TOWNSHIP OF FALLS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

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ROBERT HARVIE, JR., CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JONATHAN SNIPES, VICE-CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JEFFRY DENCE, SECRETARY-TREASURER	PRESENT
JEFFREY ROCCO, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT
BRIAN GALLOWAY, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT

The meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Finance Director Betsey Reukauf, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer James Sullivan. A moment of silence was observed in memory of the twenty-seven victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

## PROCLAMATION TO RUSSELL HUTH, ARMY SOLDIER WHO WAS STATIONED IN AFGHANISTAN

Chairman Harvie said that Mr. Joe Jones, President of the Fairless Hills Athletic Association (FHAA), made the board aware that Falls Township resident and active FHAA member, Russell Huth just returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan. Mr. Jones contacted the township and asked if the Board of Supervisors would recognize Mr. Huth for his service. Chairman Harvie read a proclamation for Mr. Huth for sincere appreciation and his commitment to the defense of the United States of America. The board presented Mr. Huth and his family with the proclamation. Chairman Harvie thanked them for attending tonight's meeting.

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

Mr. Andy Dell asked about progress with the soccer fields and also asked for an update on the Biles Island project. Mr. Sullivan said in terms of the soccer fields, the smaller field has been re-graded and sodded. The larger field has been too wet to put the sod down. They still hope to get the sod down before the weather conditions take a turn for the worse. Regarding Biles Island, they just had a meeting yesterday with ACT Engineers and Waste Management to discuss plans on moving forward with phase 1. The township was awarded a grant of \$95,000 by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) of Pennsylvania which is for planning purposes and doing some design work. They submitted an application for about \$400,000 and were awarded \$95,000. Mr. Dell asked what was spent so far. Manager Gray said so far, they have spent between \$45,000 and \$50,000. Chairman Harvie said right now they are finalizing receipt of the grant. The next step is to

do a study on gaining access to roadways, seeing how much of the existing roadway they can use, and how to get people onto the island.

Mr. Roland Kenney said five days ago we had a lunatic take away the innocence of our country. He heard they want to make tougher gun laws. In his generation, there was a place like Byberry to put people who were sick in their mind. Everyone is blaming the shooter; he is sick in his head. Mr. Kenney said he heard the shooter's mother was looking into committing him. Mr. Kenney said when Byberry was shut down, they just let the people take to the streets. He feels if someone doesn't have a gun, they will use something else. Mr. Kenney congratulated the Falcons and wished them continued success.

Mr. Dave Larkin, General Manager at Univar USA, 200 Dean Sievers Place: Mr. Larkin said he is here to get some advice about a problem his employees are having. His company employs about one hundred and fifty people. In order to get to their office, they have to drive over nails and scrap metal that are on the roadway. Mr. Larkin said they feel strongly that the scrap metal is coming from SIMS Metal Management and the trucks that enter and depart that facility are not properly covered. Mr. Larkin said this is an ongoing problem. Back in June, he called his counter-part, Mr. Mazza, tried to be a good neighbor and talk about safety, but made no progress. Mr. Larkin said he spoke with Officer Trindle who told them that when they have a flat tire, to call the police department and they will come up and take a report. Mr. Larkin said his concern is the safety of his employees and the expenses involved with repair of the vehicles. He said at this point, he does not know what to do. SIMS Metal is located at 300 Steel Road South and that is the only way they can get into their facility. Member Dence believes SIMS Metal is only supposed to be using Steel Road South. Mr. Larkin said they are using Enterprise as well. They use Steel Road, go into Enterprise, and turn left to get to their facility. Member Dence said they use a street sweeper every day. Lt. Hank Ward said they don't have to secure their loads and a lot of the trucks are only three sided. They realize the problem and have had numerous special assignments down there. When they are down there, there is nothing falling off of the trucks. It is a private road and is owned by the U.S.X. Industrial Complex. The gentleman from SIMS Metal has had his employees pick up debris and he has the street sweeper come out every day. Chairman Harvie said if we don't see the debris falling off the trucks, we can't prove who or where it is coming from. Lt. Ward said one of the options they are looking at is to re-route their trucks through U.S.X. and the back of the property, but this is a major issue. We don't have the authority to tell them to do that, but we can ask. Mr. Andy Dell said the part of the road they are talking about is not a private road. The township plows this part of the road and the street sweeper does come out. Chairman Harvie said we will apply all of the pressure we can, but they would like to verify some information with U.S. Steel. They will see who is responsible for that part of the roadway. Mr. Clarke said whether it is our road or U.S. Steel's road, if the company is violating a section of the vehicle code, regarding the transportation of trash or materials that they are transporting, then they can be cited by one of our police officers. The problem that the township has run into is that when we have sent code enforcement officers to this area, there have not been any problems. When we talk to SIMS Metal about this, they have run the street sweepers and it has helped. Unless we can see things flying off of the trucks, we cannot hold them

responsible because we don't know who else may be using these roads. We can enforce it under the vehicle code, but we can't go beyond what is in the vehicle code. We cannot make the laws; we can only enforce the law, but we are not seeing the violators. Mr. Larkin said this is a very serious problem. His one hundred and fifty employees and the truck drivers are looking to him to do something. Chairman Harvie said they will contact SIMS Metal. Mr. Larkin asked if the township can increase surveillance down there. Member Snipes asked if they have discussed this with U.S.X. Chairman Harvie said not yet. Member Snipes said he hopes they would want to be a good neighbor. Chairman Harvie said Officer Trindle is in traffic enforcement. Lt. Ward said Officer Trindle, the Fire Department, Code Enforcement, and the Fire Marshal's office are all down there. Mr. Larkin said he has made phone calls to SIMS metal, sent letters, and made a visit to them, but he received no response. Mr. Clarke said the engineer will check to see who actually owns the road and they will get back to Mr. Larkin.

Mr. Gallus Obert spoke about Biles Island. Since the last time he was here, he came up with the tax map and also came up with some figures. Mr. Obert said Biles Island was bought on June 3, 1992 in the amount of \$5,950,000. They pay taxes of \$190,580. When they decide to give it to the township, they will cease to pay taxes because it is not productive. The county will lose \$24,466 in taxes, the municipality will lose \$7,614 in taxes, and Pennsbury will lose \$158,500 in taxes. Biles Island is a total of 471 acres. There are lakes on that property. When they are finished digging, they will leave stagnant water in there and there will be two new lakes. All we will have is a ring around the rosy like a race track. Right now, there are nine separate bodies of water on that property. In March, the Bucks County Courier Times listed a few figures. Mr. Obert said we have already spent \$712,350 on Biles Island and we don't even own it. Chairman Harvie said we haven't spent anywhere near as much as that on this project. Mr. Obert said you needed \$100,000 to complete it and you need \$320,000 worth of work to address questions relating to the project's master plan. Mr. Obert said that totals \$420,000 and said he does not like the way the board is spending money. He said even though you get money from a grant, it still comes out of our pocket some way. Mr. Obert said there is the possibility of an ice skating pond. He said there is already an ice skating pond at Lake Caroline and the county has said you are not allowed to skate on it. Mr. Obert said he knows you will go and do what you want to do anyway because you have the power and you have the money. Mr. Obert said there will be a lot of stagnant water. You can't put a boat in it and you can't swim in it.

Ms. Staci Nasheny, Ms. Maria Goldinger, & Ms. Carrie Argenti: Ms. Nasheny said that PFCA Cheerleading is a competitive cheerleading group and this year they are very excited to open a co-ed, special needs cheerleading program for children and young adults, ages 6-21. It is a good opportunity for them to be a part of PFCA and learn some new athletic skills. The difference with this team is that they are at competitions, but they are not being scored. They get to customize their routines to pick up everyone's strengths. They have some more spots open and have posted flyers. It should be on the township cable channel as well. Member Rocco said he gave information for this program to Nancy McGinty who runs the Challenger program. Chairman Harvie encourages the group to go to Lower Makefield, Yardley, and Tullytown and get the whole Pennsbury community involved.

### ITEM # 2 AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR VESTS FOR THE FALLS TOWNSHIP SWAT TEAM

Manager Gray said the police department has been awarded \$55,129 for a 2013 casino grant for the SWAT Team. As part of the grant application, they are requesting authorization to advertise for the vests. Lt. Hank Ward said the amount they were awarded will cover twenty actual vests with forty plates. The new plates have a higher rating. They are asking for new uniforms for the entire team along with ladders and special lights. For Detective Coffman, they have been awarded \$11,000 to upgrade their equipment. Board members congratulated Lt. Ward for obtaining the grant. Member Snipes moved to authorize advertisement for equipment for the SWAT Team; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

### ITEM # 3 CONSIDER ADOPTING 2013 BUDGET AND RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MILLAGE RATE FOR YEAR 2013

Manager Gray said on November 20th, the board authorized advertisement of the 2013 budget. This has been available for viewing at several locations and on display for the public to review since that time. The board is asked to consider adopting the budget. Member Snipes said the eleven years he has been on the board and each time the budget has come to them, it has been a thoughtful process and the finance director and manager have worked with them to go over priorities. We have listened to the concerns of the residents, we haven't raised our tax millage, and we come out each year in better financial performance than we have gone in. Member Snipes thanked the employees and professionals of the township for all of the work they have done. He looks forward to passing the budget this evening. Member Rocco said he was also impressed by the way the budget was handled. Chairman Harvie thanked Manager Gray and Mrs. Reukauf for their work that went into this and said it is a good budget. Member Snipes moved to open public comment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Guido Mariani wished everyone a Blessed Christmas and Peace on Earth. He said he believes the best thing to do with a budget is to take everything out and only allow those things back in that you really need. Regarding the host fees of \$13,500,000, Mr. Mariani said of that, \$10,200,000 goes to support the general fund and the balance goes to support the road program. Mr. Mariani said we have again used all of our host fees. Mr. Mariani believes that by using host fees the way we do, he doesn't think most of the residents in our township know what this government costs because they are not paying directly into it through taxes. Mr. Mariani wanted to highlight a few things in the budget. He said on page 4, the health insurance went from \$65,471 to \$96,223. That is over a 39% jump. On page 5, the solicitor fees this year were \$70,000 over budget. Last year they were almost \$129,000 over budget. Mr. Mariani said he hopes we can have better control over the events that cause these kinds of overruns and the need for these kinds of attorney intercessions. The engineer was \$80,000 over budget this year. We have a 61.5% increase in the 2013 budget (page 6). On pages 16 and 26, the boat ramp was \$208,000 over budget when it was built and it is not supporting its own maintenance. On page 26, there is a listing of \$60,000 for the New Falls Pedestrian Trail. Mr. Mariani asked if that is to build

sidewalks. Mr. Mariani asked if \$60,000 is really needed for a fishing pier. Mr. Mariani said the senior center is budgeted for \$1,000,000. Manager Gray said it will be reduced from the income that is received by the community grant. For the municipal complex, Mr. Mariani agrees that you have the right people, Kimmel Bogrette, for this job. Mr. Mariani believes that Biles Island will bankrupt this township. Mr. Mariani said the cost of living in Falls Township is 19.6% higher than it is in the U.S. The population growth is -5.3%; unemployment is .66%; job growth in Falls Township is -0.79%; the median income for a male is \$41,200 and the median income for a female is \$30,117. The median income for a household is \$50,000. Mr. Mariani said if you take a look at these statistics, this will be our revenue source without host fees. Mr. Mariani asked the board if they think this revenue source will be able to sustain the projects that you are committing this township to, without using host fees. He does not think you will be able to do it. Mr. Mariani said this board has the opportunity to be remembered as the board that set actions to establish sound fiscal accountability that enables Falls Township to be self-supportive without relying on host community fees. He would like to see you start this budget by never using the host fees for normal operating expenses. He wants the township to expand their tax base and begin to provide perpetual income for our residents so that everyone will receive a check. Chairman Harvie said regarding the fishing pier at the community park, we have had people asking for a fishing pier especially for those who are handicapped. As far as the building, he thinks everyone agrees with Mr. Mariani that the \$14M or \$15M number is too high. There is a sub-committee that will be meeting with Kimmel Bogrette this week to let them know that number is too high. Chairman Harvie said he will be very honest about the New Falls Road pedestrian walkway in saying that he sees people walking on that street every day. In their minds, it is an issue of safety and an effort to try to connect existing walkways that are already there. The money they are looking to spend is to search for grant money and also to do some design and survey work. They are looking to do this in a cost-effective manner as possible. Member Dence said the sidewalks that they are talking about is far from the proposal they saw several years ago. They are talking about making connections here and there to make it safer. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Snipes moved to adopt the 2013 Budget as presented; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Snipes moved to adopt Resolution # 2012-27, establishing the millage rate for 2013; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

### ITEM # 4 CONSIDER THE CROSSING GUARD MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE PERIOD 2013-2017

Manager Gray said the township has been meeting with the crossing guard union, SEI Union, Local 32BJ and both parties have come to an agreement. This is a four-year contract which runs from 2013 to 2016 and includes a wage increase and some housekeeping items. Member Galloway moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the crossing guards for the period of 2013 to 2016; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

## ITEM # 5 CONSIDER THE AFSCME MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE PERIOD 2013-2017

Manager Gray said the township has been meeting with representatives from AFSCME to come up with a new contract. This is a five-year agreement. There are several housekeeping changes. It allows for a wage increase and other items as well. The board is asked to consider this Memorandum of Understanding for AFSCME and Falls Township. Chairman Harvie thanked Manager Gray and Mr. Jordan Yeager, labor attorney for the township, for negotiating these contracts for the township. Member Snipes moved to approve the AFSCME Memorandum of Understanding for the period of 2013 to 2017; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

### ITEM # 6 CONSIDER AWARDING WORKERS COMPENSATION CONTRACT FOR YEAR 2013

Manager Gray said the township requested and received a quote for worker's compensation insurance for 2013. Our current carrier, Delaware Valley Worker's Compensation Trust, provided a quote for \$420,161 for the year 2013. This represents an increase of just over \$40,000 from the previous year. We also received quotes from two other carriers in the amounts of \$582,000 and \$674,000. In addition to the insurance, the township receives both a dividend and a safety grant from the trust. The trust also conducts safety training. Member Dence asked how many employees this would include. Manager Gray said it is ninety-six, full-time employees and all of the part-time employees - anyone on our payroll. Board members asked about the increase. Manager Gray said sometimes the rate goes up and sometimes the rate goes down. There are several factors that are taken into consideration. These factors might be any claims that are put in and also the economy. Chairman Harvie said Bristol Township is paying almost double what we pay and Middletown pays about \$120,000 more per year than we do. Member Snipes moved to open public comment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Andy Dell said when he has had worker's compensation claims, he has had a multiplier. He asked about the township's multiplier. Mrs. Reukauf said it is .909. Mr. Dell asked how the increase goes up by \$40,000 if you are not getting penalized. Mr. Clarke said the increase is not always directly related to your loss. It also depends on market conditions. The township has had three or four significant worker's compensation claims during 2012. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Snipes moved to award the workers compensation contract to the Delaware Valley Worker's Compensation Trust in the amount of \$420,161; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

# ITEM # 7 CONSIDER ADOPTING AMENDMENT REVISING CHAPTER 206 – WRECKERS ORDINANCE, SUBSECTION 7

Chairman Harvie introduced this item and explained the need for this ordinance change. Ms. Gallagher said this is for wreckers that the police department would call out, not a

wrecker that someone would call out on their own. Because they work on behalf of the township, we can regulate them. Member Rocco asked about the penalties. Ms. Gallagher said this is subject to a hearing and possible fines and penalties. Member Dence moved to open public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Bill Leonhauser (Penndel Towing and Recovery) asked if he is busy, would he be able to call another tower who is on the list. Mr. Leonhauser was told no. If he is busy, the next person on the list would be called. Member Dence asked for the towers to be notified of this circumstance. Ms. Gallagher said they are in the process of reviewing all of the towers on the 2013 applications right now and they will be notified of the changes in the ordinance. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Galloway moved to adopt Ordinance 2012-09 revising Chapter 206-Wreckers Ordinance, Subsection 7; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

### ITEM #8 AUTHORIZE MANAGER TO FINALIZE AWARD FOR SOUTH OLDS BOULEVARD CULVERT REPLACEMENT

Chairman Harvie said the thirty-day review period for this project will be complete on December 27, 2012. Member Rocco asked about the timing of the bid award and if they are able to do more up front. Mr. Sullivan said during the bid, there is a check list they need to fill out. The problem is that sometimes the meetings that are held after they issue the notice of intent to award - two meetings later, it is less than thirty days. Member Rocco asked why they don't require them to submit the paperwork with the bid. Mr. Clarke said the ordinance requires that there be a thirty-day review period, not only for us to review the bid, but for the public to review the bid. Normally, we don't have a problem, but it is just the way the meetings fell this month. The thirty days is not just to get their information, but it is the review period. If they want to change the thirty-day review period to a shorter time, then this would require an ordinance change. Mr. Sullivan said the other things we ask them to give us are the performance bonds and that would be after the notice of intent to award. Member Snipes moved to authorize Manager Gray to finalize the award for the South Olds Boulevard culvert replacement; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Sullivan said actual construction will probably start in early February.

### ITEM # 9 MINUTES - NOVEMBER 20, 2012

Member Snipes moved to approve the minutes from November 20, 2012; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

#### ITEM # 10 ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan said the 2012 Road Program is still going strong. In regard to the Penns Grant tennis court project, the contractor is installing the fence around the parameter of the court. The actual color and top coat layer cannot be done until the springtime. The Falls Township Senior Center is moving along. The slab is poured and steel is beginning to be erected. The

storm sewer installation is complete. In regard to the Falls Township Community Park soccer fields, the smaller field is complete. They hope to get the larger field done this year. Member Dence asked about markings in the street on Walton Drive. Mr. Sullivan said those are utility markings for the 2013 Road Program. Member Snipes moved to approve the November 2012 Engineer's Report; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

### ITEM#11 BILL LIST

Member Snipes moved to approve the bill list in the amount of \$2,179,776.08; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

#### ITEM # 12 EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 9:28 p.m. Mr. Clarke said that while in Executive Session, the board discussed contract negotiations, a matter of litigation, and a personnel matter.

#### ITEM # 13 MANAGER COMMENT

- A. Member Galloway moved to approve Manager Gray's memo dated December 12, 2012 for escrow releases for Castle Club Apartments in the amount of \$417.32, T-Mobile in the amount of \$2,010, Sprint (42 New Bold Road) in the amount of \$1,800, Sprint (701 Fallsington-Tullytown Road) in the amount of \$1,340.79, Sprint (275 Lincoln Highway) in the amount of \$1,059.28, and International Salt in the amount of \$11,200; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- B. Member Galloway moved to approve the time extension for the land development application for Viking Associates to March 31, 2013; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- C. Member Snipes moved to approve the time extension for the two conditional use applications for Metro PCS (701 Fallsington-Tullytown Road and 275 Lincoln Highway) to February 6, 2013; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- D. Member Galloway moved to approve the one-year lease agreement with Vaughn Insurance from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$16.18 per foot; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- E. Member Galloway moved to approve the month-to-month lease agreement with Dynamatrix Corporation from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$16.18 per foot (Dynamatrix also receives a monthly \$100 electric credit for having the township servers in their office); Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- F. Manager Gray said Christmas tree pick up for composting will take place by Waste Management on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. They ask the public not to place trees out prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>. Any trees over 6 feet in length

should be cut in half. Please remove all decorations and plastic bags from the tree. After January 12<sup>th</sup>, trees may be put out with regular trash. Drop off can be done at Waste Management at 1400 Bordentown Road, free of charge.

#### ITEM # 14 BOARD COMMENT

Member Rocco said his heart and prayers go out to the people in Connecticut. Member Rocco wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Member Galloway echoed Member Rocco's sentiments about the tragedy in Connecticut. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Member Snipes agreed with comments about the folks in Connecticut. Member Snipes said this is the time of year we feel joy, but hopes this can be a courageous time for us in this country. He thinks it is a good sign that some people, who would not normally have a discussion about violence or gun control, are now willing to have that conversation. He is curious why it is now that they are willing to have this talk and not after previous events. Member Snipes said he did some research. There are over 30,000 firearm deaths in this country every year and over half of those are suicides, most of them young men. Member Snipes hopes people can come to some kind of consensus to not have to take one's own life. He would like us as a country to work on this. Member Snipes spoke of a massacre in Australia in the 1990's. Thirty-seven people were murdered. The government helped pass legislation that would restrict gun sales. The goal was to reduce the number of guns in private hands by 20%. Advocates of gun ownership rights might think that is a bad thing, but the murder rate dropped by almost 40% and the suicide rate dropped by 50%. Member Snipes said there are some concrete things that we can do. Some folks have got to be courageous and step up to the plate and do something. He knows this is not their role on this board, but they can speak up as they do play a role in safety and security for our community. Member Snipes said the statistics are pretty clear and disturbing. He thinks we should be praying for this and hope that people in Washington, as well as all sides of this, will come together and do something. Member Snipes thanked his fellow board members for a great year working together. He looks forward to next year.

Member Dence said it has been a great year having productive meetings and doing business like they should. He wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chairman Harvie said as the father of two young people, this tragedy hit people in a different way. It is interesting listening to what people have said about this. Too often we turn and look for the simple answer. We ask about the one thing we can do to make these horrific tragedies stop, but unfortunately it is not that simple. The tragedies that we have seen just over the past several years are not caused by lack of gun control laws. They weren't caused by our treatment of mental health issues. They aren't caused by the issue of social economics. They aren't caused by poor parenting. They weren't caused by the way we educate people in school. They aren't caused by violent television shows, movies, or video games. They are caused by all of these things combined. We cannot look at one

solution. Is there something that needs to happen in terms of gun control, parenting, mental health issues, education, and economics? The answer to all of these questions is yes. Our society is becoming increasingly based on technology and decreasingly based on human contact. Hopefully, we have people all around the country who have the courage to look at this; not to just look at the next election, but look at the next generation. The President said very eloquently that we are not doing right by our children. If we are not doing right by our children, nothing we do will be right. We have to do this right. Unfortunately, let us hope that these twenty-seven people died for something. The sin that is already attached to this horrible situation would be magnified if nothing comes out of this. It is our job as elected officials to push those above us and it is our job as citizens to push elected officials. All of us wish we could end the meeting with Merry Christmas, but our thoughts and prayers are going out to the families who are having a very difficult and an in-imaginable holiday this year. Let us hope we can deal with these issues in the New Year. Chairman Harvie thanked board members, staff members, professionals, and administrators here in the township who continue to do a wonderful job. He wishes for everyone to have a great holiday season. Chairman Harvie said the next meeting will be a re-organization meeting and will be held on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Member Snipes moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Jeffry Dence, Secretary

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