



**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
AUGUST 29, 2023**

Chairman Al Geosits called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. In attendance, were Supervisor Dennis Klusaritz, Supervisor Ronald J. Heintzelman, Township Manager Randy Cope, Attorney Rocco Beltrami, Director of Finance/Treasurer Seth O'Neill, and Secretary/Deputy Treasurer Jessica Koenig.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2024 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Discussion of the Proposed 2024, Township Manager Randy Cope gave a brief overview of the proposed 2024 Capital Fund Budget needs as well as other 2024 Budget priorities.

- Jim Steward, Neffs Fire Co. Chief, inquired about funding for emergency services.

Township Manager Randy Cope alerted the Supervisors to the fact that the agenda needed to be amended to add a motion to authorize the Township Manager to execute a written extension for the due diligence period provided for in the Agreement of Sale between the Township and Grange related to the Grange property located at 3257 PA Route 873. The Township Manager and the Township Solicitor then explained to the Board the reasons for the agenda change, i.e., evolving discussions between the Township Solicitor's office and counsel for the Grange related to closing on the sale transaction, the results of the Township's Phase I report indicated the potential for the existence of an underground storage tank necessitating further environmental testing to be performed, the engagement of a consultant to perform the same, and the need to extend the due diligence period prior to the Board's next meeting on September 11, because the due diligence period is set to expire on September 09.

**MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA FOR 08/29 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO EXECUTE A WRITTEN EXTENSION OF THE DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD PROVIDED FOR IN THE AGREEMENT OF SALE BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND THE SCHNECKSVILLE GRANGE NO. 1684 HOME ASSOCIATION**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz the Board approved amending the August 29, 2023 agenda. Roll call: Al Geosits – yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman – yes; Dennis Klusaritz – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO EXECUTE A WRITTEN TIME EXTENSION FOR THE DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD PROVIDED FOR IN THE AGREEMENT OF SALE BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND THE SCHNECKSVILLE GRANGE NO. 1684 HOME ASSOCIATION DATED MAY 10, 2023, FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5327 PA ROUTE 873, SCHNECKSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, 18078, EXTENDING THE SAME UP TO, BUT NOT EXCEEDING, NOVEMBER 07, 2023, AND, IF THE GRANGE DOES NOT AGREE TO SUCH EXTENSION, THEN TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT OF SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS TERMS**

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Al Geosits, the Board authorized the Township Manger to execute a written extension for the due diligence period provided for in the Agreement of Sale between the Township and The Grange related to the Grange Property located at 3257 PA Route 873. Roll call: Al Geosits – yes, Ronald J. Heintzelman – yes, Dennis Klusaritz – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

The Board held an informational session for the purpose of receiving legal advice from the Solicitor related to collection of the Township's Local Services Tax. The informational session began at 7:12 p.m., and ended at 7:21 p.m.

The Board then went into executive session for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real property (5327 PA Route 873). The executive session began at 7:22 p.m. and ended at 7:40 p.m.

Immediately after the executive session, Chairman Al Geosits called the regular meeting back to order, and the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Koenig, Secretary/Deputy Treasurer