

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>ROBERT HARVIE, JR., CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>JONATHAN SNIPES, VICE-CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>JEFFRY DENCE, SECRETARY-TREASURER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>JEFFREY ROCCO, SUPERVISOR</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>BRIAN GALLOWAY, SUPERVISOR</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

Chairman Harvie gave an update on Chief Wilcox who was involved in a recent traffic accident in Warminster. The chief's car did get totaled, but we are very thankful the injuries Chief Wilcox received were not more serious than they were. Chairman Harvie wished Chief Wilcox a speedy recovery.

**ITEM # 1 PUBLIC COMMENT – FIVE MINUTE LIMIT PER PERSON  
FORTY-FIVE MINUTE MAXIMUM**

Mr. Roland Kenney said about five months ago, he asked that something be done about speeding motorists on Pennsylvania Avenue. The police department put up the speed enforcement trailer and it did help for a while, but the problem continues. Mr. Kenney asked if the police could bring the trailer back. Chairman Harvie asked Lt. Todd Pletnick to look into this matter. Mr. Kenney said one of his neighbors asked him to ask about the timeframe for the installation of FIOS at the Avenrowe development. Chairman Harvie said we cannot control how fast Verizon comes in. About four years ago, Verizon's plan was to be in all of Falls Township in eighteen months. From everything we are hearing, people are not buying it at a high enough rate for Verizon to come out to install it everywhere. They are a private company and it is Verizon's decision when and where they go. Mr. Kenney wished Chief Wilcox a full recovery. He said Falls Township Police Department and Middletown Police Department are the best in the state of Pennsylvania. Mr. Kenney said a lot of the Middletown police officers were trained by Chief Wilcox. Mr. Kenney said another police officer was killed in Philadelphia. Mr. Kenney said we have a Governor who will sign a warrant for the death penalty. Mr. Kenney wants criminals to leave our police and firemen alone.

Mr. Guido Mariani spoke about the five-year Public Works agreement. He said they pay 5% toward their healthcare costs. Mr. Mariani asked for the cost of the healthcare benefit. Manager Gray said it depends on what type of plan they have. Mr. Mariani asked which

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retirement system they are in. Manager Gray said the Public Works are in the PRS system. Mr. Mariani said there are different plans within that system. He thinks we need to be a little more careful since these agreements are for five years. Mr. Mariani wants the township to get closer to industry standards. He asked that the board please consider expanding the tax base. He feels this is very important.

Mr. Andy Dell said he saw Chief Wilcox a couple of days after his accident and, all things considered, he looked pretty good. Mr. Dell reminded the board about his comments about the sod from the last meeting, especially since they will probably need to replace another police car. Mr. Dell said when you see the news, you hear about a lot of municipalities that are going bankrupt. Mr. Dell said that thankfully, we have Waste Management here but they will not be here forever. Mr. Dell asked if there is any idea of what the police department will purchase since the Crown Victoria cars are no longer available. Chairman Harvie said that is up to the police department and their discussions with the mechanics. Mr. Dell asked about the mosquito spraying. Chairman Harvie said we will talk about that more after public comment.

Mr. Edgar Lituma said there are teams that play spring and fall sports on the soccer fields. He said there are a lot of kids and adults who play every week and the fields are needed. Mr. Lituma asked about the bridge project on South Olds Boulevard. Chairman Harvie explained the reason for the delay. The bids that came in were much higher than we expected them to be and much higher than the engineer feels they should be. Unfortunately, we cannot control the bids that came in, but based on the cost analysis, the bids that came in were way too high. We are going out again for bids at the end of this week. Bids will be opened on September 14<sup>th</sup> and then at the second meeting in September, we hope to award the bid to someone. Mr. Lituma asked when the soccer field project would be started. Chairman Harvie said it should start in mid-September.

Mr. Gallus Obert said the agenda for the township meeting is one page. The agenda for the Pennsbury School District consists of a booklet. Mr. Obert would like to have available, several copies of printouts giving more information about each agenda item. Mr. Obert said there are quite a number of bus stops in the Pennsbury School District. He thinks some of these could be consolidated to save time and resources. Mr. Obert asked if any money has been spent deciding what to do with the township building. Manager Gray said so far about \$24,000 has been spent. Mr. Obert asked how much will be spent on this project. Chairman Harvie said so far they don't know because they have not yet finalized the plan. Mr. Obert asked if we pay taxes on this building. Chairman Harvie said no. Mr. Obert asked how much we pay the tax collector to collect the taxes. Chairman Harvie said the tax collector is paid based on the amount of taxes she collects. The amount is \$1.25 per parcel. The school district pays her a different amount and the county pays her a different amount. Mr. Obert asked how many tax parcels are in Falls Township. Chairman Harvie said there are about 13,000 tax parcels in the township. Mr. Obert asked if the boat ramp is completed and wanted to know the hours it is open. Chairman Harvie said the project is complete and the boat ramp is open 24 hours a day. Mr. Obert asked who polices the boat ramp. Chairman Harvie said park security and the police department both make routine rounds. Mr. Obert

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asked if there is a shack for a boat captain. Chairman Harvie said there is no boat captain, but there is a shed for some equipment. Mr. Obert asked who maintains the boat ramp. Chairman Harvie said the Public Works Department provides maintenance. Mr. Obert asked how many people are in the Public Works Department. Manager Gray said there are sixteen full-time employees and some part-time summer employees.

### **Mosquito Control**

Chairman Harvie said as township residents may have seen, it has been reported that there was a case of the West Nile Virus confirmed in an individual in Falls Township. The county sprayed a section of Falls Township last night. Over the past month, Manager Gray has been working with Clarke Mosquito Company to coordinate their efforts and do what we can to limit the population of the mosquitos. Manager Gray gave an update on where they stand. The cost of the work is \$7,350. He asked the board to consider ratifying the agreement with the Clarke Mosquito Company. Mr. Jeff Hottenstein is present to answer any questions the board may have. Mr. Hottenstein gave information the Clarke Company. The company originated in the Chicago area. They have offices in Pennsylvania, Florida, Virginia, and they are working in Dallas. They have been in business since 1946. Mr. Hottenstein said he has been working with the company since 1996. They coordinate with the Pennsylvania Health Department and DEP. They will set CO2-baited traps. They will be adding a BG lure to try and catch the Asian mosquitos as well. They will test what they catch in the traps and then decide where and what type of spray they will use. They will also look for larvae mosquito habitats inside Falls Township and then treat them. Member Galloway asked about the type of mosquito that carries the West Nile Virus. Mr. Hottenstein gave information on the type of mosquito that carries the virus. This type of mosquito does very well in and around neighborhoods. It looks for any type of stagnant water. They primarily feed on birds early in the year and then in mid-July, when there are not as many birds, they look for alternate sources. The Asian Tiger mosquito is a very aggressive mosquito. They will bite even on the hottest days in the mid afternoon. They are probably not associated with West Nile transmission, basically because they prefer to feed on humans versus birds. Birds are a reservoir for the West Nile Virus. Member Galloway asked if there is more of a threat at sunset and sundown. Mr. Hottenstein said yes, they tend to be active right after dark and at dusk. Member Snipes asked Mr. Hottenstein to describe the program of catching and studying the mosquitos and what he hopes to find out. Mr. Hottenstein said they are looking at what types of mosquitos you have and they also look at habitats. Certain types of mosquitos tend to lay their eggs in certain habitats. One of the biggest breeders of the Asian Tiger mosquito is small containers in peoples' backyards. Member Snipes asked if the West Nile Virus is being spread from person to person. Mr. Hottenstein said there have been blood transfusions and organ transplants that transferred the West Nile Virus, but they now test for that before accepting blood. Member Snipes asked about symptoms of the West Nile Virus. Mr. Hottenstein said they are flu-like symptoms which may include headaches, nausea, sweating, high fever, some paralysis, a little bit of Parkinson's, and worse is encephalitis. Member Snipes asked about what they are spraying. Mr. Hottenstein said the product used to kill the adult mosquitos is used widely in public health and has been around for a long time. What has been sprayed by the

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county and the DEP is more aimed at adult larvae. Member Galloway asked about the life cycle of an adult mosquito. Mr. Hottenstein explained the life cycle of mosquitos. He said the longest they lived in the lab is 210 days. Member Dence asked if they spray for adults and larvae at the same time. Mr. Hottenstein said they can, if they find the larvae habitats. It is easiest to walk around in the woods during the day. Member Dence asked if there are other treatments they might be doing with streams. Mr. Hottenstein said if they find mosquitos they will treat the water as well. They will treat where they find the larvae. Where they spray will be based upon what they find and the numbers. Member Rocco asked what would be the time frame if they approve this tonight. Mr. Hottenstein said they will set traps and then make a decision as to where and when to spray based on what they find. Member Rocco asked how long the treatment would be effective. Mr. Hottenstein said it depends on rainfall. It would usually give 30 days of treatment. For the adults, the product they use is pretty much designed to go away after they spray. It kills the adult mosquitos at the time they spray. If you get another hatch or if they blow in from another area, those mosquitos would need to be treated as well. They will kill what is present, but you will have re-emergence or reinfestation that is out of your control. Mr. Hottenstein said mosquitos have a very small flight range. He said a lot of this is preventable. People should keep gutters clear, clean bird baths once a week, look for standing water on a tarp or rain barrel, and dump out flower pots if they hold water. Member Galloway said one of the areas he is concerned about is the Oxford Valley Elementary School because it borders a marshy area. He asked if this area could be a breeding ground for those mosquitos. Mr. Hottensetin said potentially, but not the Asian Tiger mosquito unless there is a water source. Chairman Harvie said the township is trying to coordinate with the county. They will definitely be looking at North Park and other areas to coordinate their efforts. Member Snipes moved to open public comment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Andy Dell said if Pennsbury treated around the tree line that would probably be sufficient. He asked if there is something on the website saying what people can buy to treat their yards. Chairman Harvie said a product such as Cutter would be something they would recommend. It won't last as long as more professional chemicals, but it should help. Chairman Harvie said one of the reasons why they are hiring this company is because we, as a township, are not permitted to go out and use these pesticides since we are not licensed to do so. This is why we are contracting with a professional firm. Mr. Dell asked who to call if there is a home with a pool containing stagnant water. Chairman Harvie said they are telling people to first contact the county because they have the ability to come out to spray almost immediately. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to approve for Clarke Mosquito Company to begin their work in Falls Township at the cost of \$7,350; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Chairman Harvie spoke about the areas in the township where there are drainage ditches and how people dump grass clippings, leaves, and trash. This is the kind of thing that causes problems such as stagnant water which can lead to a problem with mosquitos. Some things are inadvertent but if you are doing that kind of dumping, you are breaking the law and you should not be doing it.

**ITEM # 2 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF LEADS SOFTWARE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Manager Gray said the recently passed pawn shop ordinance requires the pawn shops to log items and report them to the police department. The police department is requesting to purchase a yearly subscription to the LEADS software program in the amount of \$4,378. Lt. Todd Pletnick said right now they pick up daily lists from the pawn shops. The lists are usually hand-written and the police do not know if items are stolen until they are long gone. Lt. Pletnick explained the capabilities of the LEADS software program. This is a real-time system which requires pawn shop owners to log in items on a daily basis. The police can check anything that has a serial number and they will know if the item was stolen. It takes away a lot of the time they are spending now logging things manually. It also checks the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). The power plus part of the system allows for monitoring certain drug purchases such as Sudafed which is used in meth labs. There is also a national search for scrap metal dealers, although our current ordinance does not track scrap dealers. If they get someone they suspect is stealing and scraping, and if a business is in the LEADS system, they can check that. Lt. Pletnick said it helps them investigate property crimes. Member Dence asked if the pawn shops and Cash for Gold business have to buy this software as well. Lt. Pletnick said no. Once the township signs the contract with LEADS, they send the startup package to him and then he distributes it to the pawn shops. Pawn shops are required under our ordinance to provide information on a daily basis. Companies are given an internet-based program to transfer information, etc. It allows them to track what is going in and out of a pawn shop. If they are looking at a person they can put that person into the LEADS system. If he pawns something anywhere in the United States, we can match them up. Member Rocco asked if homeowners should register items that have serial numbers. Lt. Pletnick said yes. So many items get stolen and people do not have the serial numbers of those items. Member Dence moved to approve the purchase of LEADS software for the one-year amount of \$4,378, renewable for three years at the same rate each year; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 3 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR LITTERING ORDINANCE REVISING CHAPTER 120, SECTION 6, OPTIONAL PAYMENT OF FINE**

Ms. Lauren Gallagher said under the current version of the ordinance, if you are cited for dumping or littering, rather than attending a hearing in front of the judge, you can pay a fine directly to the Township Manager and take care of the issue that way. Under the current ordinance, the option of the fine is \$10. The new updated optional payment of the fine is \$300. If you decide to take it to a hearing, it could end up being up to \$500 plus attorney fees and court costs. Member Galloway questioned the amount \$50 stated on the paperwork. Ms. Gallagher said there was a typo-graphical error and it should read \$300. Member Dence moved to open public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Andy Dell asked about the repeat offenders and if there is any way to track them. Chairman Harvie said he doesn't know of anywhere in the ordinance that deals with repeat offenders. Ms. Gallagher said that is something they could consider. Mr. Guido Mariani asked if this could read that they would have to pay the cost of

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the fine plus the cost of the cleanup, whatever that may be. Ms. Gallagher said the cost of the fine is meant to cover the cost of cleaning it up. Mr. Mariani said if someone dumps some caustic material, you won't be able to clean it up for \$300. Chairman Harvie said in terms of the optional payment, it doesn't give the township the ability to opt out. He wants to know if we, as a township, have the right to say no, that is not enough, we will take you to court. Ms. Gallagher said things of that nature would be covered under other provisions in the ordinance as well as state statutes and criminal statutes. There will be other provisions of the criminal code that would cover a lot of those situations. Member Galloway moved to close public comment; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to authorize advertisement of the littering ordinance revising Chapter 120, section 6, Optional Payment of Fine; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

### **ITEM # 4    CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE SIGN ORDINANCE REVISING CHAPTER 209, ZONING SECTION 45, SUBSECTION (5), OTHER RESTRICTIONS**

Mr. Tom Bennett said they are getting a lot of signs in the township where people are using a trailer or an old broken down vehicle or panel truck and putting a sign on it. This addresses those types of issues. If the sign is attached to a vehicle or trailer, it has to meet some conditions. The sole purpose cannot be for the sole display of the sign. It has to be registered and inspected. We currently have nothing in our sign ordinance which addresses a broken down vehicle or trailer being used as a sign. Member Dence and Member Rocco asked about the rules of this ordinance and if it is for something sitting in the same spot all the time. Mr. Bennett said they are not going out to go after someone who advertises on a business truck. They want to go after someone using a trailer as a sign. It cannot be for the sole purpose of being used as a sign. It is for something that sits continually and there are no inspection stickers on the window anymore; or it is a vehicle that someone puts out for advertisement. Ms. Gallagher said this will fall under the zoning code so it will be a zoning violation, not just a straight code violation. Member Snipes moved to authorize advertisement for the sign ordinance revising Chapter 209, Zoning Section 45, Subsection (5), Other Restrictions; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

### **ITEM # 5    CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR NO SMOKING AT THE TOWNSHIP PLAYGROUNDS AND PAVILLIONS**

Manager Gray said there are situations that occur in township parks. At these locations there may be smoking going on in playground areas. They propose an addition to Chapter 172 to include prohibiting smoking within 50 feet of the playground itself. This would be something that is posed by the Fire Marshal's office, wherever he deems necessary. Member Snipes had a question about pavilions and if people are having a private party. Would the party be no smoking? Member Dence asked if more than one group could be using a pavilion at the same time. Manager Gray said on occasion, yes. Member Rocco asked if this includes the skate park or dog park. Chairman Harvie asked if they want to extend it to include those places as well. Member Dence mentioned the hockey rink, ball

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fields, and basketball courts. Member Rocco wondered about how they would enforce this rule. Member Snipes asked if people would first get a warning or would they automatically get a fine of \$600. Member Dence said there was an incident where someone was smoking around a playground and the parent asked the person to not smoke. The person said no and then there was an incident. Chairman Harvie said our park security cannot issue a violation. If they ask someone not to smoke or to move and they do not, then the police can be called. Chairman Harvie said there are a couple of areas they can look at in terms of what to include. Any area would need to be added in the ordinance. It was suggested to leave it as playground and pavilions for now. Member Snipes moved to open public comment; Chairman Harvie seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Andy Dell said it gets to the point where one or two people have an issue. People smoke outside. No normal people blow smoke in a young person's face. He thinks this is another piece of paper and not worth the time and effort. He doesn't think this will be enforced and said it gets to the point where it is ridiculous. Mr. Guido Mariani asked why they don't try just putting up no smoking signs in places where we don't want people to smoke and let's do that instead of passing this ordinance. He thinks most people will cooperate. Chairman Harvie said he agrees, but we cannot enforce this unless it is an ordinance. Mr. Roland Kenney said to put the signs up and tell people to go someplace else to smoke. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to authorize advertisement for no smoking at the township playgrounds and pavilions; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 6 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE CHANGE TO THE UCC ORDINANCE**

Mr. Tom Bennett said they propose to add some wording at the end of the section were we adopted the Uniform Construction Code (UCC). It will clearly spell out that it would be a \$1,000 fine if there is a violation of the building code. It has always been the same, but you have to dig through the book to find it. Now it is clearly written. Mr. Bennett said an example of a violation would be if a business decided to expand their building and knocked out a wall without getting permits. Chairman Harvie asked if this is designed even if someone remodels their bathroom and doesn't put in an outlet the right way or is this more for a company who is building an addition. Mr. Bennett said it could be anything, but they are usually big projects. If we fine someone, it usually amounts to nothing because they correct the problem and come into compliance. Member Galloway moved to authorize advertisement for the change to the UCC ordinance; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 7 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 79, SECTION 5, AUTHORITY OF COMMISSION**

Manager Gray gave an explanation of the Shade Tree Ordinance change. At this time, the township does have a Shade Tree Commission and their primary responsibility is to review and make recommendations for the bare-root tree program. They will look at their scope of

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work that they do and possibly look at expanding their role. They may be asked to review some plans and look at the number and types of trees planned for various areas. Member Rocco doesn't want to see any pending projects be delayed due to this change. He asked who usually checks out trees on the plans. Mr. Sullivan said the applicant's landscape architect usually prepares the landscape plans and decides on the types of trees. Chairman Harvie said the Shade Tree Commission is usually not involved in projects for developers. They don't actually have the authority to deny a project, but they can review plans and give comments and recommendations. Chairman Harvie said it was the Eleanor Roosevelt project that raised concerns and something the board would like the Shade Tree members to have a say or role in. Manager Gray had a meeting with the Shade Tree Commission members about this and they are very excited to do this. Member Snipes moved to authorize advertisement for the Shade Tree Commission Ordinance amending Chapter 79, Section 5, Authority of Commission; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

### **ITEM # 8    CONSIDER AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD BID FOR THE PENNS GRANT TENNIS COURTS PROJECT**

Manager Gray said the township received a letter from T&M Associates dated August 15, 2012. T&M has reviewed the bids publicly opened on August 15, 2012. The bids are as follows: Gessler Construction Company in the amount of \$106,212.50 and General Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$116,608.45. Based on the bid evaluation, Gessler Construction Company is the lowest responsible bidder on this project. It is recommended that the Township Manager authorize the Township Engineer's office to issue a notice of intent to award the bid to Gessler Construction Company for the total bid in the amount of \$106,212.50. Mr. Sullivan said pending a successful review of the Responsible Contractor's Ordinance, they should finalize the award at the second meeting in September and they could start this project in late September or early October. Member Snipes asked how old the tennis courts are now. Mr. Sullivan and Member Dence said they are very old; maybe more than 26 years. Mr. Sullivan said we have no experience with Gessler Construction Company but he is fairly certain they will meet our Responsible Contractor's Ordinance. Chairman Harvie said the township will maintain these tennis courts. Mr. Sullivan said the budget was \$120,000 so we are about \$14,000 under budget. Member Galloway moved to authorize Manager Gray authorize the Township Engineer's office to issue the notice of intent to award the bid to Gessler Construction Company in the amount of \$116,608.45; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

### **ITEM # 9    CONSIDER FINALIZING THE AWARD FOR THE 2012 ROAD PROGRAM**

Manager Gray said T&M Associates has determined that General Asphalt Paving Company has sufficient record to justify finalizing the project award to General Asphalt Paving for the 2012 Road Program. Member Snipes moved to finalize the award for the 2012 Road Program to General Asphalt Paving Company; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)



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**ITEM # 10 CONSIDER FINALIZING THE AWARD FOR THE FALLS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK SOCCER FIELDS**

Member Galloway moved to finalize the award for the Falls Township Community Park soccer fields to Landmark Construction Services; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 11 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE THREE ARCHES**

Manager Gray said that T&M has solicited four contracting companies to obtain quotes for the front slate and rear brick patio re-construction at the Three Arches building on Trenton Road in Fairless Hills, PA. Two quotes were received as follows: Transatlantic Building Group in the amount of \$16,000 and General Asphalt Paving Company in the amount of \$15,285. Because this project is under the cost threshold to warrant a public bid, T&M recommends that General Asphalt Paving be contracted to perform the work associated with this project. Member Snipes asked if this is mostly around the front slate and rear patio area. He asked if anyone knew how old the existing slate and brick areas are. Mr. Sullivan said what was done previously was construction of a new brick walkway in the back. This is for the entrance to the rear of Three Arches and the path between the driveway and the portion of the patio. Also, the front walkway will be removed and rebuilt. Mr. Sullivan said this will provide better handicap accessibility to the building. Member Galloway moved to award the Three Arches improvement project to General Asphalt Paving Company in the amount of \$15,285; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 12 MINUTES – JULY 17, 2012**

There was a change to the soccer field vote at the bottom of page six of the minutes. Member Rocco voted no. Member Snipes moved to approve the amended minutes for July 17, 2012; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 13 ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Sullivan said the 2011 Road Program is substantially complete. With the landscape issue, they are growing grass between the curb and sidewalk and any other disturbed areas. As this is not a good time of the year to be growing grass, Mr. Sullivan asks residents to please be patient as they move along. The bus lane in front of the Valley Day School is complete. For the 2012 Road Program, they expect to start construction on September 10, 2012. Member Dence asked about construction at the ball field. Mr. Sullivan said they have some work that needs to be re-done. There is very little grass and most of the sod will need to be replaced. Mr. Sullivan said the contractor will clean most of it up as they are under obligation to fix all of that. Member Snipes asked about the water runoff from Freeman's Farm onto Falls Township properties at Hilltop. Mr. Sullivan said the applicant from Lower Makefield made some changes at our request to deal with this issue. Chairman Harvie asked if the utility pole at the Valley Day School had been removed. Mr. Sullivan

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said the utility pole has been relocated. Member Galloway moved to approve the July Engineer's Report; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

### **ITEM # 14 BILL LIST**

Member Galloway moved to approve the August 21, 2012 bill list in the amount of \$2,735,892.75; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

The board went into Executive Session at 9:03 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 9:56 p.m.

### **ITEM # 15 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Gallagher said that while in Executive Session the board discussed issues regarding labor contracts and a litigation matter.

### **ITEM # 16 MANAGER COMMENT**

1. Member Galloway moved to approve a time extension to December 31, 2012 for the Mercer Court townhouse project; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

### **ITEM # 17 BOARD COMMENT**

Chairman Harvie thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. He would like to ask board members to consider the building proposal. The architect Kimmel Bogrette is looking for a little bit of direction. Some things to consider are what to do with the budget. Member Dence said he personally liked the suggestion they recommended, option 4A, and opening up Lincoln Circle. He thinks we should start looking at their spreadsheet for what they requested and what they are basing their plan on. We should start talking with Mr. Kimmel to see what can be trimmed on the plan. Member Rocco said we have to look at the need and maybe try to come up with a reasonable square footage. He also likes option 4A. Member Galloway said they haven't produced the schedules yet which is where we will be able to call the shots on where the spending goes. He also favors option 4A. Chairman Harvie would like to look at square footage. Also, by opening it up to Lincoln Circle, we would have two ways in and out. Chairman Harvie and others suggested that Mr. Kimmel come back for the first meeting in September. They would like to look at some ideas and options of where they want to go and scale things down and see what they can do to control costs. Chairman Harvie said another issue he wanted to mention is Biles Island. The engineering firm, ACT Engineers, presented a concept master plan last year. They have done some work in terms of securing grant money from the state. We have had some discussions about the next step for Biles Island. ACT engineers has worked through the roughly \$40,000 we have given them. They will need some funding from us in order to do more work in terms of securing grants and starting to do some work in phase 1.

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These are decisions we have to make in terms of where they go next. Chairman Harvie suggested having them attend the first meeting in September. Board members were in agreement. Chairman Harvie also encouraged board members to call ACT Engineering and get more information. Chairman Harvie reminded the public that there are some very simple ways to control mosquitos. Take a look at your own property and make sure there is no standing water. Chairman Harvie said he will talk to other board members about trying to curb people from dumping.

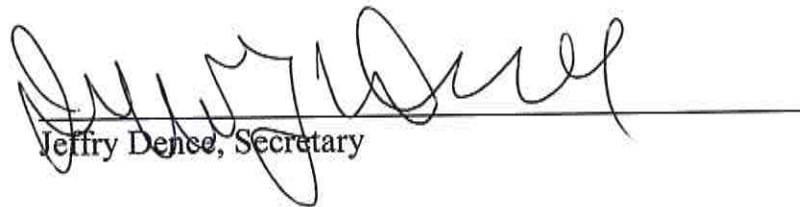
Member Snipes – no comment.

Member Dence – no comment.

Member Rocco said Mr. Obert had an interesting suggestion about providing some documentation for the public to review, about each agenda item. This will help the public be better informed when the board speaks about the agenda items. Chairman Harvie said it is a good idea and something they could possibly put on-line as well.

Member Galloway wished everyone a happy and safe Labor Day holiday.

Member Dence moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.



Jeffrey Dence, Secretary