

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011**

Chairman Ronald E. Stahley called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and roll call. In attendance were Supervisors Jerry Joseph, Ronald J. Heintzelman, Attorney Lisa Young, and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the minutes of the following meetings were approved as presented: 1. September 6, 2011, Board of Supervisors Meeting. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Township Offices will be closed Monday, October 10th for the Columbus Day Holiday.
2. The Board held an Executive Session on September 20, 2011 to discuss matters of personnel, real estate and litigation.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, had the following comments or questions: What is the percentage of State Police fines does the township receive, does the township own a truck with a crane that can be used to lift grates and suggested that the Board ask future applicants to recess so that the Board can strategize during the meeting without them present.
- Jeanene Bauer, Orefield, as a representative of Voice of the Jordan, requested that the Board visit the Zoning Hearing Board meeting to petition the relocation of the proposed sewage plant and seek the opinion of a certified sanitation engineer and DEP.
- Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, asked the Board to make sure the effluent coming out of the proposed sewage plant is fit to discharge into the Jordan Creek.
- Ed Zeigler, Slatington, Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, and Jeanene Bauer, Orefield, had questions regarding the Schlicher and Rex covered bridges.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks # 5331-5380. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2011-5 ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Chairman Stahley recessed the regular meeting in order to conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed adoption of Ordinance 2011-5, an ordinance establishing the position and term of office of township manager, qualifications, compensation, responsibilities and duties. Attorney Lisa Young gave a brief update. Atty. Young noted that the Ordinance was duly advertised.

Supervisor Stahley then opened the floor to comments from the audience. Discussion ensued and was recorded by a stenographer. A copy of the transcript of the hearing shall be placed in the Minute Book.

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Board adopted Ordinance 2011-5. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes. The Ordinance will become effective within 5 days of adoption. Chairman Stahley adjourned the Public Hearing.

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BROOK HILL ESTATES

REDUCTION OF LETTER OF CREDIT

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Board accepted the written recommendation of the General Planning Engineer Stephen Gitch, dated August 31, 2011 and authorized the release of \$ 2,520.00 from the Maintenance and Improvements Letter of Credit for Brook Hill Estates, leaving a balance of \$ 138,426.00 in the account. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes.

- Don Travis, Slatington, inquired is the township acting like a bank for the developer and will the township lose its leverage over the developer by reducing the letter of credit.

AUTHORIZED SOLICITOR TO REPRESENT TOWNSHIP AT ZONING HEARING BOARD

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Jerry Joseph, the Board approved the Zoning Officer's request to have the Solicitor represent the township's interests at a Zoning Hearing appeal regarding Treichlers Commons LLC a/k/a Terry Vandling. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes.

- Leonard Nuss, Coplay, asked what is the name of the development.

AUTHORIZED TOWNSHIP MANAGER ADVERTISING AND PROCURMENT OF BACKGROUND CHECK SERVICES

Upon motion by Jerry Joseph, seconded by Ronald E. Stahley, the Board authorized the advertisement of the township manager position and authorized the Secretary to secure the services for a background investigator. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes. There were no public comments on this item.

LETTER OF OPINION

Upon motion by Ronald E. Stahley, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board requested a Letter of Opinion from the Solicitor regarding the issue of whether or not the Board of Supervisors should appear at a meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board. Roll call: Jerry Joseph - yes; Ronald E. Stahley - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman -yes.

- Samantha Neas, Schnecksville, inquired if the Board could attend as township residents.
- Jeanene Bauer, Orefield, commented that all 3 Boards should act in a cooperative effort for the residents.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Michael Kondravy, Allentown, Jeanene Bauer, Orefield, Leonard Nuss, Coplay, Ronald Roth, Schnecksville, and Mark Hills, Laurys Station, all commented on the sound system and the difficulty to hear at some Board meetings.
- Jeff Barber, Slatington, asked for an update on the Manchester Place issue.

COMMUNICATIONS

Pesticide Registry & PSATS News Bulletin

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 9:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer