

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

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

The meeting commenced at 7:25 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present with the exception of Member Rocco who had a work commitment this evening. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

Mr. Clarke said there was an Executive Session before the meeting. The board discussed a matter of potential litigation as well as several personnel matters.

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

Mr. Roland Kenney thanked all of the folks who attended Charter Day at Pennsbury Manor. There were about 1,000 people who showed up. Mr. Kenney said Mrs. Reese is still willing to run Three Arches the way she always did.

Mr. Bill Ervin said he was at a meeting in July of last year on July to discuss the problem with the creek which runs through the section of North Park. Out of that meeting, there were several actions items including scooping of the catch basins, removal of vegetation, installation of a shield to prevent vegetation growth, and performing a creek flow analysis. Mr. Ervin said he has brought up numerous times, some suggestions for control of the mosquito population. He suggests stocking the creek with fish or tadpoles to help control the larvae. Mr. Ervin said at a meeting over a year ago, Mr. Sullivan indicated there was an analysis of the creek. They know it is a stagnant creek that does not flow and it is breeding mosquitos. Mr. Ervin said his family has to stay covered up when they are outside during the summer months. His children get bit even after only being outside for ten minutes. He is still waiting for feedback on this issue. He is tired of his family getting sick and not being able to use their backyard. Mr. Ervin said he has been to several of these meetings in regard to this issue and he has been in touch with Representative Galloway's office. Chairman Harvie said to say they have not done anything is completely untrue. There is no municipality in the county who hires someone to spray for mosquitos. Those other municipalities rely solely on the county. Chairman Harvie told Mr. Ervin that Falls

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Township spends between \$10,000 and \$15,000 every year to spray and monitor mosquitos in your area, Chatham Road, Martha Circle, and Alden Avenue. We coordinate as much as possible with the county. The water Mr. Ervin spoke about is a stream that has been there for a long time. Mr. Sullivan said in regard to the flow analysis, the only thing they have is what FEMA has done in terms of the flood plain issue. Mr. Ervin said the creek has to be cleaned out. Chairman Harvie said in terms of cleaning it out, most of the debris that is there is from the residents of North Park who throw yard waste in there. As far as trees that may fall down, it is part of the natural environment and there are DEP regulations they have to follow. Mr. Ervin wants the township to contact Representative Galloway to see if he can help with this situation. Mr. Ervin said spraying does nothing. Chairman Harvie said spraying does have an impact. He looked at test results and the number of mosquitos has gone down. He said the township is doing what we can at this time and we will continue to do something. There were catch basins and they were tested by Clarke Mosquito. We are working on it and we will continue to work on it. This is a yearly program for the township. Mr. Ervin said he wants them to treat the cause not just the symptoms. Manager Gray said they did treat the catch basins last year.

Mr. Edgar Lituma asked if they would advertise the dates and times of any of the township meetings on the Falls Township cable channel. Chairman Harvie said they would look to include the meetings on the cable channel. Mr. Lituma said for the Falls Township Soccer Club, they have almost 400 kids who start playing soccer in March. Mr. Lituma asked about the township installing a grease trap at the park clubhouse so they could cook in the kitchen area. He said the soccer club is willing to put some money into that project if it can be done. Chairman Harvie said he thought it would cost around \$50,000. Member Dence said he thinks it goes beyond the grease trap and is not sure about being able to cook in the present building.

Mr. Ted Sanocki said the mosquitos are a real problem and he knows the township is trying to do something. He hopes you can do something else to help with this situation. Mr. Sanocki said he saw the video from the boat ramp. He asked about when they fix the boat ramp, if they will be doing the same installation as before. Mr. Sanocki thinks the damage could happen again. Chairman Harvie said the good news is that they are covered by insurance. They don't know yet if it is re-usable. Mr. Sanocki said in regard to plowing, he knows it is not an easy job, but he is not able to park all four of his vehicles in his driveway. Generally, when it snows, he pulls them up onto the lawn, but underneath of that he has sewer lines and doesn't want to interrupt those. Mr. Sanocki asked what people are supposed to do in this kind of situation. Chairman Harvie said they are looking at the ordinance and they are looking into where people can put their vehicles in that circumstance. Mr. Sanocki said the scandals with politics needs to stop and he hopes you can reassure and build the confidence of the residents.

Mrs. Debbie Martier said she has a couple more questions regarding Three Arches. She asked if events like the Breakfast with the Bunny will go on. Mrs. Martier said there is a painting at Three Arches which cost \$3,000 to restore. She asked what will happen with that. Mrs. Martier is worried about the house, the painting, and the artifacts and wonders

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who will take care of those things. Mrs. Martier said the only ones who ever came to any of the events is Chairman Harvie. She believes this situation was personal, not political. Mrs. Martier doesn't know of anything Mr. Reese has done wrong. Member Dence said this is not something that they decided to do one day. This has been going on for a long time. He said Mr. Reese has a personnel file and he has been sat down many times to discuss major issues. Chairman Harvie said no one on this board worked as much with the Reese's as he did. The issues that Member Dence is getting into, deal strictly with management issues. Chairman Harvie said Mr. Reese has moved on and they wish him the best of luck. Chairman Harvie said he keys for the Three Arches were dropped off early. In terms of the things Mrs. Martier spoke about, Mrs. Russo has been acting as the Parks and Rec Director, and she has responsibility for the Three Arches.

ITEM # 2 PEXCO LAND DEVELOPMENT – PRELIMINARY LAND DEVELOPMENT – 16 PROGRESS DRIVE – TMP # 13-47-166-4 AND 13-47-166-5

Manager Gray said this project is for preliminary and final land development for PEXCO Custom Plastic Extrusions. They have submitted proposed improvements for the construction of a 17,400 sq. ft. addition to an existing 45,715 sq. ft. industrial building with two new building docks, an expanded paved area, and infrastructure improvements on an eight-acre parcel, located at TMP # 13-47-166-4 and 13-47-166-5. The applicant is represented by Mr. Douglas Maloney. Mr. Maloney said they received approval from the Planning Commission. PEXCO manufactures custom extrusion products. They have about 1,200 employees nationwide and eleven manufacturing facilities. This facility was built in 1999 and this is the first expansion. They do not envision hiring additional employees at this time. They are working at almost full capacity. There are two minor waiver requests from the storm water management ordinance. Member Dence moved to approve Resolution # 14-8 for preliminary and final land development approval for PEXCO, located at TMP 13-47-166-4 and 13-47-166-5; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 3 CONSIDER QUOTES FOR FERTILIZER FOR THE TOWNSHIP FACILITIES

Manager Gray said Public Works Foreman Joe Arnao secured quotes for fertilizer services for 2014. The quotes were as follows: Tru-Green in the amount of \$15,620; Realty Landscaping Corporation in the amount of \$18,720; and Excell Maintenance Service in the amount of \$19,325. Member Galloway moved to retain the fertilizer services of Tru-Green in the amount of \$15,620; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

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ITEM # 4 CONSIDER ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 173 – PEDDLING AND SOLICITING – SECTION 2 – APPLICATION FOR LICENSE; FEE SUBSECTION C

Ms. Gallagher said this ordinance would amend Chapter 173, Section 2. The current version requires each permit application for a soliciting license to appear before the Board of Supervisors. The Chief of Police would now approve those applications instead of the Board of Supervisors. These are applications where the applicant would expect to receive their license the same day or the next day after submitting the application. Member Dence moved to approve Ordinance # 14-1, amending Chapter 173 – Peddling and Soliciting – Section 2 – Application for License Fee Subsection C; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 96 – AMUSEMENTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Ms. Galloway said this ordinance would expand the definition of special events to include block parties and like events. It also includes changes regarding the liability insurance. Member Dence moved to approve Ordinance # 14-2, amending Chapter 96 – Amusements and Special Events; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 6 MINUTES – MARCH 4, 2014

Chairman Harvie said for item 6 on page 5 of the minutes, the vote should have been (4-0). Member Dence moved to approve the amended minutes from March 4, 2014; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Boraski who abstained from the vote since he did not attend the March 4, 2014 meeting. (3-0-1)

ITEM # 7 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Sullivan said annual dredging at the boat ramp was performed this past week. In the next month, they will have docks on the right side put in. Member Dence asked about the timeline for opening the boat ramp. Mr. Sullivan said they try to open the boat ramp by April 15th of each year. Mr. Sullivan said the road contractor, J.D. Morrissey, returned to Makefield Road at out at the end of last week. Member Dence spoke about the condition of Makefield Road and said they may need to get a street sweeper out there. Mr. Sullivan spoke about the ground water issue and said it is temporarily resolved. When the road contractor comes in, they will fix that problem permanently. They will be coming back to the neighborhood in the next week or so. There is another gas main to be re-located as well as a sanitary sewer pipe issue that will need to be resolved. Member Dence moved to accept the February Engineer's Report dated March 14, 2014; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

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ITEM # 8 BILL LIST

Member Galloway moved to approve the March 18, 2014 bill list in the amount of \$1,573,792.67; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 9 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting.

ITEM # 10 MANAGER COMMENT

- 1) Manager Gray announced an open house meeting for the Trenton Avenue Study. It will be held at the Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School in the cafeteria on Wednesday, April 9th from 7-9 p.m.
- 2) Member Galloway moved to approve the vehicle lease agreement between the county and the township in the amount of \$1 for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015 or until recalled by the Bucks County District Attorney's Office; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
- 3) Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 14-9 for the Saturday, April 12th auction of a 1999 Elgin Sweeper Truck; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
- 4) Member Dence moved to approve escrow release #1 for Mercer Court in the amount of \$199,770.12; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
- 5) Member Dence moved to retain the services of Mr. Cliff Bidlingmeier from Kardos, Rickles, and Bidlingmeier as conflict counsel at the rate of \$170 per hour; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 11 BOARD COMMENT

Member Boraski said there was a great turn out at the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He thanked all who were involved and said it was nice to have the family out for this event.

Member Galloway said there are a lot of people involved in the Bucks County St. Patrick's Day Parade. He passed on his thanks to everyone who helped out in the course of the year. Member Galloway said we have more spectators come out to our parade than the Philadelphia parade. They look forward to next year's parade.

Member Dence apologized to Mrs. Martier about comments regarding Mr. Reese. He said it is not personal. He said Mr. Reese agreed to a termination agreement. He thanked the township for the way it was handled. We keep hearing that Mrs. Reese should stay at Three Arches, but she has never expressed an interest in staying here. It was never an easy decision. It is also not their intention to board up Three Arches or walk away from Three

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Arches just because the Reese's do not live there anymore. Walt Disney Elementary School has been notified and informed that anything they want to do should go through the Parks and Rec Department. This was not a decision that was made overnight. Member Dence said he does not appreciate being called a liar. He doesn't lie and nothing he said was untrue. Regarding the St. Patrick's Day Parade, it was a great day and beautiful weather. Pennsbury Manor did a great job at Charter Day. They have events going on every Sunday from now through October.

Chairman Harvie also said the St. Patrick's Day Parade turned out great. He thanked Member Galloway and the committee for all of their work. It is one of the biggest parades in Bucks County and is a great community event. Chairman Harvie thanked everyone who came out as well as the police department, fire police, and Public Works Department. Chairman Harvie spoke about the Trenton Avenue traffic study. Lower Makefield had been looking to close some streets in Lower Makefield and the fear was that when they cut off traffic, it would re-route traffic onto small, quieter streets. They are working to see if there a way to make traffic flow better on Trenton Avenue from Rt. 13 all the way down to the bridge in Morrisville, so that people don't take shortcuts. There was a state grant to help take a look at this. There is a meeting on April 9th at the Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School cafeteria from 7-9 p.m. Chairman Harvie said Manager Gray received some undeserved negative feedback this evening. He said he has a difficult job. He is essentially the CEO of a corporation that runs a budget, has well over 100 employees, deals with 35,000 residents, 82 miles of roadway, and handles any number of issues at any given day. He does a very good job. Chairman Harvie apologized to Manager Gray for those comments.

Member Dence moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary