

**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 7:00 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 said they were originally going to have a citizen's police academy graduation ceremony this evening, but Officer John Yeager had a death in the family. The ceremony will be held at a later date. The board sends condolences to Officer Yeager and his family.

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

Mr. Roland Kenney asked about the Earned Income Tax (EIT). Chairman Harvie said as far as EIT, they did a study a couple of year ago. Based on that study, they decided not to enact the EIT. Falls Township taxes have stayed the same. Mr. Kenney said he is in favor of the New Falls Road sidewalks and using EIT funds to pay for them.

Mr. Michael Tadlock spoke about the proposed Elcon facility. He said it is less than 2 miles from the river. He said the board is being very silent on this. There are a lot of groups that object to this company coming in and then other people who are for it. He asked where the board stands on this and suggested passing a resolution in regard to this facility. Mr. Tadlock said there is a meeting on February 23rd at the Sheraton in regard to this Elcon facility.

Ms. Holly Harman is from Morrisville Boro and said she is also concerned about proposed construction of the Elcon plant. There is already a lot of truck and train traffic already and now with the hazardous product, it is even more of a concern. Ms. Harman trusts that you will act in the best interest of the residents of Falls Township and Morrisville and not approve this project.

Ms. Lisa Farrell said she is also against Elcon. There will be an Elcon-sponsored meeting at the Sheraton. Ms. Farrell spoke about past incidents involving a cargo ship that was grounded at the U.S. Steel site as well as a train derailment which happened last February. Right after that she checked the Elcon website and it said they weren't going to use train anymore. Ms. Farrell said she does not trust them. She doesn't know why that company would want to locate here near a river. Ms. Farrell said there is already a lot of manufacturing in this area and she is okay with that, but she is against having something as dangerous as this come into the area where so many lives could be affected by it.

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Chairman Harvie said there is a meeting on February 23rd at the Sheraton for them to get their DEP permits. They have to host public meetings, which is a DEP requirement. A lot of the issues people raise about the nature of transportation, how they process things on the site, as well as safety issues -- all of that is handled by the DEP. This is an area that has a lot of history. We work closely with DEP in this township. The fact that we know how they operate gives us confidence in their ability to operate with things like this. In terms of meetings, members of our Environmental Advisory Council have attended the meetings about Elcon. We are involved and we are very well aware of the project and keeping everyone in the loop.

ITEM # 2 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM S&S WILDLIFE FOR GEESE MANAGEMENT AT FALLS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK

Mr. Brian Andrews (Parks and Recreation Department) and Mr. Rick Shadel (S&S Wildlife) were here to speak about this program. Mr. Shadel provided information about past results on geese management and proposed plans for this year's program. Board members feel this is a worthwhile program and something that needs to be done. Member Boraski said he supports the idea of applying non-toxic chemicals on the field. Mr. Shadel said it is not a good idea to treat just one area; it all has to be done and you have to keep re-applying it. Manager Gray said last year \$24,059 was spent on this program. Chairman Harvie said they have heard continuing complaints in the area of Martha Drive/Martha Circle. Mr. Shadel said in that area they would do a lot of the same things as they currently do in the community park, and add some other techniques to disturb the geese. The proposed amount to manage this area is between \$7,000 and \$11,000. Board members would like the company that uses dogs to also look at this smaller area. Mr. Andrews will look into this option. Member Boraski asked about this going out to bid. Ms. Gallagher said they took a look this and because the nature of the service is highly specialized and it is different from provider to provider, this is put out as professional services. Member Rocco moved to open public comment; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Guido Mariani said he still encourages the township to treat the grass with the products that make the geese sick to their stomach. He believes this will be the best way to control the geese. Mr. Mariani also suggested the use of certain type of plantings and use of other techniques in the park to make it difficult for the geese to get around. Mr. Mariani has a suggestion on how to eliminate the geese population if the board opts to look into that. He distributed information to the board. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to approve parts 1 and 2 of the proposal dated January 28, 2016 in an amount NTE \$30,225, subject to finalization of indemnification by the solicitor's office; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 3 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Member Rocco moved to approve the purchase of a 2016 Dodge Caravan, as per the CoStars quote, for the Parks and Recreation Department and in the amount of \$22,070.75; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 4 CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR PORTABLE RESTROOM SERVICES AT TOWNSHIP FACILITIES

Manager Gray said the township has secured three quotes for portable toilet services at the township parks for the 2016 season. The quotes are: Johnny on the Spot (\$52.50/month per standard restroom unit & \$77.75/month per handicap accessible unit); George Allen Portable Toilets (\$70/month per standard restroom unit & \$78/month per handicap accessible unit); and Rinehart's Sanitation Services (\$84.72/month per standard restroom unit & \$95.32/month per handicap accessible unit). Member Boraski pointed out that for this item, we have three quotes and we also do that for landscaping, but not for geese management. Member Rocco moved to approve the quote from Johnny on the Spot (\$52.50/month per standard restroom unit & \$77.75/month per handicap accessible unit) for portable restroom services at township facilities; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR LANDSCAPING SERVICES AT TOWNSHIP FACILITIES

Member Boraski asked about extending the scope of work for more than one year instead of having to go out for bid every year. Ms. Gallagher said the board can award this for one year as a base bid and then have the option of adding multiple years; up to three years. Minor changes can be taken care of with a change order. Member Galloway moved to authorize advertisement for landscaping services at township facilities according to the board's discussion for up to three years; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 6 MINUTES – JANUARY 18, 2016

Member Dence said he watched the video of the meeting. Member Rocco moved to approve the minutes from January 18, 2016; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 7 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Harvie said prior to the meeting, the board discussed a couple of personnel issues.

ITEM # 8 MANAGER COMMENT

- A. Member Boraski moved to ratify the township's state of emergency from 9 p.m., Friday, January 22, 2016 until 9 p.m. on Sunday, January 24, 2016; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- B. Member Galloway moved to approve the escrow release # 2 in the amount of \$127,227.79, to HFH of PA or SEKA; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- C. Member Dence moved to approve the \$6,000 donation to the Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans for their flag memorial to be held June 10-12, 2016 at the Falls

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- Township Community Park; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- D. Member Rocco moved to approve the \$6,000 donation to the American Legion for this year’s Memorial Day Parade; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
 - E. Member Dence moved to approve the time extension to April 15, 2016 for the project at 115 Lincoln Highway; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
 - F. Member Galloway moved to approve the time extension to March 31, 2016 for Silvi Concrete; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
 - G. Member Rocco moved to approve the time extension to March 21, 2016 for Avanta Metals Management; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
 - H. Manager Gray has Rite Aid mylars ready for signature.

ITEM # 9 BOARD COMMENT

Member Rocco – no comment

Member Dence – no comment

Member Boraski – no comment

Member Galloway – no comment

Chairman Harvie asked about changing the next meeting due to the President’s Day holiday. Member Rocco moved to change the February 15, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting to the following day – Tuesday, February 16, 2016; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Chairman Harvie thanked everyone for a good meeting.

Member Dence moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary