

Board of Supervisors – January 20, 2015

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

ROBERT HARVIE, JR., CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JEFFRY DENCE, VICE-CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JEFFREY ROCCO, SECRETARY-TREASURER	PRESENT
BRIAN GALLOWAY, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT
JEFF BORASKI, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT

The meeting commenced at 7:10 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Police Chief Wilcox, Lt. Nelson Whitney, and Officer John Yeager were present for the graduation ceremony for the Citizens Police Academy. Chief Wilcox thanked the Board of Supervisors and Manager Gray as well as support staff for allowing them to run this program. He thanked the police officers for all of the hard work that goes into this. This program will be followed up with a youth police academy in the summertime. Lt. Whitney said they had eleven weeks of training and everyone did a very good job. Certificates were presented to the attendees of the Citizens Police Academy. The next session will start on February 25th.

PRESENTATION FOR THE 2014 HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Mr. Brian Andrews, Parks and Rec Director and Ms. Quinn Kelly presented certificates to the winners of the 2014 Holiday House Decorating Contest. A great job was done by all.

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

Ms. Madeleine Jones thanked the township for everything they have been doing. She appreciates the township listing on the government channel the highlights of the upcoming board meetings and said Parks and Rec will be listing their activities as well. Ms. Jones said she has requested to have the dates and times for other boards and committees also listed on the government channel.

ITEM # 2 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF LED STREET LIGHTS

Manager Gray said the township has a quote for the purchase of LED street lights in the amount of \$417,075 from Wesco. This purchase is through the Costars program. These are the cobra-head style lights and they will be assembled in Ohio. Member Galloway said they have been looking forward to getting these for quite some time. Member Dence said this is a project he supports 100%. These are LED lights and they will save a lot of money.

Board of Supervisors – January 20, 2015

Member Dence commented about having been told that these street lights would be manufactured in Pennsylvania and now they are being told they will come from Canada. Member Rocco said he feels moving forward with this is the right thing to do. The longer we wait to do this, the less savings we see and these street lights will make the township look nicer. Chairman Harvie said he appreciates the work Member Rocco put into this. This was something he was wrestling with, as to the manufacturer, but they feel this is something they should do. Member Dence moved to open public comment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Mike Lombardi asked about the location of the light manufacturer and how much money will be saved by manufacturing these lights elsewhere. Chairman Harvie explained how Phillips was phasing out of one model, which was manufactured in Pennsylvania, and moving to another type of street light which is being manufactured in Ohio. It was really about where the manufacturer was. Member Dence said a local company, Armour and Sons, will be doing the installation. Member Boraski said if they purchased these elsewhere or out of the country, it might be a little less expensive, but they are not willing to do that. Ms. Madeleine Jones asked if this purchase includes the head cover. Chairman Harvie said yes. Member Dence said it is one unit. There are a few of these lights on Olds Boulevard. Ms. Jones asked about the location of these lights. Chairman Harvie said there are a total of 2,168 street lights in Falls Township, all of which are being replaced. Some of these are already done. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Galloway moved to approve the purchase of streetlights from Wesco, in the amount of \$417,075; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 3 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Sullivan said the road program will finish all non-weather-related punch list items and then be back in the spring to do concrete work, landscaping, and driveways. Member Dence moved to approve the December 2014 Engineers Report dated January 16, 2015; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 4 BILL LIST

Member Boraski moved to approve the bill list dated January 20, 2015 in the amount of \$1,904,436.23; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 5 MINUTES – JANUARY 5, 2015

Member Dence moved to approve the January 5, 2015 minutes; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 6 EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an Executive Session held prior to tonight's meeting. Mr. Clarke said they board discussed matters of personnel and litigation.

ITEM # 7 MANAGER COMMENT

- A. There was a discussion about the annual maintenance contract with Ray Litwin in the amount of \$4,950. Member Boraski does not think it is worth renewing this contract. If something breaks, then we can get it fixed. Manager Gray listed all of the items that are included in the contract. Member Dence moved to table this item and look into this further; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- B. Member Dence moved to approve the Silvi project for 355 New Bold Road to February 28, 2015; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- C. Member Dence moved to approve the Premium Excavating project for 269 Canal Road to March 31, 2015; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- D. Member Galloway moved to authorize advertisement to ordinance amending Chapter 209 (Zoning), Section 50 (Special Exceptions and Conditional Uses), Sub-Section F (Additional Standards), Section 1 (Additional Service Stations); Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 8 BOARD COMMENT

Member Rocco announced that Falls Township has created a Facebook page. He suggested that people go to this page and click ‘like’ to stay on top of important announcements.

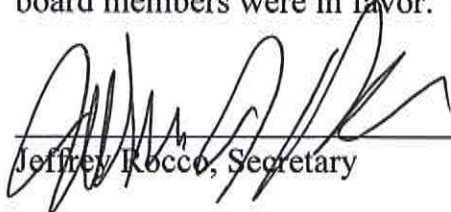
Member Boraski – no comment.

Member Dence – no comment.

Member Galloway – no comment.

Chairman Harvie spoke about the maps from FEMA. The township has tried everything they can to help residents in the township who have been placed in the flood zone and have been paying for flood insurance, even with no risk of flooding. The township was told that FEMA would be changing the maps. The six-month review will be up in March and we believe, at that time, most of the properties that are currently in the flood zone will be able to be removed from the 100-year flood zone so residents won’t have to keep paying for flood insurance. This is good news for a lot of residents. The township will notify residents and we will try to figure out exactly what we have to provide to residents. We are committed to finishing this as quickly as possible and making sure the residents aren’t being forced to pay thousands of dollars in flood insurance.

Member Galloway moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary