

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MARCH 6, 2017**

Chairman Ronald J. Heintzelman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence. In attendance were Supervisors Steve Pany, and Mark Hills, Attorney Lisa A. Young, Manager Jeff Bartlett and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting of February 6, 2017 were approved. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - 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 20th at approximately 8:45 AM.
2. The Board received a thank you note from the IRT Commission for their annual allocation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the February Treasurer's report and the register of checks # 11757-11836 were approved as presented. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

NOVA DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION INTRODUCTION

Kristie Wilk, the new Director of Administration for the Northern Valley Ambulance Corps, introduced herself to the Board and thanked them for the first installment of the Corps' allocation. She also reported on the number of calls for 2017 to date.

WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY TRAIL CROSSING

Mr. Bartlett announced that the Conservancy will appear at a later date to discuss relocating a trail crossing on Old Packhouse Road after their sight distance study is completed.

RELEASE OF ESCROWS FOR LEGAL & ENGINEERING

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

Dalla's Machine	\$6,107.50 + Recreation & Impact funds	\$3,938.00
Hadeed/Hahn	1,065.00	
Sand Spring Estates	3,875.05	
Kolbe	8,093.00	

Dalla's Machine, Hadeed/Hahn and Sand Spring Estates also stated that they wish to withdraw their plans. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board authorized the Treasurer to return the escrow balances and accepted the 3 plan withdrawals. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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REQUEST TO WITHDRAW LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN HOFFMAN/GROSS

An email, dated February 19, 2017, was received from Ms. Julie Hoffman stating that she wishes to withdraw her lot consolidation plan as she will not be moving forward with the plan. Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Steve Pany, the Board accepted the plan withdrawal request. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RELEASE OF FIRE ESCROW TOMCICS

After confirmation of site inspection by the Zoning Officer, Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder recommended the following fire escrow be returned:

Tomcics \$4,000.00

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

LOCATION OF IRT PAVILION

Ray Deutsch, Ray Bieak and Paul Mantz, representing the Ironton Rail Trail Commission, appeared before the Board to discuss the relocation of the proposed trailhead pavilion. In addition, they discussed a possible 85/15% match mini grant from DCED to pay for the pavilion. The Township will coordinate the bid process for the procurement and construction of the pavilion. Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board approved the new location of the proposed IRT pavilion. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - no. Motion carried. There were no public comments on this item.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Mr. Bartlett discussed the possibility of using a summer intern from Lafayette University to assist the township in GIS mapping for MS4 data.
- He noted that the ball fields are not ready to be used. Teams have been notified that there is no practice allowed at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Atty. Young distributed the first working draft of a portion of the proposed property maintenance ordinance for Board review.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):

- Ken Cressman, Roberts Rd., Schnecksville, voiced his concerns about the staging area for construction equipment and materials on the parking lot of the Neffs-Laurys soccer fields. He feels that in addition to being an eye-sore, it poses a safety issue when the fields are in use.
- Nick Felegy, Tri Clover Rd., Orefield, inquired about the violation notice he submitted.
- Bob McDonald, Manor Rd., Schnecksville, complained about the neglected condition of a neighbor's property and stated that the neighbor parks on both sides of the street causing a dangerous walking and driving condition.
- Jim Morris, Riverview Rd., Slatington, presented his opinion of the Governor's proposal to charge townships without police a per capita surcharge.

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COMMENTS continued . . .

- Matt Parr, Johan Scholvinck and Frank Driesbach, all of Loral Lane, Orefield, inquired about the status of their complaint regarding another neighbor who is blocking the turn-around in their cul-de-sac and it is creating a safety hazard in their opinion.
- Jeff Johnson, Old Mile Hill Rd, Orefield, inquired about the following items: how to request the return of his improvements escrow for Valley Road Estates; a swale on Independence Drive that is overgrown with trees causing a washout in his field; how sight distance is calculated at intersections and suggested Tannery and Bellview and Tri Clover and Kernsville intersections should be checked; the status of remediating the storm water runoff into his fields from Roberts Road; and noted that the residents and developer of Colleen Drive have not responded to a letter sent by his attorney regarding the encroachment on his fields.
- Dick Getz, Mauch Chunk Rd., asked about the status of the 45 MPH speed limit on Mauch Chunk Road.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer