



**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026**

Chairman Dennis Klusaritz called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. In attendance, were Supervisor Al Geosits, Supervisor Richard Semmel, Township Solicitor Tom Dinkelacker, Engineer Dave Alban, Director of Operations Jeff Mouer, Director of Public Works Rick Holtzman, Director of Finance Seth O'Neill, Director of Grants, Preservation, and Trails Mike Kukitz, Kevin Murphy Township Planner, and Fire Code Administrator Jim Steward.

This meeting is being recorded. Upon approval of the minutes by the Board of Supervisors the electronic recording file will be destroyed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. An executive session was held on 9/9/26 after the Budget Workshop meeting to discuss personnel matters.
2. There was an executive session held on September 14th, 2026, prior to the regular meeting to discuss real property and Nexus 78 litigation matters.
3. Township Offices will be closed Monday, October 12, 2026, in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.
4. The October Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 7 PM.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Supervisor Semmel, seconded by Supervisor Geosits, the minutes of the August 10, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting and the September 9, 2026, Budget Workshop meeting were approved. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - abstained; Supervisor Geosits - yes ; Supervisor Semmel – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Supervisor Geosits, seconded by Supervisor Semmel, the August 2026 treasurer's report and checks # 21583 – 21674 were approved as presented. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes.

- Michael Basta, 3924 Crestwood Drive, Schnecksville – Thanked Finance Director for the accurate and thorough report.
- Thomas VanVreede, 5027 Church Road – How the townships finances compare to surrounding municipalities.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Act 537 Update Presentation – Barry Issett, Andrea Martin – Project Manager
 - Jim Wilson, Allied Utility Services – The sewer systems were presented as privately owned, how many are actually private and how many are public utility owned? Allied Utility would like to be a part of the 537-plan moving forward.
 - Michael Basta – How can North Whitehall Township prevent sewage pollution?
2. Fire Inspection Report – Jim Steward, Fire Code Administrator
 - Dennis Atiah, 5828 Park Valley Road – Stated that people and small businesses are struggling due to Covid and the economy and asked that our Fire Inspector keep that in mind.

- Heather Skorinko, 1932 Clearview Road – This area has a lot of Agricultural Security Areas and preservation already and hopefully these properties will be preserved in the future.

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MOTIONS:

VISTAS AT PARK VALLEY

WATER LINE WAIVER

Upon motion by Supervisor Klusaritz, seconded by Supervisor Semmel the Board denied the requested waiver of SALDO Section 375-74-1.E(s). Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - no; Supervisor Semmel - yes.

- Lew Rauch, Lehigh Engineering – Presented
- Brian Horwith – Stated that there is a rule or law in place and that stands whether we agree with it or not. When this topic was presented to the Planning Commission, it was clear that a connection is required via SALDO which is why the Planning Commission recommended to deny waiver request.
- Dennis Atiah – There are roads to nowhere like Scott Road. This project should be considered to improve the roads and create a throw road making traffic flow smoother and safer.
- Mark Leuthe – The water company are the ones who benefit the most from this. There should be a mandatory water hookup for any homes along future water line extensions.
- Heather Skorinko – A neighbor of ours had to pay for a water line and they were just a private resident, not a developer.

TIMBERIDGE SEWER SYSTEM

Upon motion by Supervisor Semmel, seconded by Supervisor Klusaritz, the Board authorized Township staff, Township solicitor, and Township consultant, PFM Financial Advisors, LLC, to commence the due diligence process, and, as appropriate, begin consideration and preparation of a draft asset purchase agreement in connection with the Request for Qualifications, released on June 22, 2026, relating to the possible sale of a Township-owned sanitary sewer collection system consisting of underground lines and appurtenances thereto and serving generally, the Timberidge and Ormrod communities. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RETAINING WALL MATERIAL BID

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE

Upon motion by Supervisor Klusaritz, seconded by Supervisor Semmel, the Board authorized the advertisement of the Retaining Wall Material Bid. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes.

- Heather Skorinko – what type of block are you looking for?

YARD WASTE SITE BID

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE

Upon motion by Supervisor Klusaritz, seconded by Supervisor Semmel, the Board authorized the advertisement of the Yard Waste Site Bid. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ORD 2026-11 AMENDMENT TO NUISANCE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE

Upon motion by Supervisor Semmel, seconded by Supervisor Klusaritz, the Board authorized Township staff to advertise proposed Ordinance 2026-11, Amendment to the Nuisance Ordinance. Roll call: Supervisor Klusaritz - yes; Supervisor Geosits - yes; Supervisor Semmel - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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MANAGER'S REPORT:

Phase 1 of the Neffs Valley Park project is underway, and phase 2 is planned for the Spring of 2027.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items): There were no comments from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Kukitz, Director of Grants, Preservation, & Trails