



**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2026**

Chairman Dennis Klusaritz called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. In attendance were Supervisor Al Geosits, Supervisor Richard Semmel, Township Manager Randy Cope, Director of Operations Jeff Mouer, Director of Public Works Rick Holtzman, Director of Finance/Treasurer Seth O'Neill, Director of Grants Preservation and Trails Mike Kukitz, Fire Code Administrator Jim Steward, and Secretary/Deputy Treasurer Jessica Oswald.

NEW BUSINESS:

2027 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Discussion of the Proposed 2027 budget, Township Manager Randy Cope gave a synopsis the of the following funds: Street Light Fund, Recreation Fund, Farmland Fund, Traffic Fund, Sewer Fund, Fire Fund, Equipment Fund, ESLT Fund, Liquid Fuels Fund, and Capital Fund.

Township Manager Randy Cope, and Director of Finance Seth O'Neill presented the option of subsidizing the Street Light Fund into the General Fund and discontinuing the Street Light Tax.

- Brian Horwith, Springfield Drive, Coplay, inquired about the number of households in the Township and expressed his support for using General Fund revenues to subsidize the Street Light Fund.
- Donna Kumernitsky, Township Tax Collector, stated that the Street Light Tax is a matter she often receives complaints about from residents.

In discussion of the Farmland Fund, Township Manager Randy Cope, asked for the Boards opinion on how the Township move forward with the current .1% Farmland Tax if the EIT Referendum passes.

- Donna Kumernitsky, Township Tax Collector, stated that residents have expressed concerns that imposing the proposed Earned Income Tax in addition to the existing 0.1% Farmland Tax could be perceived as the Township "double dipping."
- Brian Horwith, Springfield Drive, Coplay, inquired about the location of the Loomis property during the review of budgeted expenses for 2027. He also asked whether payments for the Steward property are currently being made in installments. Additionally, Mr. Horwith stated that the public may perceive the Township's 0.1% Farmland Tax and the newly added Earned Income Tax as "double dipping." Although he acknowledged that this perception may be difficult to change, he encouraged the Township to clearly communicate this if this is not its intent.

In discussion of the ESLT Fund there was a public comment.

- Brian Horwith, asked what drives LST and why the property owners are not responsible for this.

During discussion of the Capital Fund, multiple options for the completion of and the financing and payment options of the new Yard Waste Site project were discussed.

- Donna Kumernitsky, Township Tax Collector, expressed the opinion that if we build a pole barn at the new yard waste site, she didn't believe it would be practical to keep all of our equipment there, because in the event of something like a fire, all of the Township's equipment would be lost at one time.

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Township Manager, Randy Cope, gave a synopsis of changes that were made to the proposed General Fund budget since the previous budget meeting in August. Options for a possible new personnel position within the Township were also discussed.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: No comments from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Oswald, Secretary/Deputy Treasurer