

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

ROBERT HARVIE, JR., CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JAMES PROKOPIAK, VICE-CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JONATHAN SNIPES, SECRETARY-TREASURER	PRESENT
PHILIP SZUPKA, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT
DOROTHY VISLOSKY, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT

The meeting commenced at 7:04 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 and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

**ITEM # 1 NOVA TUBE AND STEEL – AMENDED FINAL PLAN
600 DEAN SIEVERS PLACE – TPN 13-51-1-10 (EXP. 11/1)**

Representing the applicant was Mr. Douglas Maloney. Mr. Maloney gave a short description of the intended changes. All of the discussion items are will comply. Member Prokopiak moved to approve Resolution # 08-21 for amended final plan for Nova Tube and Steel; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 2 CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO SEND POLICE OFFICER TO POLICE
ACADEMY – MICHAEL CALLAHAN**

Member Prokopiak moved to approve Resolution # 08-22 to send Police Officer Michael Callahan to the Montgomery County Police Academy; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 3 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF AMENDMENT
TO CHAPTER 21 – COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Chairman Harvie spoke of item #3 and item #4 and how each commission is having difficulty holding meetings due to not having a quorum at those meetings. There is a suggestion to decrease the number of members on these commissions from nine to five. Member Prokopiak moved to authorize advertisement of amendment to Chapter 21 – Community and Economic Development Commission; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM #4 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF AMENDMENT
TO CHAPTER 22 – HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Member Prokopiak moved to authorize advertisement of amendment to Chapter 22 – Historic Preservation Commission; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 209 – UPDATE OF ZONING CODE AND MAP

Manager Gray said the township is in the final stages of updating the Zoning Code book. Member Prokopiak said that Mr. Trimble and Mr. Obert have spent a lot of time working on this project. Member Prokopiak moved to authorize advertisement of amendment to Chapter 209 – Update of Zoning Code and Map; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 6 PUBLIC COMMENT – FIVE MINUTE LIMIT PER PERSON FORTY-FIVE MINUTE MAXIMUM

Mrs. Dorothy Vislosky said one of the things that disturbs her is that these board meetings are scheduled the same night as the school board meetings and she has heard Mr. Obert complain about this. Today was the deadline to pay the school taxes and Mrs. Vislosky said she paid a great deal of money thanks to KOIZ. She said any of you who think that KOIZ was a good thing keep watching because we have gotten hit every year and it is not going to get any better. Mr. Vislosky said she also wants to talk about something that occurred at the last meeting and how the Bucks County Courier Times was amiss in their reporting. Mrs. Vislosky said that Linda Palsky wasn't even at this meeting. Mrs. Vislosky said she made the mistake of talking with the Bucks County Courier Times. Mrs. Vislosky said she commented a little earlier that she doesn't like things plunked before her at the last minute. Mrs. Vislosky said we have a horrible administrative staff here in this township, not the people who do the every day work. Chairman Harvie said the school board meets on Thursday nights. He said in terms of things being plunked down, Mrs. Vislosky received the Nova Tube and Steel information the same time the rest of the board members received their information. Mrs. Vislosky said she spoke with Baker Sheet Metal today about the study the township was doing and said she voted for that because it appeared to be a good idea. Mrs. Vislosky said that Baker Sheet Metal provides that information. Mrs. Vislosky spoke about Baker Sheet Metal being able to adjust the heating and air conditioning by computer from their offices in Fairless Hills. She said she wouldn't have voted for an \$18K study had she known this information before today. Mrs. Vislosky said she wants to take up some issues about the school and she is here doing public comment to remind the taxpayers that if they pay for taxes today and they are not happy to listen to what she has to say during board comment. Chairman Harvie said the study they are doing does not look solely at heating and air conditioning. It looks at electricity use in terms of lighting as well as other equipment and the building itself.

Ms. Madeleine Jones thanked everyone for listening when she spoke at the last meeting. Ms. Jones said she recently obtained some additional information from the Grundy Library in regard to noise pollution. Ms. Jones spoke about "respecting the quiet." She said noise can cause hearing impairment, interfere with communication, disturb sleep, cause cardiovascular and other disease-type side affects, can reduce performance, and provoke changes in social behavior. Hearing impairment can also cause speech impairment. Ms. Jones read a few words from the packet which she also provided to the township secretary for distribution to the Board of Supervisors.

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Mr. Roland Kenney said on behalf of the Avenrowe residents, he would like to thank those neighbors who stopped burning wood. Mr. Kenney said he will get a bus trip together for a tour of KOIZ. If anyone is interested in attending the bus trip, please contact Mr. Kenney.

ITEM # 7 EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no Executive Session held.

ITEM # 8 MANAGER COMMENT

1. Member Vislosky moved to refund to St. Francis Cabrini, the \$992 they paid for a permit for a new roof; Member Szupka seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
2. Manager Gray said the Falls Township Family Festival will be held on Saturday, September 6th from 3 – 9 p.m., followed by fireworks. The rain date is Sunday, September 7th. In the event of inclement weather, the public can call 215-949-9000, x220 or x221; check the cable channel 22; or check the website. The Falls Township recreation schedule will be available shortly. There will be a Family Fun Night at the Falls Township Park on Sunday, September 14th, starting at 6 p.m.

ITEM # 9 BOARD COMMENT

Member Prokopiak said he attended the Lower Makefield Zoning Hearing Board meeting when they spoke about the possible relocation of the Frankford Bucks Hospital from Falls Township to Lower Makefield. He said there is not a lot of information available on this, but he would like Falls Township to keep abreast of this situation. Member Prokopiak said the hospital is a large building and a provider of services that are essential to the township. They are also one of the largest employers in the township. Chairman Harvie said the hospital administration has expressed concerns about low visibility. The hospital has tried to purchase some of the surrounding properties to increase their visibility, but said they have not found anyone who is willing to sell. Chairman Harvie said he is interested in having Member Prokopiak follow up on this matter. Member Prokopiak suggested having some kind of meeting or Executive Session between the township and the hospital administration. Member Vislosky said she is not in favor of an Executive Session meeting on a topic that should be out in the open. Member Prokopiak said they may decide that they are not going to engage in a public discourse. Member Vislosky said she thinks the public has the right to hear the discussions of what is going on. She said if they have the reluctance of coming before the public to tell us what their plans are, then let them move. Member Prokopiak said letting them move will hurt Falls Township. Member Prokopiak said having a healthcare facility in our township it is a benefit to our residents even if they choose not to use it. In an emergency situation the closer you are to a healthcare facility the better. Member Prokopiak said that a building sitting vacant would be bad for Falls Township. It is not a certainty that they are closing down operations in Falls Township. Member Prokopiak would like to know what they intend to use that facility for if they do move. Member Snipes said he is also in favor of Member Prokopiak staying on top of this situation. Member Vislosky said St. Mary is probably 7 minutes further than Frankford Bucks and Lower Bucks is about 5 minutes further. Chairman Harvie said he would like to see if they would be interested in having some sort of public discussion or informal meeting to tell the public what their plans are. Member Prokopiak suggested asking them to come in to discuss

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what plans they have for the future. Member Prokopiak moved to appoint Eileen Donahue to the Environmental Advisory Council for a term ending December 31, 2011; Chairman Harvie seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Vislosky who voted no. (4-1) Member Prokopiak asked Mr. Sullivan about the road program. Mr. Sullivan said all of the construction on Peartree Lane is 100% complete as of today with the exception of the wearing course of asphalt. Pensive Lane is under binder. Sidewalks and aprons should have been completed today and people will have to stay off of their driveways and aprons for about a week or so. Mr. Sullivan said they are working on Pebble Lane and Post Lane and next week they will start on Park Lane. Member Prokopiak asked for a tentative road construction schedule and suggested that it be posted on the website. Mr. Sullivan said they are still on schedule to have all the roads on binder and base course by mid December but may not have the wearing course on every road by the end of the year.

Member Vislosky said she has been getting complaints of various subjects. She was told by a citizen about someone who built a building and encroached on the neighboring property. Member Vislosky said the person who questioned it was told they were grandfathered in, but she thinks this is something highly irregular. She thinks the township needs to be on their toes and investigate that. Member Vislosky said she will call Tom Bennett and give him the address and names to look into this. Member Vislosky said she is very angry about what happened at the last meeting as far as the reporting of the comments that she made about the school district and moving of the two modulars that we already bought and paid for. She said she got the information she needed from Philadelphia but she doesn't have the Pennsbury School District information. She called an editor when the article appeared and said that Mr. Gillette and Mrs. Palsky were way off base. Member Vislosky said the Oxford Valley Elementary School renovations cost \$10M or more and the Imhotep Charter School in Philadelphia was built for \$7.2M. Pennsbury is now moving the modulars that were bought for the Oxford Valley School to the Fallsington Elementary School. Member Vislosky gave some information on the Imhotep Charter School. Member Vislosky said that when you talk about wasteful spending in the school, people say that you do not like education. She said she has studied KOIZ more than anyone else in this room. She said that KOIZ was no bargain and that 14 years was a big giveaway. Member Vislosky said she challenges Mr. Gillette and Mrs. Palsky to come out here and tell us how this is a bargain.

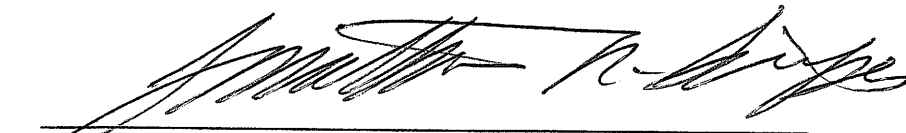
Member Snipes thanked Chairman Harvie for meeting with some residents in regard to the road program. Member Prokopiak echoed those comments.

Member Szupka said the schools are open and youngsters are out in the neighborhood. He asks for everyone to be very careful when driving. Member Szupka said that Madeleine Jones spoke earlier about noise pollution. He thinks every now and then a gathering may get a little on the loud side. He thinks for the most part people are aware of what they are doing, but there are still some people who do abuse it. Member Szupka said unfortunately, the traffic of Business Route 1 and some other things do make noise and hopes that people will be more aware to keep the noise down. Member Szupka said he hopes the weather will not affect this weekend's Family Festival.

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Chairman Harvie said the Family Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 6th and Hurricane Hannah may or may not be in the area around that day. A decision will be made by 1 p.m. on Friday, September 5th as to whether or not to hold this event on the 6th, postpone it to the 7th, or cancel it altogether. The public can call the township at 215-949-9000, x220 or x221; check the township channel 22; or check the township website for more information. Chairman Harvie thanked Mr. Sullivan and CMX for helping with the issues in Pinewood. When doing something such as new roads there are inconveniences. Chairman Harvie said they are very conscious of the fact that this inconveniences people and they try very, very hard to do this work as best as they can. General Asphalt is very good at this work and they have picked up the pace. It was mentioned about structures being built to close to fences. Chairman Harvie said there are a lot of very good people who work for this township to make the township the best it can be. Chairman Harvie said they cannot be everywhere. If the public sees something that is not right they should contact the township zoning and code enforcement or fire marshal's office so they can look into the situation.

Member Prokopiak moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all Board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



Jonathan Snipes, Secretary