

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

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

The meeting commenced at 7:03 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, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

PROCLAMATION AWARD FOR THE FALLS TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Chairman Harvie read a proclamation which was presented to Mr. Ed Zeek for fifty years of service as a volunteer firefighter. The board congratulated Mr. Zeek.

Chairman Harvie introduced Mr. Brian Andrews who is the new Director for the Parks and Rec Department and Ms. Jessica Fox who is the new Assistant Director of the Parks and Rec Department. Chairman Harvie said there will be a summer camp program this year. The township had to wait for the school district to give them a start date for the summer camp season. This year's camp will start on June 30th and will be held at the Walt Disney Elementary School.

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

Mr. Randy Sills asked about the posting of the ordinance for guns at the park. Chairman Harvie said there is currently a restriction for bringing firearms into the park and they are changing that to specifically address hunting so that people would not be able to hunt.

**ITEM # 2 SUPERIOR MOTORS – CONDITIONAL USE – 218 LINCOLN
HIGHWAY, TMP # 13-007-006**

Member Dence moved to table the conditional use for Superior Motors, 218 Lincoln Highway; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 3 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM F.X. BROWNE FOR ACT 101 RECYCLING GRANT

Manager Gray said the township received a proposal dated February 25, 2014 regarding the renewal of the recycling service grant. The scope of work includes obtaining valid documentation of the 2013 tonnages from the waste haulers, preparation and submission of the application for an Act 101 Municipal Recycling Program Performance Grant, and preparation of a year-end report for the township. The cost of this proposal is in the amount of \$3,500. Member Rocco asked how much the township received last year. Manager Gray said we are estimated to receive \$79,000. Chairman Harvie said we are paid on the amount of recycling we do. There are a whole lot more things that we can now recycle than we had previously been able to in the past. This includes any type of cardboard. Everything that gets recycled brings in money for the township. Member Galloway moved to approve the cost of \$3,500 to F.X. Browne for the completion of the Act 101 recycling service contract renewal; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 4 DISCUSSION REGARDING LED LIGHTS FOR FALLS TOWNSHIP

Chairman Harvie spoke about replacing regular street lights with LED lighting. The township has about 2,500 street lights. Mr. Vaughn Van Gilson, of Penn Lighting Associates, provided information about this proposed project. He spoke about a project they are doing in Bristol Township and said they have ongoing projects in the city of Philadelphia, Bethlehem, and West Chester. Mr. Van Gilson said for the Bristol Township project, the return on investment is about five years. For Falls Township, the annual usage would go from approximately \$1,667,000 to \$565,000 and the annual energy costs would go from about \$127,000 to \$46,700. There is an estimated \$88,000 utility rebate that the township would be able to get from PECO. Installation is about \$65 to \$75 per fixture or roughly \$640,000 for the whole project. For Falls Township, the estimated the payback would be about 3.7 years. After ten years, the savings would be about \$1.5M for doing this project. The LED lighting comes with a 10-year warranty and the life expectancy for these lights would be 15-20 years. The lighting products are on the Costars program. Mr. Arnao had input on this project and the fixtures are 100% manufactured here in Pennsylvania. Board members were all in favor of moving forward with this project. Mr. Clarke said the type of lights that are identified can be purchased through the Costars program, but the installation will require going out to bid. Mr. Van Gilson explained the difference between regular street lights and the LED lights. Mr. Van Gilson provided the board with a proposal for a complete audit of the township's street lighting. This will allow them to get an exact count of the number of fixtures needed for this project. Member Galloway moved to approve the street light audit in the amount of \$12,760 to Phillips National Lighting, pending solicitor approval; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 203 TO ADOPT ARTICLE VIII – “NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE” AND ARTICLE IX – “TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES”

Member Dence moved to approve Ordinance # 14-3, amending Chapter 203 to adopt Article VIII – “Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Committee” and Article IX – “Traffic Calming Measures,” Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) There will be a link on the website. If you have a traffic issue, you can send an e-mail and Manager Gray will filter the e-mails to the appropriate personnel. Member Dence said the township is looking for people who would like to volunteer on this board.

ITEM # 6 CONSIDER THE 2014 – 2015 STONE AND ASPHALT BIDS FOR FALLS TOWNSHIP

Member Dence moved to ratify to adopt the bids from Barrett Asphalt and Miller Materials in their quotes both dated March 20, 2013 and as presented in the memo from Manager Gray dated March 28, 2014; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 7 CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 168 – PARKS SECTION 15, MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, SUBSECTION B - HUNTING

Member Dence moved to approve Ordinance # 14-4, amending Chapter 168 – Parks Section 15, Miscellaneous Provisions, Subsection B – Hunting; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor except Member Harvie. (4-1)

ITEM # 8 MINUTES – MARCH 18, 2014

Member Dence moved to approve the minutes for March 18, 2014; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Rocco who abstained since he did not attend the March 18, 2014 meeting. (4-0-1)

ITEM # 9 EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no Executive Session held.

ITEM # 10 MANAGER COMMENT

1. Member Galloway moved to approve the escrow release to Asset Management Consultants for the cell tower project at 207 Austin Drive, in the amount of \$1,468.50; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
2. Member Galloway moved to approve the expenditure of \$5,880 to Concepts in Concrete, Inc. for restroom/locker room work at the Pinewood Pool; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

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3. Member Dence moved to approve to have Manager Gray finalize the bids for the Pinewood Pool baby pool repairs; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
4. Member Dence moved to approve the \$5,000 donation to T.A.G.; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
5. Member Rocco moved to approve the \$3,027 expenditure from Data Design for the IBM AS400 server UPS; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
6. Member Galloway moved to approve the waiver of land development extension to June 16, 2014 for Puss N Boots; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
7. Member Galloway moved to approve the 90-day time extension from April 19, 2014 for the Pennoni South End Water Storage project; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
8. Member Galloway moved to approve the 90-day extension for Auto Zone; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
9. Manager Gray said there will be a meeting in regard to the Trenton Avenue study. It will be held on Wednesday, April 9th from 7-9 p.m. in the Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School cafeteria.
10. Member Galloway moved to approve the expenditure of \$5,000 to Pennoni Associates to settle the Tullytown-Falls Township border disagreement; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) (Tullytown will pay \$5,000 and Falls Township will pay \$5,000.)

ITEM # 11 BOARD COMMENT

Member Rocco welcomed Mr. Brian Andrews and Ms. Jessica Fox to the Parks and Rec Department. Member Rocco congratulated Mr. Ed Zeek for his fifty years of volunteer firefighter service. Member Rocco said the proposed LED lights will look better and will also save money.

Member Galloway – No comment.

Member Dence said he is glad that they finalized the traffic committee and said we can start to calm some traffic in the township. Member Dence would like to propose a new campaign – Live Here, Spend Here. He encourages the public to spend money for goods and services here in Falls Township.

Member Boraski – No comment.

Chairman Harvie thanked board members and professionals for all the work they put in. Chairman Harvie welcomed Mr. Brian Andrews and Ms. Jessica Fox to the township. He thanked Manager Gray for sorting through the resumes and doing the interviews. Chairman Harvie said there are a number of homes within the township that are considered to be in a flood zone even though the area has never flooded. The township continues to struggle with

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FEMA to look at maps and help get some properties out of the flood zone designation. The township has no control over this, but will continue to work on getting this resolved. He asks the public to please be patient while they work on this issue. Chairman Harvie addressed the fines that we currently charge and asked about looking to increase those fines. There is a lot of debris on the side of the roadways and wonders if they can increase the penalties. Chairman Harvie said there may be a possibility of having a few community service workers to clean up debris along the roads. Chairman Harvie announced a Designer Bag Bingo to be held at the Levittown Fire Co. No. 1 on Saturday, April 5th. Tickets are \$25 each or \$30 at the door (if tickets are still available). For information on this event, please call 215-791-1309 or 215-945-4231. Member Dence said the street sweeper is now going through the township neighborhoods.

Member Dence moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary