

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

The meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present with the exception of Member Szupka who was not feeling well. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

**ITEM # 1    CONSIDER AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD BID  
FOR ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION PROJECT FOR TOWNSHIP  
BUILDING**

Manager Gray said that sealed bids for this project were opened on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The bidders were Otis Elevator Company in the amount of \$171,000 and Amtech Elevator in the amount of \$185,246. CMX recommends issuing the notice of intent to award the bid to Otis Elevator Company. The elevator will be out of service for approximately 4-6 weeks. Member Prokopiak moved to open public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Mr. Andy Dell asked if there were a warranty for the new elevator. Mr. Sullivan said there is a 1-year warranty. Mr. Dell suggested negotiating a maintenance agreement with the elevator manufacturer. Mr. Dell asked about the life expectancy for the elevator. Mr. Sullivan said it has a 20-30 year life expectancy. Mr. Dell asked if there were any handicapped folks who go to the second floor. Chairman Harvie said he knows of one person, but there may be other individuals who come in for various events and meetings. There is another elevator in the police side of the building that can be utilized. Member Prokopiak moved to close public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Prokopiak moved to authorize CMX to issue the notice of intent to award the bid for the elevator modernization project to Otis Elevator Company in the amount of \$171,000; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

**ITEM # 2    CONSIDER REVISED ENGINEERING PROPOSAL FOR  
FALLSINGTON LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS**

Manager Gray said additional funding became available for the Fallsington Library Improvements. The revised amount of funding is \$201,605. The engineering services now total \$23,600. Chairman Harvie read a list of the work to be completed at the Fallsington

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Library. Member Snipes asked about the shelving. Mrs. Harris, from the library, said some of the current shelving will still be used and other shelving will be installed according to ADA standards. Mrs. Harris said they plan to see if someone is interested in salvaging the window glass. Member Prokopiak asked about the revised scope. Member Vislosky spoke about the history of the community development funds. Member Prokopiak moved to open public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Mr. Andy Dell suggested salvaging the glass for future use in the township. Mr. Dell suggested it may be better to replace the roof as opposed to repairing it. Member Vislosky said she would favor a 50-yr. old roof put on because it would last. Member Prokopiak moved to close public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Snipes asked Manager Gray to contact Erica Armour to see if she has use for the window glass. Member Prokopiak moved to award the revised engineering proposal for the Fallsington Library improvements to CMX Engineering in the amount of \$23,600; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

### **ITEM # 3 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF TREES FOR SKATEBOARD PARK AREA**

Manager Gray said quotes were received from K S Greenday in the amount of \$7,140 and Maples Landscaping in the amount of \$7,760. There was also a late quote received from Marazzo's in the amount of \$17,779.50. Member Prokopiak moved to open public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Mr. Andy Dell asked about the size of the area near the skateboard park where these trees would be planted and if the Public Works Department would be able to mow in between the trees. Mr. Sullivan said these will be planted to provide a wooded screen to help reduce the sound. This area will be 3-5 ft. high, with 4-6 ft. trees on top, and is about 80 ft. long. Member Prokopiak moved to close public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Prokopiak moved to purchase the trees for the skateboard park from K S Greenday in the amount of \$7,140; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

### **ITEM # 4 PUBLIC COMMENT – FIVE MINUTE LIMIT PER PERSON FORTY-FIVE MINUTE MAXIMUM**

Mr. Bill Reese announced a Halloween movie night to be held on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Park Elementary School. The movie is "Little Monsters." The next day, Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, will be the Children's Haunted House Party from 1-3 p.m. at the Three Arches. The rain date for the party is Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Both events are free. Mr. Reese spoke about the Falls Township Family Festival. He said there were between 5,000 and 6,000 people who attended the event. Mr. Reese thanked everyone who helped to make this event a success.

Mrs. Dorothy Vislosky said she brought two notebooks with her and said she wants to talk politics tonight. She has brought with her records from Doylestown. She has records which indicate if and how often people vote. Mrs. Vislosky said one notebook contains 19,239

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names of people who did not vote in the Primary. She said those people were not interested in voting. The other notebook has names of people who voted in 18 precincts and totals 3,737 names. In Falls Township we have 22,976 registered voters and only 3,737 came out to exercise the important task of selecting our leaders. Mrs. Vislosky said people should come out to these meetings and speak about what is on their mind. She said she is evaluating what she is going to be doing in her life. She is going to be selling her belongings and will be going to Florida. Mrs. Vislosky said to the individuals who appreciate the job she does, she takes credit for bringing money into this township. Mrs. Vislosky said she worries about money that is being spent. She said she could be filing lawsuit after lawsuit for everything she is not being allowed to do.

Mr. Greg Swartz said he is a licensed asphalt and concrete contractor in the state of PA. Mr. Swartz spoke about certain impervious surface permits and believes the process to get the permit takes too long. Chairman Harvie said they can have Mr. Clarke look into this matter with Mr. Bennett so they can move forward.

Mr. George Carr stated he also has the same issue as Mr. Swartz in regard to the impervious surface permits. He said he was in the office today for a permit and was told Mr. Bennett would not be in the office to look at the permit until Thursday. Mr. Carr said if he is in the township building filling out and following up on paperwork, he cannot do his actual work. Member Prokopiak said they would look into this issue. Chairman Harvie said they will look at the process and make sure they are following the laws they need to follow. Member Vislosky said she believes she understands why Tom Bennett is being cautious and asked the contractors to be courteous. Member Prokopiak said it is a tough job for the Code Department and they will check into this to see what they can do. Mr. Carr said he would like to see a list of what they need permits for.

Mr. Roland Kenney said the Falls Township Fire Co. firemen are selling raffle tickets at the Pathmark and will continue to do so until this Saturday. Mr. Kenney wished everyone good luck on the election. Member Vislosky asked Mr. Kenney if he made a comment about her at the last meeting. Mr. Kenney said he does not speak about her.

Mr. Tom Jennings said he had been contacted to see if Bucks County would be interested in entering into a sister-city relationship with Namdong, Korea. The two parties were interested and this sister-city relationship led to the signing ceremony of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Alliance. The involved parties, Bucks County and Namdong, will share educational, cultural, and economic bonds. Mr. Jennings spoke about the Korean visitors' meeting in Bucks County and the U.S. visit to Namdong. Mr. Jennings said they expect the Korean visitors to return to the U.S. next year and each year thereafter. Mr. Jennings said he looks forward to working with this organization whose motto is to make friends, make contacts, make peace.

**ITEM # 5 MINUTES – OCTOBER 6, 2009**

Member Vislosky gave Mrs. Pullen corrections to her public comment for the October 6, 2009 minutes. Chairman Harvie asked Mrs. Pullen to include a note in regard to Member Vislosky's abstention for items 4, 5, and 9 for the October 6, 2009 minutes. The note is as

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follows: “Member Vislosky failed to provide written or verbal reason for her abstention as she is required to do by Pennsylvania law.” Member Prokopiak moved to approve the amended minutes for October 6, 2009; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

**ITEM # 6 ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Mr. Sullivan said the Montessori School project is complete. Mr. Sullivan gave a report on the road program. Member Prokopiak moved to approve the September Engineer’s Report dated October 15, 2009; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

**ITEM # 7 BILL LIST – OCTOBER 20, 2009**

Member Prokopiak moved to approve the bill list for October 20, 2009 in the amount of \$3,202,828.16; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Vislosky who voted no. (3-1)

**ITEM # 8 EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no Executive Session held.**

**ITEM # 9 MANAGER COMMENT**

1. Member Prokopiak moved to approve the escrow release to Nova Tube and Steel in the amount of \$188,927.84; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
2. Member Vislosky moved to approve escrow release #3 to A. E. Polysilicon in the amount of \$325,596.55; Member Prokopiak seconded the motion; all board members were in favor (4-0)

**ITEM # 10 BOARD COMMENT**

Member Snipes asked about changing the next meeting since it falls on Election Day. Member Vislosky moved to change the meeting date from November 3, 2009 to November 4, 2009; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Snipes said he recently saw the movie, “Iron Jawed Angels,” about the women’s suffrage movement and encourages other people to see it as well. Member Snipes read the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States of America or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”

Member Vislosky said at the last meeting Member Prokopiak said that Member Vislosky published in her newsletter that she was against debating. Member Vislosky said Member Prokopiak was a liar and said she never took that position. Member Prokopiak said Member Vislosky is misrepresenting what he said.

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Member Prokopiak thanked all of the volunteers who showed up at the Family Festival. He concurs with his fellow board members about the importance of voting. He said these offices have a more day-to-day impact on your life than the President has. They make decisions about taxes, if your roads get paved, and other things. These decisions are made by those who show up. For those who don't show up, they can't complain. For those who participate, he thanks them and said it is an important role in democracy. Member Prokopiak said the people of Falls Township care about this community and they take an active role in our community. Member Prokopiak spoke about how people have said how they love the projects that are being done in the township. Member Prokopiak said they received a letter from a resident who is interested in joining the Shade Tree Commission. Member Prokopiak moved to appoint Jennifer Boccardo to the Shade Tree Commission; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Prokopiak asked Manager Gray if he would contact Ms. Boccardo to see if she has any interest in the Open Space Committee as well. Member Prokopiak told Chairman Harvie he is doing a great job on this board. He said people believe the township is going in a good direction and that things are being done in the right way. Member Prokopiak said he is running for County Prothonotary and he hopes people will take that into account when they vote.

Chairman Harvie wanted to remind property owners about the deadline for the Property Tax Rebate. The deadline is October 30<sup>th</sup>. The rebates should be filed with the township. Chairman Harvie said he had the privilege of spending about a week in Korea in the city of Namdong. Chairman Harvie said the representatives from Namdong are very interested in establishing a relationship with Bucks County. Chairman Harvie spoke about his visit. He spoke about the Korean War and about veteran Jerry Jonas who also made the trip. Chairman Harvie said the businessmen they spoke with are very anxious to come to the U.S. to build relationships and build factories. Chairman Harvie thanked the team who put the trip together. Chairman Harvie reminded everyone that the next meeting is moved to Wednesday night, November 4, 2009. Chairman Harvie wished Member Szupka well.

Member Prokopiak moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all Board members were in favor. (4-0) The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

  
Jonathan Snipes, Secretary