## TOWNSHIP OF FALLS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

The meeting commenced at 7:08 p.m. with roll call and pledge 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 Joe Jones.

Ms. Robin Robinson (Bucks County Recorder of Deeds) is here with First Deputy Gail Humphrey. They gave a follow up regarding the donation made by Falls Township for the preservation of deed books. The two deed books that the township money restored will be on display in the township building for about a week or so. Residents can stop by to view them. These books include records that date back to the year 1684.

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

Member Dence said we know most of the public is here tonight because of Elcon. We have been advised by our legal counsel that we should not discuss Elcon with anyone. We hear you. We have been asked why we are entertaining this and that we should reject this project. We cannot say no thanks. We have to review the plans. We have to let them make their presentation. It is not an option to say no. Chairman Harvie said a property owner or prospective property owner has a right to their property and to develop the property in a way they feel is appropriate. They have a right to present those plans to us. We do not have the authority to ignore this. The developer has to meet the state guidelines, codes, etc. We do not have the authority to ignore this. We are following standard procedure where it goes through our professionals, engineering and legal approval, fire marshal, code, zoning, and various boards and commissions that are appropriate to see them. That is the process happening right now. The Elcon proposal is currently being reviewed by the township engineer. When they are finished with their review, that is when they will submit their report to the developer and to us. At that point, that is when meetings will start to be scheduled. There isn't anything we can answer, but we will now go through 45 minutes public comment.

Mr. Donald Markert said the Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) was enacted in 1976 and is a federal law governing the disposal of solid waste and hazardous waste. In respect to Elcon, Waste Management, and Wheelabrator; when you look at the title, it

implies that you are going to recover and conserve and, at this time, none of those facilities do that. An interesting aspect of RCRA, its primary purpose, is to protect human health and the natural environment from the potential hazards of waste disposal. Mr. Markert spoke about not burning the waste and not releasing it into the air. Mr. Markert said he has been a resident for 64 years and has seen many industries come and go. Mr. Markert spoke about Love Canal, NY; Times Beach, MO; Picher, OK; and the Centralia, PA mine fire. Mr. Markert said corporate accountability is a lax concept. If they have to pay a fine, it is paid as part of 'doing business' and not caring about compliance. We saw two recent articles about Waste Management's inability to control odor and keep trash from blowing around. We ended up with seagulls that deposit excrement all over Falls Township.

Mr. Robert Seufert said if you have driven along South Olds towards Penn Ryn School, his home is on the left with the sign that reads Art Classes. He and his family have been here for 26 years and have been very happy in Falls Township. He is very concerned about the Elcon issue. There is a human element to this and a quality of life element. Many of us remember Bhopal, India; Love Canal; Flint, Michigan; and Chernobyl. Mr. Seufert said he was at a meeting a few years ago and listened to the Elcon proposal and presentation. The people who were at the meeting, except for the construction people, were opposed to Elcon. Mr. Seufert said the DEP will host a meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Sheraton. He hopes everyone will attend.

Ms. Carol Kelly-Adams said she is also against Elcon. She has lived in Fairless Hills all her life. We have poor air quality and there are a lot of children who have asthma. She is concerned this will further deplete our health. Elcon is in Israel in the desert and not near a water supply. If there were a spill here, it could get into our water supply and there are numerous municipalities that depend on the Delaware River for their water. We had a water issue in Lower Makefield. She feels we can put something else on that property that would employ more people and be more beneficial to the township. We must take the people who live here into consideration. Please consider what she has to say.

Ms. Joan Graves said she is going to speak to the humanitarian aspect of this. If you go on line to Falls Township, the organization chart reminds us that we the people are the township and at the top it says Falls Township citizens/residents. We do not want this toxic waste facility in our backyard. She is appalled that you would even consider bringing this facility into Falls Township. Ms. Graves would like to know what the benefits are to Falls Township. The plan is being reviewed, but in her opinion, it should be immediately rejected. Elcon's track record speaks for itself. There are many schools in close proximity to the proposed site. The Bucks County Montessori School houses 193 students in K-6, ranging from ages 6 to 12. Ms. Graves spoke of the proposed route that trucks would probably take. What happens if the trucks change their route and go the wrong way on Tyburn Road towards the school? That would bring those vehicles within hundreds of yards of that elementary school. When a spill occurs, what are we going to do with those children? What about the children who are from surrounding areas? We want no part of this. The Township of Falls has been dumped on long enough. It is time for the supervisors

to do their due diligence and protect the health and welfare of our township. Send a clear message to this company and reject this proposal now. For the meeting on Elcon on March 5<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Graves would like to know who from the board will be there.

Ms. Shavani Patel said as a student, many adults have told her that they will do everything they can to protect her future and make sure it is promising. The Elcon project is not protecting her future. Elcon has never operated on a toxic waste facility at the large scale they proposed with the DEP. If there is an accidental spill, that is her drinking water. Ms. Patel said when she was doing research for her English editorial, she came across the American Lung Association report which said Bucks County has the second worst air quality in the entire state of Pennsylvania. Elcon's project will add to that. This decision will affect generations to come. This is our future.

Ms. Christy Manetta said she is a Bucks County realtor. She wants you to know that she is against the proposal that Elcon is making to build this hazardous waste facility and processing center. There are safety and health concerns. We want to raise our families here. We want Bucks County to remain beautiful and we want to live as healthy residents. We also want property values to rise.

Ms. Kim Rock is a realtor with Keller Williams in Langhorne. She went to the last Elcon meeting and learned a lot of scary things. She hopes their opinions of Elcon will matter when the board makes their final decision. Bucks County already has the worst air quality in the state of Pennsylvania. How do we have such poor air quality? We have the Trenton Airport and Waste Management. Ms. Rock thinks Elcon will only provide about 50 jobs. We had the water issue in the fall. What happens if Elcon has some type of spill? Ms. Rock said she had perspective buyers who learned about Elcon. They contacted her and said due to their concerns about Elcon, they will be purchasing a home in another area. Ms. Rock said Elcon will have an impact on property values.

Ms. Lindsay Magnussen said she would have never dreamed she would be here, but she has been following Elcon for a few years. She didn't think we would get to this point. Ms. Magnussen wants to protect the lives of our children in this community. This will impact our lives and our future. This feels a little out of her control. Take a look around at the children and truly make the right decision.

Ms. Constantina Lambron said she wants to remind board members that the seats you hold have responsibilities. She knows you have a hard decision to make and you may agree with us, but she understands you cannot speak your opinion. She is asking you to consider your friends and family because this is their community too. Ms. Lambron wonders what type of research Elcon did when they picked our community. Ms. Lambron is concerned over how many tax dollars will be wasted with the reviews and zoning before you say enough is enough and the answer is no. Ms. Lambron believes it is no coincidence that they picked us. Just watch our property values decrease. If we build a toxic waste plant here, where do we go? Thank you for your time, consideration, and your service.

Ms. Sharon Furlong thanked the board for the earlier clarifying comments and said it is important that we all understand the process of what you have to go through. She would like to speak about the Green Amendment. Pennsylvania is one of two states that has a constitutional amendment regarding the rights of citizens and a healthy environment. Ms. Furlong referenced Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution. The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. The Commonwealth is a trustee. As Trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people. The standards of protection must apply to all people in the Commonwealth; those living and those not yet born. Also, the state's natural resources cannot be treated as a commodity or as property. Ms. Furlong spoke about a court case that was heard by the state government regarding this amendment. These rights cannot be overturned or ruled or lost. These rulings ended up emphasizing the historic and esthetic values in addition to clean air, water, and a healthy clean environment. A project such as Elcon, a project that cannot guarantee 100% containment, can and should be rejected. It violates the law and the spirit of the Pennsylvania Constitution.

Ms. Adrienne Morgado referenced the Green Amendment. She provided Chairman Harvie with a copy of a book. She said you will feel that you want to be a water protector after you have finished reading it.

Mr. Mason Patersen said before organizations like the EPA were established, America's water quality was horrendous. It was a time when pollution made many of our nation's rivers, streams, and lakes unsafe for swimming, fishing, and other activities. Some cities had pollution so thick that often you couldn't see the city from a distance. These days the elderly and asthmatics are at risk of respiratory damage. We must not go back. The PA DEP is considering allowing Elcon to construct a hazardous waste facility in Falls Township next to the Wheelabrator incinerator plant. It is half a mile away from the creek that drains into the Delaware River. They have proposed to import 210,000 tons of hazardous chemical waste to the proposed plant in Falls Township. This means that over 1M pounds of toxic waste per day will be burned and released into the air. If mistakes are made, who knows what could happen to the surrounding areas. Many towns will be affected. We must deny construction of the facility and move forward.

Ms. Barb Stakes referenced a Letter to the Editor. She said residents have been fighting against Elcon contaminated waste for about four years now. While Elcon assures us that the waste water they treat will be evaporated within the confines of the building and not escape into the air we breathe, the process remains a mystery to many. More concerning are the 20 tanker trucks per day which must travel through the streets carrying the contaminated water. Rt. 13 is more of a local thoroughfare than a highway and houses sit directly on that road. There will be accidents. Imagine water gushing from a tanker. That water will flow into our storm drains and eventually into the Delaware River. If in an accident, what happens if a truck driver is hurt or unconscious? How does a tanker of fluid get mopped up? Who will

own these trucks? In the long-run, Ms. Stakes believes taxpayers will end up paying for any cleanups. After the building is completed, how many long-term jobs are left? During the industrial age, industry sewage and carcinogens were permitted to flow into the Delaware River. The river was so contaminated it could not be fished. The EPA was created to protect people from the harmful effects and hazards of industry. There are 1,343 super fund cleanup sites that remain throughout the country and Pennsylvania has 94 of them. Our corner of the world is under assault from all sides. Elcon's plant is just one more of them. Please take serious consideration of these concerns.

Chairman Harvie said we have reached the 45-minute maximum and will move on with our agenda items.

## ITEM # 2 MILEX PROPERTIES, LLC – PRELIMINARY LAND DEVELOPMENT 300 W. TRENTON AVENUE – TMP # 13-035-027

Manager Gray said this proposed project consists of construction of a 4,800 sq. ft. office building with garage spaces and associated parking, utilities, and stormwater management. The applicant is represented by Ms. Kristin Holmes from Holmes Cunningham Engineering. There is an existing office building. The applicant is proposing to build a second office building which would total 4,800 sq. ft. There will be a total of 37 parking spaces. Ms. Holmes reviewed the waivers which include: widening of the right-of-way and cart way and providing curb and sidewalk along the frontage of West Trenton Avenue; requirement for driveways to have curbs; open space between the curb line and building; curbed raised planting beds for off-street parking; and a partial waiver from the requirement showing existing features. Member Rocco asked about the handicapped parking. They will provide a new handicapped space at the new building. The engineer and fire marshal review letters are will comply. Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 19-6 for Milex Properties, LLC, preliminary land development, 300 W. Trenton Avenue, TMP # 13-035-027; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

# ITEM # 3 NEWPORT VILLAGE APARTMENTS – WAIVER OF LAND DEVELOPMENT – 8590 NEW FALLS ROAD – TMP # 13-018-074-001 AND TMP # 13-018-074-002

Manager Gray said the applicant's proposed improvements consist of the demolition of the existing pool, deck, and sidewalks and the proposed construction of a 1,982 sq. ft. accessory building and associated sidewalks. The applicant is represented by Ms. Amanda Schneider, Project Engineer from DL Howell & Associates. Ms. Schneider said they are proposing an approximate 2,000 sq. ft. building which will be used as a complex management office and fitness center for existing residents. They are requesting a waiver for street trees and received a variance for a requirement for an indoor recreation center. They will remove the existing pool and existing sidewalk. They are proposing the building with sidewalks, ADA accessible parking spaces and storm water management and landscaping. Everything in the township engineer's letter is will comply. The Shade Tree Commission is recommending replacing 13 trees that are being removed. Ms. Schneider did not see the letter, but if the township wants more trees, they will agree with this requirement. Member Dence moved to

open public comment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Ms. Gail Humphrey said if you are taking away trees, she would like an equal number of trees put back. Member Galloway moved to close public comment; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to approve Resolution # 19-7 for Newport Village Apartments, waiver of land development, 8590 New Falls Road, TMP # 13-018-074-001 and TMP # 13-018-074-002; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

# ITEM # 4 CORCO CHEMICAL CORP. - MINOR SUBDIVISION/LOT LINE CHANGE - TYBURN ROAD AND CEDAR ROAD - TMP # 13-013-013-001 AND TMP # 13-013-010

Manager Gray said the applicant's proposed improvements consist of a minor subdivision and lot line change between two existing parcels. The applicant is represented by Mr. John Koopman and Mr. Heath Dumack. Mr. Koopman summarized the proposed plans. They will comply with the township engineer letter dated January 31, 2019. There are three waivers which include: sidewalks, street trees, and buffer plantings. Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 19-8 for Corco Chemical Corp., minor subdivision/lot line change, Tyburn Road and Cedar Road, TMP # 13-013-013-001 and TMP # 13-013-010; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

## ITEM # 5 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR GEESE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AT THE FALLS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK

Mr. Brian Andrews has secured a quote from S&S Wildlife for their annual geese harassment program. The proposal will include egg addling, permit filing, and the overall comprehensive harassment program that takes place March through December. The total cost for the 2019 calendar year is expected to be no more than \$27,225.00. We plan to spend an additional \$1,900 with Geesechasers for border collie harassment. Mr. Andrews said this is something we need to maintain to keep on top of the geese situation. Mr. Rick Shaidel provided information to the board. Last year \$14,868 was spent for the harassment. The resident bird population has come down from previous years. Using the dogs has helped a great deal. Member Dence asked about seagulls on the new fishing pier. Mr. Shaidel said he is not an expert on seagulls, but he will see what he can find out then get back to Mr. Andrews. Member Boraski asked about the geese in Fallsington. Mr. Andrews said they will certainly look at this. The board spoke about Flight Control. Mr. Shaidel said they could try using this product, but the geese will wander on areas that are not treated. Flight Control is a good product, but it doesn't work on water. It still needs to be coupled with other methods. Member Boraski moved to open public comment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Guido Mariani said he gave the board some photos of the geese. Over the years, this board has tried to manage the geese, but instead of managing them, they need to get rid of them. He has suggested many methods but does not believe the township has ever tried any of his recommendations. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Galloway seconded the motion;

all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to approve the proposal from S&S Wildlife for geese management services, in the amount NTE \$27,225, subject to execution of an indemnity agreement with the township; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Boraski who voted no. (4-1) Member Rocco moved to approve the proposal from Geesechasers in the amount of \$1,990, subject to execution of an indemnity agreement with the township; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Boraski who voted no. (4-1)

#### ITEM # 6 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF FINANCE SOFTWARE

Mrs. Betsy Reukauf has secured a quote from Tyler Technologies for new finance software. Mrs. Reukauf provided information to the board regarding the purchase of the Incode 10 and ExecuTime software packages. She has reviewed several options and has determined that Tyler Technologies is the best fit. This has been included in the budget. Member Galloway moved to approve the purchase from Tyler Technologies in the amount of \$126,118 (plus travel expenses) for their Incode 10 and ExecuTime software packages from SourceWell; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

#### ITEM #7 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF GIS SOFTWARE

Mr. Matt Markey said GIS systems allow for the mapping of data. They can put that data into a system that allows them to track trends, keep updates, be in the field in real time and plot information. The price is \$10,661 for the licensing and \$4,235 for the initial training for the total amount of \$14,896. Member Galloway moved to approve the proposal from Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) in the amount of \$14,896 for software licensing and training; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

## ITEM # 8 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM F.X. BROWNE FOR ACT 101 RECYCLING GRANT

Mrs. Reukauf said F.X. Browne has provided a proposal in the amount of \$4,800 for the ACT 101 recycling grant. They quoted us a price of \$4,800 for that service. This brings in revenue ranging from \$50,000 to over \$100,000 every year for the recycling grant and is based on tonnage. Member Dence moved to approve the proposal from F.X. Browne for the ACT 101 Recycling Grant in the amount of \$4,800; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

# TRIMMING AND REMOVAL OF TREE SERVICES IN FALLS TOWNSHIP

Mr. Jason Lawson spoke about this quote and the problems the township is having with the ash borer beetle and the spotted lantern fly. He hopes to get a good deal for the township to

correct whatever issues we have. Member Galloway moved to authorize advertisement for tree trimming and removal of tree services in Falls Township; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

# ITEM # 10 CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR LANDSCAPING SERVICES AT TOWNSHIP FACILITIES FOR YEARS 2019, 2020, AND 2021

The board spoke about this item. The only change from previous years is that Three Arches has been added to the landscape list. Member Boraski moved to authorize advertisement for landscaping services at township facilities for years 2019, 2020, and 2021; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

## ITEM # 11 CONSIDER QUOTES FOR FERTILIZER FOR TOWNSHIP FACILITIES

The township received quotes for fertilizer as follows: Tru-Green in the amount of \$17,817; Capital Turf Management in the amount of \$22,585; and Total Lawn Care & Landscaping LLC in the amount of \$24,528. Member Rocco asked if this includes the soccer field at Quaker Penn Park. Mr. Lawson said yes for the spraying, but not for the fertilization portion. The fertilizer would be on the ballfield and the in-field slit seeding. There was an option for the soccer field, but we haven't put that together yet. Chairman Harvie said this is one of the things that was mentioned in a meeting earlier today. They will use the Quaker Penn Park more since there will be three soccer fields from the main park that will be shut down. We will check with them about the fertilization. Member Rocco moved to accept the quote and award the work for fertilizer for township facilities to Tru-Green in the amount of \$17,817; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

# ITEM # 12 CONSIDERATION OF ENGINEER'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD THE QUAKER PENN PARK ELECTRICAL AND CAMERA INSTALLATION PROJECT

Mr. Jones said the board had voted to issue the notice of intent to award the Quaker Penn Park electrical and camera installation project to RF Design in the amount of \$62,858. We found out that the contractor cannot meet our responsible contractor ordinance, so we are asking the board to revoke the notice of intent award. Member Dence moved to revoke the notice of intent to RF Design for the Quaker Penn Park electrical and camera installation project; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

## ITEM # 13 CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR THE QUAKER PENN PARK ELECTRICAL AND CAMERA INSTALLATION PROJECT

Member Boraski moved to reject all bids for the Quaker Penn Park electrical and camera installation project; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to re-bid the work (phase 1 & phase 2) for the Quaker Penn Park electrical and camera installation project; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

## ITEM # 14 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Manager Gray and Lt. Pletnick reviewed information for the purchase of two vehicles for the police department. This includes a 2019 Dodge Charger and a 2019 Ford F150. The cost for both vehicles is \$86,357.20. This came in over budget so they will forego the purchase of another item in their 2019 budget to make up the difference. Member Rocco moved to approve the purchase of a 2019 Dodge Charger and a 2019 Ford F150 truck for the police department and from New Holland Ford, off the Co-Stars list, in the amount of \$86,357.20; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

# ITEM # 15 CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 209 – ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FALLS – SECTION 209-7 BY REZONING CERTAIN LANDS IDENTIFIED AT BUCKS COUNTY TAX MAP PARCEL # 13-015-001-005 FROM LR – LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT – NC – NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Ms. Gallagher said this is a request from the property owners, Gino and June Ferrante. This has been advertised consistent with the requirements of the Municipalities Planning Code. The property was posted on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The property was first built in 1953 but has never been residential. It was always used for medical offices or a daycare. Member Dence moved to approve Ordinance # 19-1, amending Chapter 209 – Zoning District Map of the Township of Falls – Section 209-7 by Rezoning Certain Lands Identified at Bucks County Tax Map Parcel # 13-015-001-005 from LR – Low Density Residential District to NC – Neighborhood Commercial District; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

## ITEM # 16 MINUTES – JANUARY 15, 2019

Member Galloway moved to approve the minutes from January 15, 2019; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

### ITEM #17 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Jones said they have come up with a new format for the engineer's report. He is interested in any feedback or comments from the board. Mr. Jones said for the 2018 Road Program, the contractor will demobilize for a month or so since the paving plants are closed. Each resident has access to their driveway. At St. Josephs Court, the project is moving along. They have a large excess of top soil that the township may be interested in. There has been no activity for the Outback Steakhouse. For Peruzzi, we will have to send an inspector to that location. They need an HOP in order to construct the curbs. The compost toilets at the park are on hold. We were scheduled twice, but this had to be rescheduled due to wet conditions. They may need to put down mats in order to get the cranes out there. Member Dence moved to open public comment; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Ms. Toni Battiste asked about the Fun Zone business being opened in the old Pathmark building. Chairman Harvie said he spoke to the owner and believes it may be opening in May or June. They are a couple of months away. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to accept the January 2019 Engineers Report dated January 31, 2019; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

#### ITEM#18 BILL LIST

Member Rocco moved to approve the bill list for February 19, 2019 in the amount of \$2,126,345.03; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

#### ITEM # 19 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Clarke said that prior to tonight's meeting, the board held an Executive Session to discuss matters related to a collective bargaining agreement and various personnel matters.

#### ITEM # 20 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Lt. Pletnick reported on the following:
  - A. Compensation to the township from the Commonwealth for citations and fines issued in 2018 totaled \$132,915.99.
  - B. The Chief for the Day program is moving along well. There are sixteen students. Twelve are finished with the program and there are four more to go.
  - C. We are currently in the process of choosing candidates for the Safety Net program. This replaces the Rapid Recovery program. Please call Gina Seiler at 215-949-9100 x303 for more information.
  - D. The next Coffee With A Cop will be held on March 29, 2019 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Falls Township Senior Center.

- E. Our detectives recently assisted Middletown Township Police Department Narcotics Unit with a narcotics operation. A significant amount of heroin was recovered. This led to an arrest of an individual out of Trenton.
- F. On Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, Officer Nicole Diviny conducted a narcotics investigation on Bristol Pike. She discovered an individual with possession of a loaded rifle and ¾ of an ounce of methamphetamine.
- G. There will be a drug take back event on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This will coincide with the shredder event the same day from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. There is a also a box in the police department for people to drop off their narcotics during other periods of time.

#### ITEM #21 MANAGER COMMENT

- A. Member Galloway moved to approve the following donations: American Legion for the Memorial Day parade (\$6,000); Towns Against Graffiti (T.A.G.) (\$5,000); Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans (DV3) for the flag memorial (\$6,000); and Historic Fallsington Day (\$6,000); Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- B. Member Galloway moved to approve escrow release # 1 for Abington Reldan Metals in the amount of \$844,796.19; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- C. Member Dence moved to approve the purchase of 15 bare-root trees at \$50 ea. for the total price of \$750; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- D. Manager Gray said on January 16, 2019, the township held a hearing with Emilie Towing, pursuant to Section 206-12 of the Falls Township Code regarding allegations that Emilie Towing had violated Chapter 206 of the Code. Manager Gray provided a detailed explanation regarding the alleged violation. No violation was found, and no further action will be taken. Member Galloway moved to accept the recommendation by Manager Gray for Emilie Towing; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- E. Manager Gray announced the following new businesses: Steam Team LLC; Web Linked Solutions; The Falls Banquet; and Superior Car Wash.

#### ITEM # 22 BOARD COMMENT

Member Galloway - no comment.

<u>Member Boraski</u> – no comment.

Member Dence'- no comment.

Member Rocco said going forward he anticipates public comment at each meeting to be quite long. Perhaps we should consider moving it further down on our agenda as there were

many people sitting around for well over an hour. Board members said they would be okay with this.

<u>Chairman Harvie</u> thanked everyone for a good meeting and all the work that was put in. We have some people who have submitted letters of interest for openings. He would like board members to try to talk with them soon.

Member Dence moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Boraski seconded the motion all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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