

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MARCH 5, 2018**

Chairman Ronald J. Heintzelman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. In attendance were Supervisors Mark Hills and Dennis Klusaritz, Attorney Lisa A. Young, Manager Jeff Bartlett 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 Meeting of February 5, 2018 were approved. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. A request for bids for various aggregates and paving materials has been advertised and bids will be publicly opened on March 20<sup>th</sup> at approximately 8:45 AM.
2. The Municipal Offices will be closed Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> for the Good Friday Holiday.
3. Tires will not be accepted for recycling until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
4. Daylight saving time begins on Sunday.
5. Supervisor Heintzelman reminded the audience that there is a 5 minute time limit on public comment by any one person. He also asked everyone commenting to give their name and address before speaking.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the February Treasurer's report and the register of checks # 12870-12974 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:**

Supervisor Hills brought up a prior request, from St. John's Church in Laurys Station, for signage along Rising Sun Road. They are requesting signs indicating the church driveway as a hidden driveway for both the east and west bound lanes of Rising Sun Rd.

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board approved signs to be installed on Rising Sun Rd. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE 2018-1**

**AMENDMENTS TO BURNING ORDINANCE**

Supervisor Heintzelman recessed the regular meeting in order to conduct a Public Hearing to hear comments on the proposed Ordinance 2018-1. Ordinance 2018-1 amends Ordinance 2008-2, amending and clarifying regulations and restrictions regarding burning. Atty. Young noted that the Ordinance was duly advertised and gave a brief synopsis of Ordinance 2018-2. A stenographer recorded the proceedings; a copy of the transcript of the hearing shall be placed in the Minute Book.

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board adopted Ordinance 2018-2. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

- Jim Steward, Neffs Fire Co. Fire Chief, commented on the need for this ordinance and noted that the ESO recommended 20' from a structure, vehicle or combustible materials,



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- Mr. Bartlett announced the creation of a Farmland Preservation Committee. Anyone interested on serving on this committee should send a letter to the Board indicating their interest.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** No report.

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

- Dan Nemeth, Clearview Rd., Coplay, stated that several residents along Clearview Road have warned the Board about the severe erosion that is compromising trees and telephone poles and now several trees have fallen on wires due to the recent storm.
- Robin Hood, Laurys Station Fire Co. Fire Chief stated that PPL has been notified 4 times about the situation.
- Paul Mantz, Clearview Rd., Coplay, also noted there is a lot of debris on Clearview Road.
- Ronald Roth, Rt 309, Schnecksville, asked who is in line to replace Garry Remaley as Public Works Director.
- William Smith, Creekside Dr., Coplay, informed the Board that he removed his trampoline from the township's property as per the Zoning Notice he received but asked why the sheds, in the same area, haven't been removed.
- Ron Reeves, Creekside Dr., Coplay, noted he complained about the sheds and other items placed in the riparian buffer 2 years ago and wondered what the time line for compliance is for those property owners.
- Dan Linchuk, Shady Lane, Orefield, spoke to the Board regarding the continuing problem with water runoff causing erosion and damage to his property. Supervisor Klusaritz stated he was in favor of the township helping to remediate the problem.
- Pat Carl, Shady Lane, Orefield, noted that the eroded area is very dangerous and was concerned someone could be killed if it were to collapse. Supervisor Hills apologized to Mr. Carl for misspeaking at last month's meeting regarding his answer about the MS4 program.
- Garry Remaley, Terrace Dr., Neffs, stated that the township will open a can of worms if they do remediation on private property.
- Randy and Shelly Frey, Crest St., Coplay, asked for guidance and suggestions from the Board regarding their failing septic drain field. He asked if they would be able to connect to the public sewer line at Kornfiends and what would be the cost of that extension.
- Leonard Nuss, Old Post Rd., Coplay, stated there is a project in the works on Levans Road that would require some of the sewerage capacity that is left from the Ormrod Project.

**SAND SPRING APARTMENTS WEST                      SKETCH**

Jeff Johnson presented a sketch plan of the proposed Sand Spring Apartments West to the Board for suggestions and comments. The Applicant presented his reasons for not making Colleen Drive a through street, citing narrow winding roads, congestion and speeding problems.

**ADJOURNMENT**      Meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer