

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
JULY 12, 2021**

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, Twp. Engineer Steve Gitch, Attorney Lisa A. Young, Township Manager Chris Garges, Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder, and Administrative Assistant Jessica Koenig.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting of June 7, 2021 and minutes of the bid openings of June 28, 2021 were approved. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the June Treasurer's report and checks #16251-16323 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: None

NEW BUSINESS:

TIMBERIDGE LUXURY APARTMENTS

WAIVER REQUEST

Atty Erich Shoch and Engineer Lew Rauch, on behalf of the Timberidge Luxury Apartments, requested the following waiver:

1. A waiver of SALDO Appendix F.04.F - to allow basin side slopes to be increased to 4 horizontal to 1 vertical.
- The Applicant agreed to install a fence around the basin.

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board granted the request. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

- Brian Horwith, Planning Commission, noted that the Planning Commission had recommended fencing.

TIMBERIDGE LUXURY APARTMENTS

LAND DEVELOPMENT FINAL

Atty Erich Shoch and Engineer Lew Rauch, on behalf of the Timberidge Luxury Apartments, presented the Plan to the Board. Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Plan was approved as a Final subject to the following conditions:

1. The Developer shall comply with the recommendations contained in the letter from the General Planning Engineer and Sewage Enforcement Officer dated June 17, 2021.
2. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Zoning Officer dated June 16, 2021.
3. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations of the Planning Commission Meeting of June 22, 2021.
4. The Developer shall comply with all of the provisions contained in the Planning Administrators checklist dated June 24, 2021.

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

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KUZMA MINOR SUBDIVISION

WAIVER REQUESTS

Michael A. Houston, on behalf of the Kuzma Minor Subdivision, requested the following waivers:

1. Waiver of SALDO Section 602A.2 - A final plan shall be submitted only after a Preliminary Plan has been approved by the Planning Commission and the Supervisors.
2. Waiver of SALDO Section 503 D.2 - Identification of any slopes of 15-25% and greater than 25% by shading respective area on plan.

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board granted the request. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

KUZMA MINOR SUBDIVISION

PRELIMINARY/FINAL

Michael A. Houston, on behalf of the Kuzma Minor Subdivision Plan, presented the Plan to the Board. Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Plan was approved as a Preliminary/Final subject to the following conditions:

1. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the General Planning Engineer and Sewage Enforcement Officer dated June 17, 2021.
2. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Zoning Officer dated June 16, 2021.
3. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations of the Planning Commission Meeting of June 22, 2021.
4. The Developer shall comply with all of the provisions contained in the Planning Administrators checklist dated June 24, 2021.

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

KERNSVILLE ROAD TRUSS BRIDGE REHAB PROJECT

PRESENTATION

Jeremey Crawford and Rick Stanger, on behalf of PADOT, appeared before the Board, to present the Kernsville Road Truss Bridge rehabilitation project, introduce the project to the public, as well as retain feedback.

- Val Strock, Parkland School District, informed them that school will start on the last week of August.
- Robert Heilman, Jordan Rd, Orefield, inquired about the amount of excavation on the west side and if the bridge will be widened.
- Brian Neas, TriClover Fire Co. Chief, asked if the project could keep one-lane open at a time for emergency response.
- Supervisor Hills asked what will be the life span of the bridge after rehabilitation.
- Brian Horwith, Springfield Dr., Coplay, asked what is the current life span.
- Supervisor Klusaritz inquired if the neighboring townships and Mr. Jaindl were notified and what is the posted weight limit of the bridge.
- Val Strock, Parkland School District, asked if this project will take place at the same time as the rehabilitation project of Tilghman Street.
- State Rep. Gary Day inquired about the following issues: the decision to rehab rather than replace the bridge, the distance of the concrete approaches, and stated he would prefer the bridge be replaced without an overhead structure.
- Brad Petrehoy, Shankweiler Rd., Orefield, asked what was the time span the bridge would be unavailable to EMS and could it be open for west bound emergency access.

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AWARD OF BID

PROPANE FUEL

After review of the bids the Solicitor recommended to award the bid to EF Laudenslager. Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the contract for the 2021-2022 propane fuel was awarded to EF Laudenslager at their low bid price of \$1.4513/gallon. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RELEASE OF TEMPORARY C/O ESCROWS

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the Treasurer to return the temporary C/O escrows, of \$1,000.00 for:

4064 Bluestem Dr.

4658 Hillside Rd.

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

RESOLUTION 07-12-21

**REORGANIZATION OF FARMLAND & OPEN SPACE
PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, Resolution 07-12-21 was adopted. Resolution 07-12-21 sets term limits and reorganizes the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee to recommend plans, policies and programs for the promotion, selection and retention of farmland and open space land preservation within the Township. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

- Heather Skorinko, Clearview Rd., Coplay, offered comments in support of farmland preservation.
- Brian Horwith, Springfield Dr., Coplay, asked for a summary of the resolution.

REQUEST FOR ROAD SIGN

MAPLE STREET & LEVANS ROAD

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Manager is authorized to compose a letter to PennDot requesting permission to erect a sign denoting 'Intersection Ahead' at Maple Street and Levans Road. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

JAINDL'S VIEWS AT FELLS CREEK

TIME EXTENSION

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board accepted an extension of time, until September 14, 2021, in order for the Board of Supervisors to review the Plan. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 07-12-21A

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE 2021 BUDGET

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, Resolution 07-12-21A was adopted. Resolution 07-12-21A provides for creation of a new fund and supplemental appropriations for the 2021 budget. 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

- Routes 329/873 Intersection Improvements Discussion-Mr. Garges introduced proposed improvement sketches for the Board's consideration to improve the Rts 329/873 intersection. Further discussion and community input will be forthcoming.
 - Jim Steward, Neffs Fire Co. Chief, commented that Park Avenue must be taken into consideration with any improvements to the 329/873 intersection.
- Mr. Garges announced that the township is soliciting public opinions via a survey regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update.
- The Manager will contact the PA State Police, asking for assistance with the speeding on Shankweiler Rd, in response to a resident's letter.
- Supervisor Klusaritz asked Mr. Garges to notify The Public Works Department about the overgrown vegetation at Shankweiler Rd.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- **ROAD NAME CHANGE RENAMING OF NORTH VALLEY DRIVE**

Attorney Young presented a proposal for a road name change for North Valley Drive. This proposal will change the name of North Valley Drive to Independence Drive East. This is an effort to facilitate improving GPS and Google Maps directions for the industrial center. The Developer will amend the appropriate plan pages and re-record them. Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board accepted the proposal. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

 - Brad Petrehoy, Shankweiler Rd., Orefield, asked if the Board would consider the name Independence Court,
 - Supervisor Klusaritz inquired about the other temporary directional signs.
 - George Laigaie, representing Tremmel-Crow, commented on the temporary signage to direct traffic to the industrial complex.
- Atty. Young requested authorization to move forward with injunctive and other legal relief regarding the Rt. 873 arborvitae issue. Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board approved enforcement proceedings. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.
- Atty. Young requested authorization to move forward with the lot line plan that will amend the right-of-way issue involving Timberidge and Egypt Auto's frontage. Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board approved plan execution proceedings. 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): None

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer