



**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
LCCC CAMPUS - LISA JANE SCHELLER COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER  
JULY 7, 2025**

Chairman Dennis Klusaritz called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. In attendance were Supervisors Ronald J. Heintzelman and Al Geosits, Solicitor Thomas Dinkelacker, Manager Randy Cope, Director of Operations Jeff Mouer, Engineers Steve Gitch and Dave Alban, GIS Manager Heather Willever, Director of Public Works Rick Holtzman, Director of Finance/Treasurer Seth O'Neill, Director of Grants, Preservation, and Trails Mike Kukitz, Township Planner Kevin Murphy, and Secretary/Deputy Treasurer Jess Koenig.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. An executive session was held Monday July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM to discuss local agency law appeal involving Mr. Kenneth Gilbert and potential threats of litigation involving Mr. Dennis Atiyeh.
2. A budget workshop meeting will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at Neffs Fire Co., located at 3755 Park Ave, Neffs, Pa 18065.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting of June 2, 2025 were approved. Roll call: Dennis Klusaritz - yes; Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Al Geosits, the June Treasurer's report and checks # 20300 – 20390 were approved as presented. Roll call: Dennis Klusaritz – yes; Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. John Carson – Township Building Renovation update
  - Mike Basta, Crestwood Dr., Schnecksville, inquired what the original budget was for the Township Building Renovation project.

**DISCUSSIONS:**

1. Engineering for Gristmill Road bridge and Rockdale Road bridge #104
  - Tom VanVreede, Church Dr., Coplay, asked for the projected length of time for the engineering to be completed for this project.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business

**PUBLIC HEARING :**

Chairman Dennis Klusaritz recessed the regular meeting and turned the proceedings over to Attorney Dinkelacker in order to conduct a hearing for a Street Light Assessment Appeal.

Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board continued the Street Light Assessment Appeal for Kenneth D Gilbert, 5119 Church Dr., PIN #558029542344 and 5030 Egypt Rd., PIN #558039385849 to the August 4, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting. Roll call: Dennis Klusaritz - yes; Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

Attorney Dinkelacker resumed the regular meeting.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCES:**

**DEBT ORDINANCE 2025-2**

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Al Geosits, the Board adopted proposed Debt Ordinance 2025-2 authoring and securing the issuance of a note, in the maximum principal amount of \$922,742.44 pursuant to the Pennsylvania local government unit debt act, to procure communications equipment through the bulk purchasing program of county of Lehigh, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; accepting a note purchase proposal; setting forth the substantial form of the note; pledging the full faith, credit, and taxing power of this Township to secure such note; creating a sinking fund and appointing a sinking fund depository; and authorizing related action. Roll call: Dennis Klusaritz - yes; Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION 07-07-25**

**COPLAY APARTMENTS LAND DEVELOPMENT  
FINAL APPROVAL**

Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board approved Resolution 07-07-25, conditionally approving the Coplay Apartments Land Development Plan as final. Roll call: Dennis Klusaritz - yes; Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**RESOLUTION 07-07-25A**

**EAST PENN SELF STORAGE PRELIMINARY/FINAL**

Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board approved Resolution 07-07-25A revising Resolution 04-03-23A to conditionally approve the revised preliminary/final land development plan for Bellante Properties D/B/A East Penn Self Storage. Roll call: Dennis Klusaritz - yes; Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**RESOLUTION 07-07-25B**

**TIMBERIDGE APARTMENTS II – SEWER PLANNING MODULE**

Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board tabled Resolution 07-07-25B approving the Timberidge Apartments II sewage facility planning module. Roll call: Dennis Klusaritz - yes; Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**RESOLUTION 07-07-25C**

**MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Al Geosits, the Board approved Resolution 07-07-25C approving an omnibus 2025 budget adjustment, revising revenue estimates and appropriations across all funds and authorizing supplemental appropriations and transfer within accounts in accordance with section 3202 of the Second-Class Township Code. Roll call: Dennis Klusaritz - yes; Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, inquired if we are preserving less farmland in 2025.

**RESOLUTION 07-07-25D**

**DCED MULTIMODAL ROCKDALE ROAD BRIDGE GRANT**

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Al Geosits, the Board approved Resolution 07-07-25D authorizing the submission of a Department of Community and Economic Development Multimodal Transportation Fund Program grant to undertake the project known as Rockdale Road Bridge – North Whitehall Township. Roll call: Dennis Klusaritz - yes; Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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**MOTIONS:**

**ROCKDALE ROAD BRIDGE GRANT**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MATCHING FUNDS COMMITMENT LETTER**

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Al Geosits, the Board authorized the Township Manager to execute the Rockdale Road Bridge matching funds commitment letter. Roll call: Dennis Klusaritz - yes; Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE**

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the Township Secretary to advertise the Emergency Operations Plan. Roll call: Dennis Klusaritz - yes; Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were on public comments on this item.

**RADIO REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE**

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the Township Manager to execute the Radio Reimbursement Agreement with Northern Valley Emergency Medical Services, subject to minor revisions by the Township Solicitor. Roll call: Dennis Klusaritz - yes; Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**PAVEMENT CONDITION ASSESSMENT**

**AWARD CONTRACT**

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Al Geosits, the Board awarded a one-year contract to Cyvl Inc. for Pavement Condition Assessment services. This partnership will provide a comprehensive understanding of the Township's road conditions and support informed decision-making for future budgets and workflow planning. Roll call: Dennis Klusaritz - yes; Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**STAFF PROMOTION**

**PUBLIC WORKS TEAM LEADER**

Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board approved the promotion of Public Works Crew member Ryan Eisenhard to Public Works Projects Team Leader. Roll call: Dennis Klusaritz - yes; Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**SALE OF TRUCKS #5 AND #9**

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Al Geosits, the Board authorized the sale of Truck #5 and Truck #9 to Lynn Township for a total purchase price of \$50,000.00. In the event the sale to Lynn Township does not proceed, the Board further authorized the sale of the trucks via public auction on Municibid with a reserve price of \$50,000. Roll call: Dennis Klusaritz - yes; Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**TIMBERIDGE PHASE I LETTER OF CREDIT**

**REDUCTION #6**

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board accepted the written recommendation of Keystone Consulting Engineers, dated June 26, 2025, and authorized the reduction of \$149,113.12 from the Timberidge Phase I letter of credit. Roll call: Dennis Klusaritz - yes; Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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**MOTIONS CONT'D**

**AUTHORIZATION TO USE FIRE POLICE**

**ANNUAL FALL BASH**

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the use of the North Whitehall Township Fire Police as mutual aid for parking and traffic control for the New Tripoli Fire Company "Annal Fall Bash" event being held on September 20, 2025. Roll call: Dennis Klusaritz - yes; Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**AUTHORIZATION TO USE FIRE POLICE**

**QUADZILLA 15K EVENT**

Upon motion by Al Geosits, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board authorized the use of the North Whitehall Township Fire Police for parking and traffic control for the Quadzilla 15k event being held on July 20, 2025. Roll call: Dennis Klusaritz - yes; Al Geosits - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes.

- Margaret Forgosh, Jonathan Ct., Orefield, asked if the Fire Police get paid for traffic control services.

**PSATS SUPERVISOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR LOST WAGES**

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the full reimbursement of lost wages to Supervisor Al Geosits, for a total of 16 hours lost wages, for attendance of the PSATS convention May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Roll call: Dennis Klusaritz - yes; Al Geosits - abstain; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DISTRIBUTE BUDGETED ALLOCATIONS**

**EMS & SENIOR CLUBS**

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board ratified the 2025 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

The Emergency Services Organizations will receive the full balance of their 2025 allocations  
\$76,000.00 to Northern Valley Ambulance Corp.

\$62,500.00 to each of the four fire companies

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

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Important Dates:
  - Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board – Thursday, July 10 at 7:00 PM;
  - Zoning Hearing Board - Wednesday, July 16 at 7:00 PM – Cancelled;
  - Summer Concert – Friday, July 18 at 6:00 PM;
  - Planning Commission – Tuesday, July 22 at 7:00 PM;
  - Board of Supervisors – Monday, August 4 at 7:00 PM
- Township Building Renovation – Report provided by John Carson of The Pelorous Group.

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- Junior First Responder Camp – The sold out weeklong camp began July 7<sup>th</sup> for children ages 10-15. The program showcases great community cooperation between all four fire companies and teaches youth about firefighting and prevention habits through games, lectures, and activities. The kids learn some CPR and get to try on some fire gear. This is also a great recruitment opportunity to hopefully get the next generation interested in volunteering at their local fire company.
- Summer Playground Program – Overall, there are 230 children enrolled in this year's program.
- Farmland Preservation – The Township and Lehigh County recently preserved the Muth farm along Coplay Creek Road. This 77.49 acres adjoins the previously preserved Semmel Farm. A special thanks to the Muth Family and Lehigh County for helping to preserve this critical farm.
- Pickleball Courts at Independence – The pickleball courts at Independence are nearing completion and be open to the public. The color coating is complete, and the fence should be completed by the end of the week. There will still be some landscaping and seating amenities installed at a later date.
- Tannery Swale – The swale restoration work that intersects Tannery Road is currently underway. This project helps to reduce sediment into our waterways and gives us significant credits to be used for our MS4 programs.
- Flock Cameras – Over the next month, you may notice 9 cameras getting installed. As a reminder, these cameras are not being used for everyday speeding or unregistered vehicles. These cameras are being used for serious criminal violations and have been proving effective in many jurisdictions. The Township is participating in a pilot program to gather data. In October, we will be running a golf tournament to help offset the cost of these cameras and get them permanently installed. Overall, these will help make NWT a safer place.
- The new Swap Loader truck has finally been received! This is the truck we have been waiting almost 3 years for. The truck will be used for flushing storm and sanitary sewer systems and leaf collection throughout the township.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items)**

- Heather Skorinko, Clearview Rd., Coplay, expressed concern about the Craft Distillery Ordinance and said it should be revisited to make the process more attainable for residents.
- Luke Walters, N 22<sup>nd</sup> St., South Whitehall Township, Sue McGory, Skytop Court, Lowhill Township, Joann Yurconic, Snyders Church Rd., Bath, Joshua Hahn, Mountain View Dr., Northampton County, Andrea Valarde, Manor Rd., Schnecksville, Lawrence Balsamy, Balsalm Ct., Center Valley, Kelly Sullivan, Buck Run, Schnecksville, Donna Schappell, Stahley Dr., Schnecksville, David Bollinger, Walnut Dr., Schnecksville, Ed Noga, Oakhill Rd., Emmaus, and Ashley Schappell, North Whitehall Township, expressed concern about the implications and reasoning behind the Zoning Hearing Board's decision in the case of Gene Weierbach, citing potential impacts on township zoning integrity and future land use precedent.

**ADJOURNMENT**      Meeting adjourned 9:21 PM.