

**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 7:32 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Edward Rudolph, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

**ITEM # 1 OXFORD VALLEY SHOPPING CENTER – FINAL LAND
DEVELOPMENT – OXFORD VALLEY ROAD – TPN 13-3-35-1**

Manager Gray introduced this item. The applicant is represented by Mr. William Benner. The board had a brief discussion about sidewalk waivers. For future projects, they would like to consider a voluntary contribution when developers cannot provide sidewalks, similar to the voluntary contribution in lieu of planting trees. Member Vislosky moved to approve Resolution # 09-20, final land development for the Oxford Valley Shopping Center, TPN 13-3-35-1; Member Prokopiak seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 2 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF NEW OVERHEAD HEATER FOR
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Manager Gray said four quotes have been secured for a new overhead heater which will replace a unit which was installed in the 1960's or 1970's. The quotes ranged in price from \$1,600 to \$2,799. It is recommended to approve the purchase from Ray Litwin Heating and Air Conditioning in the amount of \$1,950. The unit carries a one-year parts and labor warranty and a ten-year heat exchange warranty. Member Szupka moved to approve the overhead heater purchase from Ray Litwin Heating and Air Conditioning in the amount of \$1,950; Member Prokopiak seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 3 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF NEW LOCKERS FOR POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

Member Prokopiak moved to purchase new lockers for the police department from Diversified Storage Solutions in the amount of \$9,989; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 4 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF OFFICE FURNITURE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Member Prokopiak moved to purchase office furniture for the police department from W. B. Mason in the amount of \$8,197; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 5 AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID FOR TENS PRINTER FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Manager Gray said beginning on January 1, 2010, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will no longer accept manually-rolled fingerprints for any arrest. All fingerprints must be sent digitally. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has only authorized for only one type of unit to be used for the purpose of digital fingerprinting. This unit is listed on the COSTARS program for the state and the cost is \$63,500. Manager Gray said there is a JAG grant in the amount of \$42K to help with this purchase. Member Prokopiak said this unit comes with a one-year warranty and suggested they look into a 24/7 upgraded warranty. Member Vislosky said it would be wonderful to have this machine to fingerprint school-aged children. Member Prokopiak moved to approve the purchase of the Lifescan fingerprint system as outlined in the quote dated April 3, 2009, in the amount of \$63,500 from the COSTARS program; Member Vislosky seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 6 PUBLIC COMMENT – FORTY-FIVE MINUTE MAXIMUM

Mr. Gallus Obert spoke about the road program. He would like to see various statistics in regard to the road program and asked how many miles of roadway there were in the township. Chairman Harvie said there are roughly 83 miles of roadway. Mr. Obert said it was written in the township newsletter that they welcome ideas from the public. Mr. Obert said he sometimes does not get enough time to speak and would like the board to consider this when people are speaking. Mr. Obert would also like to hear an update on the boat ramp project and how much has been spent to date. Mr. Obert asked why they need an addition to the senior center. He asked how much money the township gives to the senior center and wanted to know who they answer to. Mr. Obert said just because there is money in the bank, it does not mean it needs to be spent. In regard to the bond issue, Mr. Obert said he doesn't really agree with what has been done. Member Prokopiak explained the bond issue. Mr. Obert had questions in regard to the Township of Falls Authority and asked who they answer to. Member Prokopiak said all authorities are independent bodies and are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. They govern themselves. Mr. Obert said the Township of Falls Authority can now raise their rates without having to go before the PUC.

Mr. Andy Dell congratulated everyone who won in the election and thanked those who supported him. He also thanked the volunteers who worked the polls.

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ITEM # 7 MINUTES – OCTOBER 20, 2009

Member Prokopiak moved to approve the minutes for October 20, 2009; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Szupka and Member Vislosky who both abstained from the vote. (3-0-2)

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

ITEM # 9 MANAGER COMMENT

1. Member Vislosky moved to approve the escrow release letter of credit to Dominion Power Fairless Energy in the amount of \$167,428.80; Member Prokopiak seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
2. Member Prokopiak moved to grant the letter extension of time for 1501 South Pennsylvania Avenue to December 31, 2009; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
3. Member Prokopiak moved to approve the escrow release to Hiossen in the amount of \$80,525.50; Member Vislosky seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
4. Manager Gray said the annual Basketball Foul Shooting Contest is scheduled to be held on Friday, November 13th at the Oxford Valley Elementary School at 7 p.m. The Annual Holiday Spirit House Decorating Contest is underway. All entries should be submitted to the Parks and Rec Department by Friday, December 18th.
5. Manager Gray said there are two openings on the Park and Rec Board. If anyone is interested, please contact the township.

ITEM # 10 BOARD COMMENT

Member Szupka said he hopes the Phillies win tonight and we can watch them win the World Series tomorrow night.

Member Vislosky spoke about the brown recluse spider and how deadly they are. Mrs. Vislosky will ask the video technician to post information and pictures on the township website.

Member Snipes congratulated Member Prokopiak and Chairman Harvie for being in the election and for running a good campaign. He is looking forward to keeping Member Prokopiak here and working in Falls Township and looks forward to continuing to work with Chairman Harvie. Member Snipes said he looks forward to continuing to look at the open space initiative as well as Biles Island.

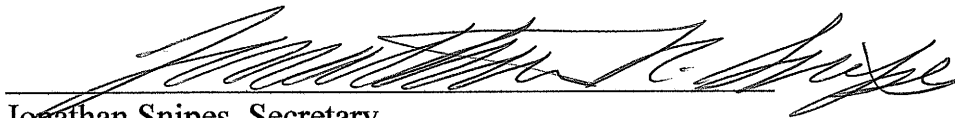
Member Prokopiak – No comment.

Chairman Harvie asked Mr. Sullivan about the boat ramp. Mr. Sullivan said the Army Corps of Engineers has the permit application. They intend to perform a field visit. Chairman Harvie asked if there would be dredging of wetlands. Mr. Sullivan said there is

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no dredging of wetlands for this property. Chairman Harvie said the issue of the senior center finances is a complex issue. The township pays for the heating and air conditioning which amounts to about \$22K or \$23K per year. The senior center gets state money which goes through the Area Agency on Aging. The proposed addition did not meet with a lot of approval and the senior center was asked to take another look at what they really need. They have received some grants to do some work inside of the building and they have been working hard to try to do what they can to make the center as usable as possible. Chairman Harvie said the manager has asked for board members to make appointments with him to discuss the budget. Chairman Harvie said at the last meeting there were a couple of individuals who spoke about code enforcement and zoning. Chairman Harvie said they asked the solicitor as well as the Code Enforcement Officer to give them feedback. They had good feedback and it seems that the allegations were not as close to the truth as the individuals who made those allegations made it sound. Chairman Harvie said Mr. Bennett does a great job and he knows his job very well. Member Vislosky said she defended Mr. Bennett and stated that she does not defend anyone unless they do a good job. Chairman Harvie spoke about the election and thanked those who came out to vote. Member Vislosky also thanked the public for voting.

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 8:23 p.m.



Jonathan Snipes, Secretary