

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

JEFFRY E. DENCE, CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JEFFREY M. BORASKI, VICE-CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
BRIAN M. GALLOWAY, SECRETARY	PRESENT
JOHN W. PALMER, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT
ERIN M. MULLEN, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with roll call and pledge to the flag. All Board members were present. Also present were Township Manager/Chief Code Enforcement Officer & Zoning Officer Matthew Takita, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher and Township Engineer Joe Jones.

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

No one was present for public comment.

**ITEM # 2 LUX INDUSTRIES – CONDITIONAL USE HEARING – 351
PHILADELPHIA AVENUE – TMP # 13-047-081**

Mr. Clarke said this agenda item is being continued until August 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in this meeting room.

**ITEM # 3 CONSIDER THE 2022 DIESEL AND UNLEADED FUEL BIDS FOR
FALLS TOWNSHIP**

Manager Takita said the Bucks County Consortium Fuel Bid was opened in Northampton Township and the results were forwarded to Falls Township. Member Galloway moved to approve the 2022 Diesel and Unleaded Fuel Bids as follows: Petroleum Traders Corp, Fort Wayne, IN for 6,000 gallons and above and Riggins Inc., Vineland, NJ for under 6,000 gallons; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 4 CONSIDER STIPULATION TO SETTLE IN APPEAL OF
PENNSBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT, TAX PARCEL # 13-047-129,
DOCKET # 2021-06550**

Mr. Clarke said this is a tax assessment appeal for the property located at 1101 New Ford Mill Road. The owner is New Ford Mill Road LLC. Following the annual assessment in 2021, an appeal was filed by the school district and the parties have reached an agreement to settle this matter. Effective January 1, 2022 for the 2022 Township and County tax year and effective July 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 School tax year, the taxable assessment on the property shall be increased from \$1,063,800 to \$2,264,180. The property assessment shall remain at \$2,264,180 for each subsequent tax year. This settlement will result in an

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additional payment of \$8,666.74 to the Township. Member Galloway moved to approve the stipulation to settle in Appeal of Pennsbury School District, Tax Parcel # 13-047-129, Docket # 2021-06550; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER ESCROW RELEASE REQUESTS

Kinjal Enterprises LLC is asking for their escrow funds in the amount of \$2,082. Member Palmer asked why they are getting escrow back if they have not yet started the work. Mr. Clarke said this is the escrow they had to post for the liquor license transfer, so they want that money back. Member Galloway moved to approve the escrow release to Kinjal Enterprises LLC in the amount of \$2,082; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 6 APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Member Palmer moved to appoint Mr. Pete Gasser to a five-year position on the Historic Preservation Commission; Chairman Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 7 MINUTES – JUNE 20, 2022

Member Mullen moved to approve the minutes for June 20, 2022; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Galloway and Member Boraski who both abstained. (3-0-2)

ITEM # 8 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Jones said for the month of June, we had two earth disturbance applications, one land development application, and three cell tower applications submitted. Member Boraski said earlier today he spoke with Manager Takita about the township looking at Woolston Drive underneath the railroad tunnel. The township maintains this area of the roadway. There was a puddle of standing water and a pothole for many months now. He is hoping we can get this addressed before the winter sets in. Member Palmer asked if we get funds from the state to maintain it. Mr. Jones said we have liquid fuels funds that come from the state for all PennDOT roads but he is not sure how the township spends those funds. Chairman Dence said we have also been looking at painting but has been difficult to get an answer from anyone.

ITEM # 9 BILL LIST

Member Galloway moved to approve the bill list for July 18, 2022 in the amount of \$2,145,934.94; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Galloway moved to approve the invoice from Jones Engineering in the amount of \$214,230.50; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in

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favor with the exception of Chairman Dence who abstained from the vote due to a conflict. (4-0-1)

ITEM # 10 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Clarke said the board met prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel matters and potential litigation.

ITEM # 11 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

There was no action on this agenda item.

ITEM # 12 MANAGER COMMENT

There was no Manager Comment.

ITEM # 13 BOARD COMMENT

Member Boraski said he spoke with Manager Takita over the last few months about township fire police and getting fuel if they are out on stand-by for multiple hours directing traffic or closing down a scene. They had been able to come back and get fuel at the township and they are no longer allowed to do that. He would like to speak further about how to do this whether it is reimbursement or coming up with another way we should continue to have this conversation and be prepared to act next month to support our volunteer fire police.

Member Galloway – No comment.

Member Palmer – No comment.

Member Mullen – No comment.

Chairman Dence said the township is having a Job Fair on Wednesday, July 27th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Westaby Hall in Fairless Hills. There will be more than three dozen employers and over 600 jobs available in a number of industries. Please dress professionally and bring copies of your resume. Chairman Dence said the weather is very hot and humid. Please check on your neighbors and especially the elderly.

Member Galloway moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Mullen seconded the motion all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Brian Galloway, Secretary

