

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
AUGUST 6, 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 Dennis Klusaritz, and Mark Hills, 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 July 2, 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. The Township Offices will be closed Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Labor Day Holiday. Due to the holiday, the Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
2. Boy Scout William Barrett, from Troop 57, attended the meeting as a requirement toward earning the Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the July Treasurer's report was approved as presented and the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks #13323-13409. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PARKLAND HOLLOW MINOR RESUBDIVISION EXTENSION OF TIME**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board accepted an extension of time, until November 14, 2018, in order for the Board to review the Plan of Parkland Hollow Minor Resubdivision. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LCTI WELDING LAB PRELIMINARY/FINAL & WAIVER REQUESTS**

Dan Kotran and Kevin Markell presented the LCTI Welding Lab Plan to the Board. Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, this Plan was tabled until the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**LCCC VET TECH FACILITY PRELIMINARY/FINAL & WAIVER REQUESTS**

Tom Deily and Carl Peckitt presented the LCCC Vet Tech Facility to the Board. Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Mark Hills, this Plan was tabled until the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**MOTION-** Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board waived the requirement for an Improvements Agreement for this Plan. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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**MS4 PUBLIC EDUCATION PRESENTATION**

Township Engineer Bernard Telatovich gave an educational presentation on the requirements of the MS4 program. Mr. Telatovich noted that the permit is now in effect and the township is making progress in several of the 6 minimum control measures required of the township by DEP. The township is mandated to reduce the sediments in streams and creeks over the next 5 years.

- Jim Morris, Riverview Rd., Slatington, noted that not many of the township's streams and creeks have names. He suggested that the township identify and name all streams. He also expressed his concern about the sediment load going into the Rockdale Creek and the algae growth on several ponds.
- Kathleen Jones, 5717 Rt. 873, Neffs, commented on the water runoff on state road 873.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Supervisor Mark Hills presented reports from the Recreation Board and the Emergency Services Organization.

- The Recreation Board has requested to be more involved in the planning and decisions regarding the parks and recreation events.
- The fire companies have requested permission to use township barricades and signs during road closures.
- ESO also voiced concerns about group homes, limiting the hours for the use of fireworks, requiring lock boxes on all businesses and the status of the revisions needed to the current burning ordinance.
- ESO also suggested the township host an appreciation event to honor the first responders in the township.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Mr. Bartlett noted that motorists should not be driving around any barricades on flooded roads.
- He gave an update on the current paving projects.
- Mr. Bartlett announced that NOVA will have a truck dedication event Tuesday at 6 PM for their 3 new ambulances.
- He presented a synopsis on proposed zoning changes for parking of commercial trucks, trailers and RVs and placement of residential accessory structures.

**MOTION-** Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board authorized the advertisement of a hearing for the proposed ordinance changes. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- Atty. Young presented the following extension of time offers for the Board to consider:

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board accepted an extension of time, until January 5, 2019, in order for the Board to review the Plan of The Ridings at Parkland Subdivision. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board accepted an extension of time for 90 days, in order for the Planning Commission to review the Plan of Net Zero. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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*SOLICITOR'S REPORT continued . . .*

- Atty. Young announced the Farmland Preservation Committee meeting time and dates. The Committee shall meet quarterly on the second Thursday in January (1/10), April (4/11), July (7/11) and October (10/10) at 7:30 PM. Those dates will be noted in the annual advertising of meetings in January of 2019.

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

- Tom Meyer, 4919 Clauss Rd., Schnecksville, recommended posting the new state restrictions on fireworks on the website and in the newsletter. He voiced his concerns about the reckless use of fireworks in his neighborhood.
- Eric Anthony, 4689 Colleen Dr., Schnecksville, asked the township to contact PADOT regarding the inability of motorists to pull out from township roads onto Route 309 in the vicinity of the Sand Spring Rd. to Route 873 corridor. He feels there should be some way to control breaks in the traffic flow. He also inquired about the status of the abandoned Valero gas station. It has become a blighted area.
- Kathleen Jones, 5717 Rt. 873, Neffs, asked what the township is doing about the 2 properties in Neffs, along Rt. 873, that are in deplorable condition.
- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, reported that there was a sizable hole in the road at Orefield Road and Rt. 309.

**ADJOURNMENT**      Meeting adjourned at 9:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer