

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meetings of January 4, 2021 were approved. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Municipal Offices will be closed Monday, February 15th for the Presidents' Day Holiday.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Mark Hills, the January Treasurer's report and the register of checks # 15804-15888 were approved as presented. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

PINE STREET

ROAD CLOSURE AND DETOUR

Mr. Garges presented the proposed Pine Street closure between Walnut Drive and Cobbler Road, for the installation of sewer lines. The Board reviewed the proposed action plan and the planned detour, as outlined in the plan for Fairland Farms III. Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board approved the temporary closure of Pine Street on the following conditions:

1. The Developer shall notify all property owners along Pine Street;
2. The Developer shall secure a Letter of Credit;
3. The Developer shall execute a Preconstruction Agreement to the satisfaction of the Solicitor; and
4. The Developer shall provide a phone number for an on-site contact person.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

- Sarit Laschinsky, Parkland Press reporter, inquired which developer is initiating this project and which state roads were involved with the detour.

KORNFIED APARTMENTS

TIME EXTENSION

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board accepted an extension of 120 days, until June 13, 2021, in order for the Board to review the Plan of Kornfiend Apartments. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT #2

**NORTH VALLEY TRADE CENTER OFFSITE
IMPROVEMENTS**

An application for reimbursement of \$83,372.42 has been submitted from TCNE NW Development LLC. for the offsite improvements on Independence and the intersection of Independence and Pennsylvania Drive. Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board approved the second reimbursement application. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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TAX COLLECTOR APPOINTMENT

Mr. Garges introduced David Druckenmiller as the proposed Tax Collector. Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Mark Hills, David Druckenmiller was appointed to fulfill the unexpired term of the Terri Blazofsky and collect Real Estate Taxes, Street Light Taxes, and to bill interims until December 31, 2021. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 02-01-2021

TAX COLLECTOR COMPENSATION 2022

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, Resolution 02-01-21 was adopted. Resolution 02-01-21 establishes the commission paid to the elected Tax Collector pursuant to the provisions of the local tax collection law. The rate of compensation shall be \$3.50 per property bill actually collected. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RELEASE OF ESCROWS FOR LEGAL & ENGINEERING

After consultation with the Solicitor and the General Planning Engineer, Treasurer Brenda Norder recommended the following escrows for legal and engineering be returned:

5759 Kernsville	\$ 2,252.25
George Husack	\$ 1,666.00

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board authorized the Treasurer to return the escrow balances. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

APPLICATION TO JOIN NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA

The Secretary received the following proposal for addition to the North Whitehall Township Agricultural Security Area:

Edwin & Susan Gardner Jr.	Lands along Bellview Rd.	17.124 acres
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AUTHORIZATION TO DISTRIBUTE BUDGETED ALLOCATIONS

Supervisor Heintzelman stated that he would abstain because of his association with the Schnecksville Fire Company. Supervisor Klusaritz stated he was also a Life-Time Members of all the fire companies but has no conflict of interest that would require him to abstain from voting. Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Treasurer is authorized to distribute the following 2021-budgeted allocations:

\$500.00 to the Ironton Rail-Trail Oversight Commission,
\$2,600.00 to the Upper Lehigh Historical Society's Schneck House.

The emergency services organizations will receive ½ of their allocation. The other half will be distributed later in the year after receiving required reports.

\$31,000.00 to Northern Valley Ambulance Corp,
\$19,668.75 to each of the four fire companies.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE DCED CONTRACT

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board authorized Secretary Brenda Norder and Manager Chris Garges to electronically execute DCED Contract #C000075648 for a \$68,000.00 Security and Technology Upgrade Grant under the Department of Community & Economic Development Initiatives Program. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Garges announced the following:

- A Conditional Use Hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors for the Strawberry Acres Active Adult Retirement Community on February 18th at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Login details will be posted on the Township's website and Facebook page.
- The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on February 3rd and 17th at 7:30 PM.

Supervisor Klusaritz noted that there was good information in the recent PSATS magazine regarding zoning issues and asked the manager to give the zoning personnel copies of the information. Supervisor Klusaritz also asked for a list of the candidates vying for the Farmland Preservation Board opening and for an update on the properties that have been flagged as being in poor condition.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Atty. Young reported that the court hearing on the sewer enforcement action for the Mauser Street property concluded and resulted in a \$5,000.00 fine and restitution of pumping and court costs to the township.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF AGENDA SUBMISSION TIME

Supervisor Heintzelman noted that he was contacted by Larry Turoscy of Lehigh Engineering Associates regarding a waiver request for the Sketch Plan of the Quarry Street Apartments. Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board granted a waiver from the submission date requirement in order that they may be placed on the agenda for the February Planning Commission Meeting. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items): There were no comments

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer