or-Treat - Friday, October 16 @ 5:30pm (Kolapechka Park)
  4. Trick-or-Treat - Friday, October 30 @ 6:00pm (Township Wide)
  5. Veterans Day Luncheon - Wednesday, November 11 @ 11:00am (Union Lutheran Church)

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):

- Bill Moyer, Donna Dr., inquired if the EIT tax referendum will help to stop data centers from being built in the Township.
- Supervisor Richard Semmel asked Township Manager Randy Cope to convey the remarks provided by Lt. Troutman of the Pennsylvania State Police at the Township Golf Tournament. Township Manager Randy Cope gave an overview of Lt. Troutman's remarks, which consisted of recent success stories with respect to law enforcement efforts aided by Flock Cameras located within the Township.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Oswald, Secretary/Deputy Treasurer