

**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 7:02 p.m. with roll call and pledge to the flag. All Board members were present. Also present were Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer James Sullivan. Manager Gray was not feeling well this evening.

PRESENTATION BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR RECOGNITION OF YEARS OF SERVICE FOR POLICE OFFICERS

Chief Wilcox presented service awards to police officers. They are: Detective John Vella, Officer David Gold, Officer Richard Krotz, Detective Catherine Coffman, Sgt. Christopher Clark, and Officer Jonathan Caesar. Chief Wilcox thanked them for their years of service to the township.

PRESENTATION BY BRIAN ANDREWS FOR AWARDS FOR THE 2017 FALL PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Mr. Brian Andrews presented certificates and gift cards to the winners of the 2017 Fall Photo Contest. They are: Wildlife – Pamela Kennedy; Architecture – Kathleen Grassel; Plants/Flora – Arlene Flanagan; Wildlife – Fred Backhaus; and Miscellaneous – Kelley Erwin.

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

Mr. Guido Mariani said he recently read a guest opinion from David J. Hentosh about drug abuse and addiction. It explains how drug abuse leads to addiction and causes harm not only to the abuser, but to the families and friends of the abuser. Five people are adversely affected by every addict. That is 102.5 million Americans, about one third of the U.S. population. Medical marijuana is here and the townships cannot use local zoning laws to keep it out, but the townships can enforce codes in regard to these facilities and the location which makes the most sense. Mr. Mariani said he has had some training and education in this field. In order for treatment to succeed, there must be an enforcement plan in place. Also, the township needs to say no to legalization use. Get a plan and get it in place.

**ITEM # 2 MLH 150 ROEBLING, LLC – AMENDED FINAL PLAN – 150
ROEBLING ROAD - TMP # 13-051-001-024**

Mr. Sullivan introduced this project. The proposed project consists of the construction of facilities for the growing and processing of medical marijuana, along with the associated storm water management, utilities, and parking facilities. Representing the applicant is Ms. Kerry Nace with Fox Rothchild. Mr. Robert Showalter and Mr. James Connolly are also present. Ms. Nace said the applicant had originally planned to demolish the existing buildings on the site and then build a new facility. It turned out to be more efficient and cost effective if they would utilize the existing buildings. They do plan a 3,000 sq. ft. addition which would connect the three buildings. The existing storm water facilities in place are able to handle this. Waivers include curbing, trees, location map, and showing features within 200 feet of the land being developed. The fire marshal and township engineer review letters are will comply. Mr. Connolly spoke about security for the site. It includes ID badges, codes, motion sensors, and security cameras. They have several hundred thousand dollars in security equipment and apparatus for the facility. Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 18-05 for the amended final plan for MLH 150 Roebling, LLC, TMP # 13-051-001-024; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 3 MORTON SALT – WAIVER OF LAND DEVELOPMENT – 12
ROEBLING ROAD – TMP # 13-51-001**

Mr. Sullivan said the applicant's proposed improvements consist of the construction of a permanent roof over 600 sq. ft. of existing canopy framing. Representing the applicant is Mr. Tom Hecker. Also present this evening is Mr. Quinten Howard, the plant engineer for Morton Salt. The applicant wishes to cover the entire frame structure which is more efficient and will keep the product out of the elements. There is one waiver which deals with street trees. They are will comply with the fire marshal review. Member Rocco asked why they need land development for this. Anything over 500 sq. ft. would require land development. Member Rocco moved to approve Resolution # 18-06, waiver of land development for Morton Salt, 12 Roebling Road, TMP # 13-51-001; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 4 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR GEESE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
AT THE FALLS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK**

Mr. Brian Andrews said this will be the fourth year of the more aggressive geese management with the township. This is something we have to continue to stay on top of. If we let it slip, the problem will come back again. Mr. Rick Shadel (S&S Wildlife) is here to speak about this program. In 2017, the township approved up to \$27,000 and ended up spending \$18,500. Last year, they had the limited take permit, but they did not feel they needed to utilize it. There is a lot that goes into the limited take. They will apply for this again this year. Member Boraski moved to open public comment; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Guido Mariani said the township

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has always had a program to manage the geese, instead of getting rid of the geese. Geese, in high concentration, are likely to get parasites and can cause human health problems. Mr. Mariani still recommends using products that are infallible to the geese, but are safe for people. Mr. Mariani also spoke about a solar-power light that is barely visible to humans, but a nuisance to the geese. It is environmentally friendly and is cost effective. The lights flash every two seconds from dusk to dawn, at eye-level with the geese. Mr. Mariani provided information about this product to the board. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The board spoke about looking into the pricing of the flashing light product that Mr. Mariani suggested. Member Dence moved to approve S&S Wildlife in the amount NTE \$27,225, contingent on the execution of an indemnity agreement; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Galloway moved to approve Geese Chasers in the amount NTE \$1,990, contingent on the execution of an indemnity agreement; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 5 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM F.X. BROWNE FOR ACT 101
RECYCLING GRANT**

The township received a proposal from F.X. Browne for completion of the Act 101 recycling grant. This company will secure residential and commercial recycling waste information, they compile the information to the Act 101 report, and then submit it to the state. The total cost to complete this grant is \$4,000. The more we recycle as a community, the more money our community gets. Member Dence moved to approve the F.X. Browne proposal, in the amount of \$4,000, for the Act 101 Recycling Grant; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 6 CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER A214
– CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE – AT SECTION 1 –
DEFINITIONS AND WORD USAGES – SUBSCRIBER LISTS**

Member Dence moved to table item # 6 for the Cable Television Franchise; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 7 CONSIDER QUOTES FOR FERTILIZER FOR TOWNSHIP
FACILITIES**

Mr. Jason Lawson said there are 12 township facilities which will be covered in this quote. Quotes received were: Tru-Green (\$17,817.00); Capital Turf Management (\$22,484.00); and Total Lawn Care & Landscaping LLC (\$19,215.00). Member Boraski moved to approve Tru-Green in the amount of \$17,817 for fertilizer for township facilities; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 8 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Jason Lawson has submitted a request for consideration for new purchases for the Public Works Department. The following items have been budgeted in the 2018 budget. They include: 1) 2018 International HV507 SFA (\$87,375.00), fully up fitted (\$77,359.00); 2) Two 2018 Xmark 60-inch mowers (\$16,938.00); 3) 2018 Caterpillar 236D CCE Skid Steer (\$43,000.00) and Auger attachment (\$3,750.00) and 4) 2018 Toro Sand Pro 3040 (\$19,562.80). The equipment is from the Costars Contract or State Bid Items. Member Galloway moved to approve the Public Works Department purchases according to the February 6, 2018 and February 12, 2018 memos from Jason Lawson; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 9 CONSIDER NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD BID FOR TREE TRIMMING & REMOVAL OF TREE SERVICES

Mr. Lawson spoke about tree removal. The amount of money it would take to clean this up would require them to go out to bid. Bids were received and one bid (Kent's Tree Service) was fatal due to the security amount. The other two bidders submitted bid bonds. There were some questions as to how the bid was written. Mr. Clarke explained how the bid bonds work. Bid bond defects are not curable or waivable. Member Dence moved to reject all bids and authorize to re-bid the specs for the tree trimming and removal of tree services for the township; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

Mr. Lawson said he has been with the township for two years now and thanked the board for the opportunity they gave him.

ITEM # 10 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF VEHICLE FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

Member Rocco moved to approve the purchase of a 2018 Ford Explorer for the Code Enforcement Department, from Hondru Ford in the amount of \$33,961.00; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 11 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR VENDING SERVICES FOR THE PINWOOD POOL AND THE FALLS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK

Mr. Andrews spoke about vending services for the Pinewood Pool and the township park. Member Dence moved to approve the proposal from SVS Vending for vending services for the Pinewood Pool and the Falls Township Community Park; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 12 CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Member Dence moved to re-appoint Mr. Michael Evanick to the Board of Appeals; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Rocco moved to appoint Mr. Brian Phillips to the Parks and Rec Board for the term expiring in 2021; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Chairman Harvie moved to appoint Mr. Ian Conklin to the Parks and Rec Board for the term expiring in 2020; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 13 MINUTES – JANUARY 16, 2018

Member Dence moved to approve the minutes from January 16, 2018; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Boraski who abstained from the vote. (4-0-1)

ITEM # 14 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Sullivan said the community park fishing pier is substantially complete. At the Quaker Penn Park, work continues on the boat ramp. They are looking at an alternate way of attaching the boat ramp to the pilings. Member Rocco moved to approve the January Engineer's Report dated February 16, 2018; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 15 BILL LIST

Member Galloway moved to approve the bill list for February 20, 2018 in the amount of \$2,009,140.87; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 16 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Clarke said that while in Executive Session, the board discussed a Collective Bargaining Agreement, a litigation matter, and several personnel matters.

ITEM # 17 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Wilcox provided the following information:

- Coffee with a Cop will be held this Thursday at the Senior Center. The time is 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- They just finished up with D.A.R.E. graduations. Chief Wilcox thanked the board for their support of this program.
- Officer Morratti's condition is improving.
- Our detective bureau did some very good drug investigations in conjunction with other departments; they continue doing great work.

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- The Chief for a Day is continuing.
- Chairman Harvie asked how the hotel/motel ordinance is working out. Chief Wilcox said it has given us leads and is working out well.

ITEM # 18 MANAGER COMMENT

- A. Member Dence moved to finalize the terms of D&M Fireworks (for the Family Festival) in the amount of \$9,000 and pending legal review; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- B. Member Dence moved to approve four escrow releases; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- C. Member Rocco moved to approve the amount of \$6,000 each to the Memorial Day Parade, the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Fairless Hills Athletic Association, Falls Township Soccer Club, Levittown American Athletic Association, and Levittown Continental; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Galloway who abstained from the vote. (4-0-1)
- D. Member Dence moved to approve the purchase of 15 trees under the Bare-Root Tree Program at the cost of \$50 each for the total of \$750; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- E. New township businesses are: ReMax Total and Flowers, Nails, and Spa.

ITEM # 19 BOARD COMMENT

Member Dence – no comment.

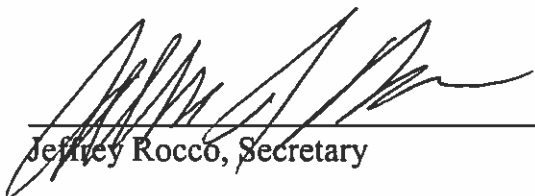
Member Rocco – no comment.

Member Boraski – no comment.

Member Galloway said the St. Patrick's Day parade will be held on Saturday, March 10th. The after-party Hoolie will be held at the Hibernians Division 1 in Bristol Boro. We are looking forward to a great parade.

Chairman Harvie said there is a member of the EAC that has not attended any meetings. Member Boraski moved to send notice to this individual that they may be replaced; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to approve a \$1,500 donation to the S.P.C.A.; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

Member Dence moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Rocco seconded the motion all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary