TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

ROLL CALL:
ROBERT HARVIE, JR., CHAIRMAN PRESENT
JONATHAN SNIPES, VICE-CHAIRMAN PRESENT
JEFFRY DENCE, SECRETARY-TREASURER PRESENT
PHILIP SZUPKA, SUPERVISOR PRESENT
DOROTHY VISLOSKY, SUPERVISOR PRESENT

The meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present with the exception of Member Snipes. Member Snipes joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Edward Rudolph, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

Chairman Harvie asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Gerald Graham, a former Falls Township Park Security Officer and Head Supervisor, retired Detective from the Philadelphia Police Department and Special Agent for the Pennsylvania Attorney’s office. Also remembered was Mr. Nevin Rovenolt, a long time member of the Environmental Advisory Council, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, Vietnam Veteran, and Member of the American Legion Post in Fallsington. Mr. Rovenolt also organized and ran the Falls Township Memorial Day Parade each year.

PRESENTATION FROM USO TO DISCUSS “QUE FOR THE TROOPS”

Member Dence said this weekend the township will host a USO event, “Que for the Troops.” The two-day fundraiser will take place on May 21st and 22nd at the Falls Township Community Park. Mr. Tom Christine, owner of Smoke’n Dudes, spoke of how he became involved with helping to organize this event. He said there will be a barbecue cook-off during the weekend event. Mr. John Kerner spoke about the USO and what they do for our service men and women and their families. He is involved with Liberty USO which covers all of Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey (from Princeton to the south). They are a non-profit organization and receive no funding. They fully rely on donations. They provide hot meals for the service personnel and their families before deployment and when they return to the United States. They also comfort them, provide ground support, shelter, travel vouchers, and camps for the children. Every soldier is given a care package and the most valuable thing in the care package is an international phone card. Mr. Kerner thanked the township for allowing them to hold this fundraiser for the Liberty USO. Donations may be sent to: Liberty USO, 8500 Essington Avenue, Philadelphia International Airport, Terminal A-East, Philadelphia, PA 19153. Member Dence said events will include a car show, craft show, food vendors, and rides for the children. Parking will be at Pennsbury High School East with shuttle service to the park. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday hours
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markings on the roads, or something they can weigh whether this is a good use of funds. Mr. Baker said they have done this in Lower Makefield, but he doesn’t know if they have performed any follow-up studies. Mr. Baker said in the Traffic Calming Manual, publication # 383, it reports you can expect about a 1-2 mph reduction with these types of pavement markings. With speed bumps you might see a 3-4 mph reduction. Member Szupka said he has read quite a few articles about traffic calming around the country. He said it really boils down to educating the residents and drivers and believes this is more of an enforcement issue. What he has read with just putting markings in the road is that yes, it will lower the speed some, but it is a very small percentage of people who will slow down. Member Szupka said raised lines and rumble strips would be damaged with the snow plows. He said he knows something has to be done with this, but if they are only looking at putting markings in the road, he cannot support this. Member Dence moved to approve part A for the pavement marking study in the amount of $5,900; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Szupka and Member Vislosky who both voted no. (3-2)

ITEM #2 CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 168 - (PARKS) TO ADD SECTION 20 - NO WAKE ZONE

Manager Gray said the township was requested to consider an amendment to Chapter 168 to enact a no-wake zone. The U.S. Coast Guard initially directed us to enact a local ordinance to establish a no-wake zone so they could approve the installation of navigation buoys. We contacted the New Jersey State Police and they said the PA Fish and Boat Commission has jurisdiction and enforcement policies on the Pennsylvania side and the township should talk to them about our concerns. It turns out we do not need the U.S. Coast Guard approval and the bottom line is that we do not need a local ordinance. We already have a state law establishing a no-wake ordinance for the shore, docks, and ramps. Chairman Harvie said that Mr. Jones from T&M Engineers has been doing a lot of the work with Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Jones said the U.S. Coast Guard was concerned with the navigable channel. We are far off of the navigable channel. Mr. Jones said the enforcement is done by the PA Fish and Boat Commission but they do not have a big presence on the river so the New Jersey State Police will be the main presence in this area.

ITEM #3 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF COMMUNITY GARDEN FENCE

Manager Gray said Lt. Hank Ward has provided a quote in the amount of $3,210.31 for the community garden fence. The area they selected is in phase 1 of the Falls Township Community Park, back by the shed. The area has been plowed and is ready to go. They are now looking for a fence to keep deer and other animals out of the garden. They plan to install deer-buster fencing. The concept of a community garden first started about ten years ago. It was originally started in Chicago to provide a positive interaction between the Police Department and the citizens. It is a good tool for the police department to learn what is going on in the community and for the community to interact with the police. The fence will be 8-ft. high and is made out of a synthetic mesh. There will be routine patrols of this area throughout the night. Member Vislosky said a camera might be needed if there is any
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trouble. Lt. Ward said to install a traditional fence 10-ft. high, would cost too much money. Lt. Ward thinks this will work. There will be thirty-two 10 x 20 plots. There are already ten people signed up for plots. If anyone is interested in a plot, please call 215-949-9100, X327. Member Dence moved to open public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Andy Dell suggested keeping openings in the fencing large enough to be able to bring in equipment. Lt. Ward said there will be three openings in the fencing. Member Snipes moved to close public comment; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Vislosky moved to approve the purchase of a community garden fence in the amount of $3,210.31; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 4 DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED ZONING CHANGES - LMR

Mr. Tom Bennett spoke about the proposed zoning changes. A big concern was the increase by 5% impervious surface and some issues people were having with water. Mr. Bennett said he went back to the original numbers which were adopted back in 1975 and stayed that way for almost thirty years. Right now the minimum lot size is 15,000 sq. ft. and they will reduce this to 12,500 sq. ft. The minimum lot frontage is 100 ft. and that will change to 80 ft. The minimum lot width is 100 ft. and that will change to 90 ft. The minimum lot depth is 175 ft. and that will change to 150 ft. The front-yard set back is 40 ft. and that will change to 25 ft. The side-yard set back is 20 ft. and it will change to 15 ft. The rear-yard set back is 50 ft. and it will change to 40 ft. Accessory structures are 10 ft. to the side and rear and it will change to 5 ft. Between buildings on the same lot is 20 ft. and that will change to 10 ft. The maximum building coverage is 8% and it will go up to 30%. The maximum impervious surface is 25% and it will change to 40%. These are the measurements that were in the books when the development was built. Chairman Harvie said because the numbers were so big and the building coverage was so small, it made just about every house in the neighborhood out of compliance. If you did anything at all, you had to go to the Zoning Hearing Board. Chairman Harvie asked if there is anything about the possibility of building a duplex. Mr. Bennett said there is nothing in the LMR, but the MHR is where the duplex would come into play. Member Dence moved to open public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Ms. Kim McCauley thanked the board and Mr. Bennett for taking the time to review this. She had been concerned about duplexes. Mr. Brian Binney said this is more appropriate than the other approach. The houses fit the set backs. These numbers work and only single-family homes are acceptable in this district. Member Snipes moved to close public comment; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Snipes moved to have Mr. Bennett finalize the proposed ordinance change so the board can look at it during the first meeting in June; Member Vislosky seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER RFP FOR TOWNSHIP BUILDING RENOVATIONS

Chairman Harvie spoke about the condition of the township building. He would like to take a look into getting a Request for Proposals (RFP) for architectural engineering work for this
building. They want to see what they can do, how can they make it better, how can they fit the needs of the employees and the tenants, and how can they make better use of the space and/or re-align some things. They would ask people to look at the efficiency of space, and provide convenient public access. Member Vislosky would like the staff to be involved in suggesting what they would like to see. Chairman Harvie said that would be part of the process in getting their suggestions to see what they would need. Member Vislosky spoke about some renovation work at the district court. She believes the staff should be involved in helping to make the suggestions. Chairman Harvie said the plan includes how to include employees, tenants, and the public in this project. Chairman Harvie proposes to also look at energy efficiency as well as using green building materials and technology, aesthetics and maintaining current operations. Member Vislosky does not want to commit to any time-consuming and costly errors. Chairman Harvie agrees and said they also have tenants and want to find out what kind of problems or issues they have. There are problems where walls have been moved and some rooms do not have HVAC. These are the kinds of things they need to take a look at. Member Szupka wants to make sure our staff, the tenants, and police department are involved with whoever might be doing this. Member Snipes said he doesn’t see landscaping in the list and asked if that could be added. Chairman Harvie said they can add that to the list. Member Dence said this is something that they have been talking about doing for a long time. Member Snipes moved to direct the administration to send out an RFP for architectural engineering work on the Falls Township Municipal Complex; Member Dence seconded the motion. Member Vislosky said they should talk to staff first and tell them they are looking for ideas for improvement. Chairman Harvie said they can ask department heads and employees for their input simultaneously so whoever comes in can be given the information. A vote was taken. All board members were in favor with the exception of Member Vislosky who voted no. (4-1)

ITEM # 6 CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE 2011 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Manager Gray said the roads to be included for full-depth reconstruction are: Winding Way, Vernon Road, Allendale Drive, Alden Avenue and Rose Avenue. The roads to be included for mill and overlay include: Penns Grant Drive, Justice Lane, Federal Lane, Musket Drive, Centennial Drive, a portion of Allendale Drive, Independence Drive, and the roadway to dead-end off of Independence Drive. T&M Engineers will prepare the bid specs and complete the advertising requirements. Member Vislosky moved to authorize advertisement of the 2011 Road Improvement Project; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 7 PUBLIC COMMENT - FIVE MINUTE LIMIT PER PERSON FORTY-FIVE MINUTES MAXIMUM

Mr. Roland Kenney thanked Morrisville Police Officer Bill Smith who heard of a bank robbery on his radio. He saw and stopped a car on the Calhoun Street Bridge which matched the description the alleged robber was using. The alleged robber was caught and
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arrested. Mr. Kenney congratulated everyone who voted in the Primary Election and hopes we can have a peaceful Election Day in November.

Mr. Will Abrego, Mr. Dan Bechtel, Ms. Lauren Giambelluca
Mr. Abrego said over the last few years they have all been employed by the township for the Summer Camp Program. Each year Mr. Reese sends out a letter asking them to come back and they all notified Mr. Reese that they would like to come back. Mr. Abrego said they all thought they had the same summer job until they received certified letters on April 5th telling them their services were no longer needed. Mr. Abrego said they sent Mr. Reese an e-mail asking why they were let go. Mr. Abrego said he received correspondence from Mr. Jordan Yeager saying it is against township policy to discuss personnel decisions. Mr. Abrego said they are confused and felt if they were going to be terminated they should be told why. They feel it was not a professional decision, but rather based on a personal matter. Member Vislosky asked if they had ever been reprimanded. Mr. Abrego said no. Mr. Abrego said he was Head Counselor and Mr. Bechtel and Ms. Giambelluca were in the staff of the 11-year age group. Mr. Abrego said they have an e-mail from a parent commending them for their services. Mr. Abrego said this would have been his and Ms. Giambelluca's fifth year with the camp and for Mr. Bechtel, it would have been his third year with the camp. Chairman Harvie said personnel decisions cannot be discussed or commented on in public. He cannot get into this, but can assure them that this was not based on a personal matter. Mr. Bechtel said they turned down other opportunities and internships because they thought they had summer jobs. Mr. Abrego said he is now scrambling to find employment and this matter has put him into a financial burden. Member Vislosky said she would like to meet with them privately. Chairman Harvie said he understands why they are here. Mr. Rudolph said this is not something they can communicate on at open meeting, but it can be discussed in a proper forum. Member Vislosky said she wants to meet with them first and then she will go to the professionals that were part of the decision.

Mr. Joe Kraus asked how much money has been spent since the boat ramp has been created. Mr. Sullivan said the original cost was $1.1M. Chairman Harvie said they are pretty close to completion. Mr. Kraus asked how many residential homes are in Falls Township. Manager Gray said there are roughly 13,000 homes in Falls Township. Mr. Kraus asked how many residents have boats, registered in Pennsylvania, that would use a boat ramp. Chairman Harvie said they just did some work with boat permits for the township park where they gave out some refunds. Manager Gray said by the time they started the process there were about 40-50 refunds issued. Those are just boats that are allowed in the township park. They have very small or no motors on them. Mr. Kraus asked about the expenses for the Falls Township Soccer Club including lighting the soccer fields. Member Dence said the soccer club pays for the lighting. There are other expenses such as park guards and maintenance people down there. Mr. Kraus said there are a lot of empty soccer fields and thinks the soccer club can utilize those empty fields. Mr. Kraus asked if the township has been approached to build a casino at Biles Island. Chairman Harvie said no. Mr. Kraus thinks the Bucks County Zoo should be located in that area. Chairman Harvie encouraged Mr. Kraus to attend the next public meeting when they will
talk about Biles Island. Mr. Kraus said when they do the renovation in this building, he thinks you need to look at wind turbines like they use at Lincoln Financial Field. That way you can sell the electricity back to the electric company. Mr. Kraus asked if there were any restrictions for utilizing wind technology on homes or businesses. Chairman Harvie said they would take a look in their zoning about this. Mr. Kraus asked about a bridge that would go from Falls Township to New Jersey. He wanted to know why they aren't looking into getting this bridge built. Chairman Harvie said he doesn't know how much funding would be Federal and how much would be State. Mr. Kraus said construction of a bridge would mean more construction jobs.

Mr. Ray Erickson said he went to the polls. As a registered Republican he didn't see Member Vislosky's name on the ballot. Member Dence said the Falls Township Senior Center is Region 3 and Mrs. Vislosky is registered for Region 2. Mr. Erickson asked if there were communication antennas on the water tower. Member Dence said no. He asked who owns the Fairless Hills water tower. Member Dence said it is owned by the Township of Falls Authority. Mr. Erickson asked about the Township of Falls Authority billing outside of Falls Township. Chairman Harvie said the issue was if you are the authority you are not specific to one municipality. The Township of Falls Authority serves people in Falls Township, Lower Makefield, Morrisville, and Middletown as well. When this board controlled the water authority, in order for us to raise rates to compensate and stay even, we would have to go to the PA Utility Commission in Harrisburg, spend tens of thousands of dollars to do this, and it would take 18 months for them to tell us yes, you can raise your rates. In the meantime, our rates went up again and we would have to re-apply again. With the Township of Falls Authority, if they need to increase rates, they can do that immediately without having to get permission from the PA Utility Commission because they are an independent authority and they can represent anyone from any of those municipalities.

Mr. Edgar Lituma said he spoke about a month ago on the condition of the soccer fields. Mr. Lituma said you are spending a lot of money to build the boat ramp and he wants the board to spend some money to fix the soccer fields. Chairman Harvie said he has had a discussion with Mr. Sullivan and they will meet with representatives from the soccer club to see what needs to be done and how much it will cost. Mr. Lituma said every week it seems like someone gets hurt out there.

Mr. Allen Wilson spoke about the no wake zone and the New Jersey State Police patrolling the river. He asked if they have jurisdiction on the Pennsylvania side. Mr. Sullivan said yes. Mr. Wilson thanked the voters who voted for him. He would like to see if they will get rebates like Tullytown gets or if we will get sidewalks. Mr. Wilson asked if the township would be held responsible should something go wrong with the Township of Falls Authority. Mr. Rudolph said the Township of Falls Authority is a separate entity. Unless a township agreed to some debts, it is not their obligation.

Mrs. Dorothy Vislosky said she wanted to answer Norma Lindbloom who implied that Mrs. Vislosky was a liar because she didn’t finish any terms to which she was elected. Mrs. Vislosky said in the 1971 election she was appointed to the Pennsbury School Board. She took her oath of office in December, 1971 and she served until the public elected her to the
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Falls Township Board of Supervisors in 1973. She took her oath of office in January, 1974. She was required to resign from the Pennsbury School Board because it is illegal to hold both of those offices at the same time. She served on the Falls Township Board of Supervisors until her husband became very ill and she went home to take care of him. She was a few months shy of her term ending in 1979. She was elected as District Justice and served in that capacity for the full term and became an appointed Senior Justice and went around the state. She said it is incorrect to say that she resigned from all the positions to which she had been elected. She did only that which was required by her legally. Mrs. Vislosky said as far as her absence from this board she had two heart attacks while in Florida and was snowbound but her memory is still good. She explained why it took her so long to travel back to Pennsylvania.

Ms. Margaret Fairchild said she represents the LaRouche Political Action Committee. She has a proposal which is being presented to elected bodies all over the country. It is a proposal that this board would pass a resolution to the Congress for a bill that was presented to the Congress called “Return to Prudent Banking Act.” It is to restore a law that was in effect for sixty-six years and is known as Glass Steagall, The Banking Act of 1933. Ms. Fairchild further explained this proposal and distributed information to the board. This information included the proposed bill and several articles. Ms. Fairchild said they are asking for municipalities to put a lot of pressure on Congress. Chairman Harvie said he is familiar with this. He encourages everyone to get educated on this topic. Chairman Harvie thanked Ms. Fairchild for the information and said he will review the material and asked other board members to review it as well.

ITEM #8 MINUTES - MAY 3, 2011

Member Szupka said on the very last line of the minutes, the vote to adjourn the meeting should have been (3-2) with Member Szupka and Member Vislosky voting no. Member Snipes moved to approve the amended minutes from May 3, 2011; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Szupka who voted no. (3-1) (Member Vislosky not present for vote.)

ITEM #9 ENGINEER’S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan said they hope to have the boat ramp open by Memorial Day weekend. The 2010 Road Program is moving along fairly well. They should be completed by the end of June. Member Snipes asked if any board members attended the grand opening of the Fallsington Library. Chairman Harvie said he and Member Dence attended this event. Chairman Harvie spoke about the Fallsington Library. Member Snipes moved to open public comment; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) (Member Vislosky not present for vote.) Mr. Ray Erickson lives on Waltham Road. He said about six or seven months ago someone painted orange markings in the middle of the roadway and he wondered what this was for. Mr. Sullivan said it is usually some kind of communication marking. Mr. Erickson said around number 212 or 213, the asphalt near the manhole is broken. Mr. Sullivan said they will take a look at this. Member Dence moved to
close public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) (Member Vislosky not present for vote.) Member Snipes moved to approve the April Engineer’s Report dated May 13, 2011; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) (Member Vislosky not present for vote.)

ITEM #10 BILL LIST – MAY 18, 2011

Member Snipes moved to approve the bill list for May 18, 2011 in the amount of $3,368,009.76; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Szupka who voted no. (3-1) (Member Vislosky not present for vote.)

ITEM #11 EXECUTIVE SESSION - There was no Executive Session held.

ITEM #12 MANAGER COMMENT

1. Manager Gray said there is an amendment to the employee handbook for the social media policy. Manager Gray reviewed some of the highlights in the policy. This will be distributed to all employees so they can include it in their handbook. Chairman Harvie suggested that labor counsel sit down with employees to talk about what they should and should not be doing. Member Szupka thinks this is a good start, but they may have to go back to revise it from time to time. Member Snipes asked how much control they have as an employer as opposed to freedom of speech. Member Szupka said he has heard of an instance where an employee or a member of the staff happens to be discussing something, they should include a statement that this is their own personal opinion. Member Szupka moved to adopt the policy amendment and enter it into the employee handbook; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) (Member Vislosky not present for vote.)

2. Manager Gray said the Parks and Rec Department continues to accept applications for the Pinewood Pool as well as summer camp registration. The final Teen Advisory Panel meeting will take place on Monday, June 6th. They will meet at the Falls Township Municipal Building parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and will go to A Women’s Place to present a check in the amount of $437.77, the amount raised at the Teen Pasta Dinner fund-raiser. There will be no Falls Township Teen Advisory meetings in July or August. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 6th. There will be an adult boating safety class on Saturday, June 11th at the Falls Township Municipal Complex, Room 202. The Parks and Rec Department is also accepting Pinewood Pool after-hours pool rentals. For more information on any Park & Rec matters, please call 215-949-9000 X220, X221, or X222.
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ITEM # 13  BOARD COMMENT

Member Snipes apologized for being a few minutes late as he was stuck in traffic. Member Snipes said yesterday was a good day at the polls. He thinks voter turnout was around 20%. He thanked those who came out to vote, those who ran, and also the volunteers who worked the polls. Member Snipes said earlier this evening Mr. Kraus inquired about turbine and wind power. He thinks they should look into this as oil prices continue to rise. On some of the economic issues that were mentioned tonight there is a film called Inside Job. It gives another perspective on what happened on Wall Street and may be worth seeing.

Member Szupka said a gentleman spoke at the beginning of the meeting about the USO. It is so far forgotten, but something that means so much to our Armed Forces. Years ago Member Szupka said he saw Bob Hope. Member Szupka said he had the opportunity a few years ago to pick up someone and who was waiting in Terminal A in Philadelphia. The facilities they have there are fantastic. This is a fine organization to help. He is glad it was thought of this evening and they voted to contribute money to them.

Member Dence said continuing with the USO benefit, there will be something for everyone. All of the proceeds benefit the Liberty USO, right in this area. It is a free event to be held rain or shine. The time on Saturday is 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and the hours on Sunday are noon to 5 p.m. Parking will be at Pennsburry High School East and bus service is available back and forth. Member Dence said for the traffic calming, most people have concerns about speeding in their neighborhoods. A lot of people want speed bumps and there is a lot of noise involved with that. Member Dence said he is looking forward to moving ahead with the building renovations.

Member Vislosky said this was going to be a farewell speech but things changed last night. She said she was pleased with the election with the exception of her being elected. Regarding the bills, Member Vislosky said she asks to have the bills separated so she can chose what she wishes to vote for. She asks at each meeting for the other four board members to show money that they have brought into the township. Member Vislosky said the police payroll and the administrative staff payroll should be separated from the other expenses. When it was said that she voted no on sending flowers to bereaved families, it is hollow and shallow. Member Vislosky said that since she took office she had several members of her family who died and no one held a moment of silence or sent her flowers. Member Vislosky said she wrote a farewell speech because she doesn’t know what she plans to do. Member Vislosky read the statement. Member Vislosky spoke about the Waste Management agreements. Member Vislosky said she wasn’t vacationing in Florida. She said she could have run for a higher office and decided not to. Member Vislosky said her health is failing and she has poor eyesight. Member Vislosky spoke about the Democratic Club and said they are corrupt and they tried to smear her and scare her. She said they continue to accuse her of slander against someone she never knew. She had to sue the attorney who represented her for not having Federal Marshals pick up the four subpoenaed witnesses who did not come to the trial. They settled out of court and she signed a confidentiality agreement. Member Vislosky recited a poem and gave information about
her grandson, John Michael. Member Vislosky said she is running out of patience. She said one of her books will tell how her children paid the price all of these years. Member Vislosky said Jan Vislosky won in last night’s election. Member Vislosky said Jan Vislosky’s name was taken off of the goldenrod ballot. Member Vislosky said John Cordisco told the Falls Township Democrats to put Jan Vislosky’s name back on the ballot and that was not done. Member Vislosky said she had someone collect goldenrod sheets and Jan Vislosky’s name was not on any of them. Member Vislosky said people went to her home town in Western PA and no one could find any dirt on her; she never even had a traffic ticket. Member Vislosky said Jan Vislosky ran her own campaign and invited people to come to the Fairless Hills Fire Company to sign her petitions. Member Vislosky said Jan Vislosky is an individual in her own right. She recalled when Jan was five years old and wanted to cross Trenton Road and Member Vislosky told her absolutely not because it was too dangerous. Member Vislosky said she is proud of her daughter and knew she would win. Member Vislosky said due to the storms, she has no idea what files are left at her mobile home in Florida.

Chairman Harvie said the Fallsington Library has gone through a complete renovation. It is a great little library and it is an independent library. It has been in existence since Thomas Jefferson was President. The building was built in the 1870’s and it needed a lot of maintenance and work. They are affiliated with the county. If you want a specific book or movie and they don’t have it, you can request it. The library does not get county money and they rely on fundraising activities and donations. Chairman Harvie said the Memorial Day Parade is coming up. It will be a somber occasion without Nevin Rovenolt. It will be held on Sunday, May 29th beginning at Pennsbury High School East, down New Falls Road, and ends at the park in Fallsington. It is an occasion to remember those people who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Chairman Harvie said in regard to the open space plan, there is a listing of properties that were recommended. We have about $900,000 in county money to spend. Chairman Harvie asked Manager Gray to transfer those properties onto a map of the township. He hopes to make some decisions soon on how to spend that money. Chairman Harvie said there is a zoning matter coming up regarding a property where they are looking to put a mulching facility at the corner of Mill Creek Road and Bristol Pike. This area is pretty close to some residences. Chairman Harvie asked the board to permit the solicitor to go and state our opposition to this proposed zoning change. They are asking for a lot of variances. Member Dence moved to send the solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board meeting to state the township’s opposition to this application; Member Szupka seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Chairman Harvie said there is property owned by Peruzzi Family Partnership. When the property was bought, there was an understanding that it would not be used as a stand-alone parking lot. Mr. Peruzzi has submitted an application and that is what it looks like he is planning to do. Chairman Harvie asked for the solicitor to go and make sure that application is also opposed. Member Dence moved to send the solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board meeting to state the township’s opposition to this project; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Szupka who voted no and Member Vislosky who abstained from the vote. (3-1-1) Chairman Harvie said the bill list consists of thirty-seven very detailed pages and it is like that every month. It has been like that since before he joined this board.
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Chairman Harvie said the poll workers put in a long day yesterday. It is often a thankless job. There is a lot of pressure with counting and running the machines and they don’t get paid a whole lot of money to deal with that. With regard to Jan Vislosky, he was one of the people who signed her petition. Chairman Harvie said his wife also signed the petition. He was happy to sign it and was happy to hand out goldenrod ballots that had her name on them. There were copies at the end of the day that did not have her name, but that was because they ran out of the ballots which included her name. Chairman Harvie said he has a lot of respect for her and congratulated Jan Vislosky on her win.

Member Vislosky moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Jeffry Dence, Secretary