Board of Supervisors - September 19, 2022

### TOWNSHIP OF FALLS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

#### **ROLL CALL:**

JEFFRY E. DENCE, CHAIRMAN	<b>ABSENT</b>
JEFFREY M. BORASKI, VICE-CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
BRIAN M. GALLOWAY, SECRETARY	PRESENT
JOHN W. PALMER, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT
ERIN M. MULLEN, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with roll call and pledge to the flag. All Board members were present with the exception of Chairman Dence who had a family commitment this evening. Also present were Township Manager/Chief Code Enforcement Officer & Zoning Officer Matthew Takita, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher and Township Engineer Joe Jones.

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

Mr. Andrzej Zukowski (Lawrenceville, NJ) wanted to speak about item # 2, Lux Industries. He will speak when that item is brought up. Mr. Zukowski had a translator with him.

Mr. Rob Farkas (Pennsylvania Ave) said he sent several emails to the township regarding the tree line along Pennsylvania Avenue in Fairless Hills. He said the tree line was cut down in June of 2020. The stumps are still along the road, not ground down, and still in place. Going back to when Traditions of America built Avenrowe, that tree line was to be preserved and it has not been preserved. The white pines were in the power lines. Asplundh cut down several trees and left the debris there and did not pick it up. There were two rows. The outer row was the township and the inner row belonged to the development. Manager Takita said he will speak with Mr. Lawson.

Ms. Ellen Freeman (non-resident) was here for item # 3 and will speak during that agenda item.

Member Galloway moved to close public comment; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

### ITEM # 2 LUX INDUSTRIES – CONDITIONAL USE HEARING – 351 PHILADELPHIA AVENUE – TMP # 13-047-081

Member Galloway moved to open the Conditional Use Hearing for Lux Industries, 351 Philadelphia Avenue, TMP # 13-047-081; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Mr. Clarke said this is a Conditional Use Hearing. The applicant is Mr. Gary Lux of 3GMC Realty LP. The property is located at 351 West Philadelphia Avenue, Morrisville, PA 19067, Bucks County Tax Map Parcel # 13-047-081. This hearing was originally scheduled for Monday, July 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in this room

but it was continued to this date at the applicant's request. This is an application requesting Conditional Use approval to allow the property to be used for the storage of dumpsters and parking of trucks pursuant to Falls Township Zoning Ordinance Section 209-29.C5. The property is located in the heavy industrial district. The applicant is represented by Mr. Andrew Stoll (Fox Rothschild LLP). Also present is Mr. Gary Lux, Jr. Mr. Clarke said township exhibits are marked as: T1-Copy of the application; T2-Copy of the advertisement; T3-Hearing notice from July 21, 2022; and T4-Proof of posting. Anyone who wishes party status will need to come forward at the conclusion of Mr. Stoll's presentation. Party status allows you to ask specific questions of the applicant and the applicant's witnesses and it allows you to present testimony. This is different than just making public comment. In order to be granted party status, you must be impacted by the application in a manner greater than the general public. Mr. Clarke asked Mr. Stoll to please identify any witnesses, give a brief summary of what their testimony would be, ask them to confirm if your summary is accurate, and then make yourself and your witnesses available for any questions from the board. Mr. Stoll said the property is already used for industrial purposes. The storage is outdoor dumpsters. The storage aspect is on the Falls Township side of the property. Mr. Stoll marked his exhibits as: A1-Conditional Use application; A2-Deed to the property; A3-Neighbor notice that was sent to the applicable residents for tonight's hearing; A4-Photographs of the storage containers; A5-Engineer review letter from Mr. Jones dated July 25, 2022; A6-Conditional Use plan prepared by Reme and Associates LLC dated September 16, 2022; and A7-Correspondence from Reme and Associates LLC dated September 16, 2022 responding to Mr. Jones comments in his review letter. Mr. Stoll said as shown in Exhibit 4, this shows the normal dumpsters that you would see on any industrial property. They are only permitted by Conditional Use. Exhibit 6 is the plan that was submitted tonight which shows all the information requested by Mr. Jones in his review letter. On those plans you will see the storage areas. There is a small parcel in the middle of Mr. Lux's property which has sat there unused. There is no access to it and nothing about it that would affect this application. They have looked at all of the Conditional Use requirements under the Falls Township Zoning Ordinance. This is an industrial use in an industrial area. Mr. Gary Lux Jr. was sworn in. He is one of the general partners with 3GMC Realty. Mr. Lux agreed with the information presented by Mr. Stoll. He is also in agreement with the comments in the letter from Mr. Jones and the response to Mr. Jones. Mr. Andrzej Zukowski (972 Mulberry St, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 and owner of 351 West Philadelphia Avenue, TMP # 13-047-082) asked for party status. Mr. Zukowski had a translator (Ms. Bozna Wisniewski) to assist him. She is a real estate broker and she is assisting Mr. Zukowski this evening. Mr. Stoll objects to Mr. Zukowski requesting party status. Mr. Clarke said because of the location of his property, we will grant him party status but Mr. Stoll's objection is noted. Mr. Zukowski said he is affected by this project. Mr. Clarke said you cannot make comments; you are here to ask questions. Mr. Clarke said you have to be impacted by the project and you have to ask questions not make statements. Mr. Zukowski asked why the applicant started using his property without permission? Mr. Lux said he is not using Mr. Zukowski's land. Mr. Zukowski's interpreter had a satellite map to show Mr. Lux. Mr. Clarke said you are not an attorney; you are just interpreting for Mr. Zukowski. Mr. Zukowski said he has a photo of Mr. Lux using his land and why are you using his land? Mr. Lux said if you look at the survey, there is a fence line. His land comes up to the fence line and not past that fence line. Anything we are using is on the other side of that fence line. Mr. Clarke reminded Mr. Zukowski that he is here to ask Mr. Lux questions. Mr. Zukowski asked if there will be permission for changing the use of the property his land will be excluded from it; it won't be attached. Is this correct? Mr. Lux said yes. You won't touch his land? Mr. Lux said that is correct. Mr. Zukowski asked why are you still using part of my land? Mr. Lux said he is not using his land and to look at the survey. Mr. Clarke said your objection is sustained. You are not asking questions about the Conditional Use application. You are asking about a private dispute between two property owners. You have to ask questions about the Conditional Use application itself. Mr. Clarke said the application is specific to the tax map parcel that is owned by Gary Lux, 3GMC Realty LP and will not affect any other properties other than tax map parcel # 13-047-081. There was no one else wishing to have party status for this matter. There were no further questions for Mr. Lux. Member Palmer asked Mr. Jones if he went out to look at this property and the survey and if he is okay with the markers they have out there. Mr. Jones said he has not been out to the site but with the tax map parcel in question, it would take a professional surveyor to produce a plan that we can rely on. Member Palmer asked how they clean the containers when they are done using them. Mr. Jonathan Checo (Bin There, Dump That) was sworn in. For cleaning of the dumpsters, they are emptied and if they need cleaning, they hose them out. They are not used for construction, not municipal waste. Member Palmer asked what in the plan was revised after the Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Stoll said Mr. Lux was proceeding with the application by himself and had asked to retain counsel to help him get through the process. They submitted a revised plan to follow the procedure as Mr. Lux had some unfamiliarity with the process. Member Mullen asked Mr. Jones if he was satisfied with the response letter dated September 15, 2022. Mr. Jones said yes. Member Galloway moved to close the Conditional Use hearing; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Ms. Toni Battiste said she does not live anywhere near the area but just listening to the conversation, she wonders how they access the property. She would have concerns about the property that belongs to someone else and how they get access to it without trespassing and if there is any legal obligation to provide an access. She is concerned about the gentleman who spoke during party status and wants to know why he is concerned that someone is on his property. Member Galloway moved to approve the Conditional Use for Lux Industries, 351 Pennsylvania Avenue, TMP # 13-047-081; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

### ITEM #3 CONSIDER INTER MUNICIPAL LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FOR 530 LINCOLN HIGHWAY

Member Galloway moved to open the hearing for the inter-municipal liquor license transfer for 530 Lincoln Highway; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Mr. Clarke said this is a public hearing for a liquor license application to transfer a restaurant liquor license # R15721 from the municipality of Springfield Township, Bucks County into Falls Township. The applicant is WAWA Inc. and the property is located at 530 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills, Falls Township. The hearing is being held for the purpose of receiving comments and recommendations of interested individuals

residing in the municipality regarding the applicant's intent to transfer a liquor license into the municipality of Falls Township. This application was submitted by Ms. Ellen Freeman and was received by the township on July 22, 2022. The Pennsylvania Liquor Code requires that the township render a decision within 45 days of submission of a complete application or in the alternative within an additional 60 days at the township's election with written notice to the applicant. On August 9, 2022, Mr. Clarke's office notified the applicant's attorney of the township's intent to hold a hearing this evening. We have reviewed and found the application to be substantially complete. Mr. Clarke reviewed the rules for the inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license. Falls Township has in excess of one liquor license per 3,000 residents. The hearing is being held for the purpose of receiving comments and recommendations of interested individuals residing in the municipality regarding the applicant's intent to transfer a liquor license into the municipality of Falls Township. Upon request of an inter-municipal liquor license transfer, at least one public hearing shall be heard by the municipal governing body concerning the applicant's intent to transfer a license into a municipality. The township is required to render its decision by Resolution or Ordinance approving the transfer or denying the transfer. The application has been advertised consistent with the Liquor Code and in addition the applicant has provided public notice for tonight's hearing consistent with the requirements of the Liquor Code and township requirements. The applicant is represented by Ms. Ellen Freeman (Flaherty & O'Hara). Ms. Freeman said she has two exhibits marked as: Applicant 1-Affadavit from her office that they did send out the property notice letters as required by Falls Township. Applicant 2-is a Preliminary floor plan. WAWA is currently under construction with a preliminary opening date in the first quarter of 2023. They currently have 15 other stores in Pennsylvania that operate with a liquor license. They are very familiar with the process, they know it is a sensitive sale, and they want to do that in the safest manner as possible. They make sure they have the safety policies and procedures in place so there is no gray area. There is a 100% carding policy for beer and wine and with every sale, they check identification. They also use a card scanner transaction device to ensure the identification is not fraudulent and the purchaser is at least 21 years of age. With the preliminary stages of the floor plan, they have to provide seating for 30 people. There will be five cooler doors for beer and wine on shelves. They are limited to what they can sell – 192 fl. oz. of beer in a single transaction (roughly two 6-packs) or 3,000 ml of wine to go (about 4 standard bottles of wine). If a customer wanted to purchase more than that, it would have to be in a separate transaction. WAWA will have their large kitchen with a vast menu if people want to eat inside. They do have to allow for on-premises consumption but they do not promote on-premises consumption so they do have a maximum allowance people can consume on-site which is two 12-oz. cans or bottles of beer or one 8-oz. glass of wine. There is a limitation as to where they can consume it. It has to be in the seating area. They put the seating area in that place because that is where the registers are. All of the employees who work within a licensed WAWA and who will be selling or handling any aspect of the alcohol in the store, have to be at least 18 years of age. Each one of them will have gone through the Responsible Alcohol Management Program (RAMP) and have been trained not only with that program but also WAWA's internal policies. If an employee breaks the policy and sells to a minor, WAWA will terminate that employee. There will be

security cameras throughout the store to make sure every transaction is caught at the register as well as cameras focusing on the beer and wine. WAWA is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Beer sales are from Monday through Saturday, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. with wine sales ending at 11:00 p.m. and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. with wine sales ending at 11:00 p.m. Member Galloway moved to open public comment; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Mr. Paul Phillips lives at 12 Pennsylvania Avenue. He does not have any issues with the liquor license transfer, but he does have a concern about the traffic pattern that will be changing and cutting through his road. Member Boraski said there is a resident on your street who has been in touch with them, and the Traffic Advisory Council has taken a lot of that into consideration. Mr. Phillips said he hopes they can come up with a solution to mitigate that problem. He believes traffic on his road will increase significantly. Mr. Rob Farkas said the traffic is a big concern. We were notified for this but not for the subdivision of the WAWA. Was there a subdivision plan and does the WAWA lease or own the property? Ms. Freeman said it is leased. Mr. Farkas said behind that shopping center people hang out. He asked how this will impact the community. Ms. Freeman said she thinks it will have a positive impact for the community. People are begging WAWA to put alcohol sales into their stores. Changes to the Liquor Code in 2016 made it easier. Mr. Farkas said we already exceed one license for 3,000 residents. Ms. Freeman said the majority of the municipalities are the same. Falls Township is not unique in that. Mr. Farkas said this not necessary. We have local businesses and do not have to sell liquor at WAWA. He asked where they expect people to drink the alcohol? In the parking lot? Ms. Freeman said she would not expect them to do that. Mr. Farkas doesn't think we need another distributor for take out and he is also concerned about the increased traffic and increased rubbish of bottles and cans on Pennsylvania Avenue. Member Boraski said Remington Vernick did a traffic study for the WAWA. We have been in contact with our Traffic Safety Council and the Chief of Police. We would be open to share that traffic study with you. Member Boraski said he is aware of the traffic concerns and are trying to work through this. There was a Conditional Use hearing for the WAWA which would have been advertised and notice would have gone to the residents but for minor subdivision and preliminary and final land development, they are only advertised. We are not required under the Municipal Planning Code to send notices to the surrounding property owners. Ms. Toni Battiste said she received the letter from WAWA regarding the liquor license. It is very convenient for gas and also the air pumps which actually work and are free. Funzilla is right there and they service a lot of little kids. Most of the parents don't feed them or buy drinks from Funzilla, so they may stop at the WAWA for something to eat and drink. Having people sit there drinking is not cool. You also have the dance studio and there are a lot of children at that establishment as well. They may have a limit as to how much you can drink there but you don't know how much they have had to drink before going to WAWA. If you are drinking and driving the intersections of Tyburn and Route 1, Tyburn and New Falls, Route 1 and Arleans Avenue, Route 1 and North Olds and Trenton and North Olds, these five intersections all have high accident rates. Let's think about this. Member Galloway moved to close public comment; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Palmer said he has had the opportunity to visit some convenience stores in the Harrisburg area and the model was very convenient for customers. He did not see any abuse going on. He doesn't see how we can restrict capitalism when it is throughout our community already. Member Palmer moved to approve Resolution # 2022-24 for the Inter-Municipal Liquor License transfer for 530 Lincoln Highway; Member Galloway seconded the motion. Member Mullen said this is the first night we are seeing the floor plan. This doesn't change the square footage that has already been approved. Ms. Freeman said that is correct. Member Mullen asked if anyone go in there to sit down or just for those consuming beverages? Ms. Freeman said is for anyone. Member Galloway goes into Giant and Shop Rite and they have the same arrangement. There are a lot of families who go in there as well. Member Boraski said when WAWA came in he wasn't overly excited but got on board with the plan. He wishes they would have told us about this from the beginning. A vote was taken. All board members voted yes with the exception of Member Boraski who voted no. (3-1) Member Boraski said for those who spoke, please email the township manager if you have questions about the traffic information. The next meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee is the second Monday of the month.

## ITEM # 4 CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2023 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION (MMO) FOR THE POLICE PENSION PLAN

Mrs. Betsey Reukauf provided information about the three MMO agenda items. The Minimum Municipal Obligation for the 2023 Police Pension Plan is \$3,542,987.

# ITEM # 5 CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2023 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION (MMO) FOR THE NONUNIFORM PENSION PLAN

The Minimum Municipal Obligation for the 2023 Non-Uniform Pension Plan is \$9,200.

# ITEM # 6 CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2023 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION (MMO) FOR THE PMRS PENSION PLAN

The Minimum Municipal Obligation for the 2023 PMRS Pension Plan is \$189,078. Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 2022-25 in the amount of \$3,542,987 establishing the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Police Pension Plan; Resolution # 2022-26 in the amount of \$9,200 establishing the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan; and Resolution # 2022-27 in the amount of \$189,078 for the PMRS Pension Plan; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

### ITEM # 7 CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR AUDIT OF THE 2022 FINANCIAL RECORDS

Member Galloway moved to authorize advertisement for Audit of the 2022 Financial Records; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

## ITEM # 8 CONSIDER PROPOSALS FROM THE BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF ROCK SALT FOR 2022-2023

Member Galloway moved to approve the proposal from the Bucks County Consortium for the purchase of rock salt for the 2022-2023 season at the price of \$67.76 per ton delivered; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Boraski said he spoke with Mr. Lawson and rock salt is up \$10.00 a ton. Our Public Works Director and Public Works Foreman got together and they were able to purchase 40 ton under the current contract to save the township roughly \$4,000.

### ITEM # 9 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE LINCOLN CIRCLE FENCING PROJECT BID

Manager Takita said the board is being asked to consider authorization to advertise for bidding of the Lincoln Circle fencing project. The work to be performed is removal and replacement of fencing on township property known as Lincoln Circle and to dispose of existing fence. Member Palmer asked if we will get reimbursed for this on the motion that we will pass in a couple of minutes through Resolution on item # 11. Manager Takita said yes, he believes we do. Member Galloway moved to authorize advertisement for the Lincoln Circle fencing project bid; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

# ITEM # 10 CONSIDERATION OF ADDENDUM #1 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN FALLS TOWNSHIP AND IEI ARCHITECTS, INC.

Ms. Gallagher said this is a slight adjustment to the contract with the architectural firm which will approve the structural engineering proposal from Remington Vernick and will allow the architect to work with Remington Vernick to get that service performed. Member Galloway moved to approve addendum # 1 to Professional Services Agreement between Falls Township and IEI Architects, Inc.; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

# ITEM # 11 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO PAY FOR COSTS RELATING TO A CAPITAL PROJECT FROM FUNDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IF NECESSARY AND STATING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE TOWNSHIP TO REIMBURSE SAID FUNDS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY THE TOWNSHIP

Mr. Clarke said as we are leading up to doing the building project, we are spending money on consultants and materials. Without this Resolution, once we borrow money to pay for the building, we wouldn't be able to pay ourselves back out of the proceeds. Any money

that is spent on engineering, architectural or legal will be able to be reimbursed once we borrow money so it doesn't come out of the general fund; it will all be part of the project cost. Member Mullen asked if it includes money we have already spent. Mr. Clarke said yes. Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 2022-28 authorizing the township to pay for costs relating to a capital project from funds currently available if necessary and stating the official intent of the township to reimburse said funds from the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations to be issued by the township; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

# ITEM # 12 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM IEI GROUP FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING RELOCATION

Member Boraski said we have about 20 employees and office workers that we are looking to move to another piece of property down the street so residents will still have safe access to those services of the Tax Collector, Code Enforcement, Finance, and Parks and Rec. We expect them to be moved by December for about a year +. Member Galloway moved to accept the proposal from IEI Group for architectural design services for the municipal building relocation; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

# ITEM # 13 RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE SALE OF THE BUCKS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY'S SEWER ASSETS TO AQUA PENNSYLVANIA

This Resolution will add the township's voice to those opposed to the sewer sale. Member Mullen asked if there we knew how many municipalities were opposed to this. There was not a number readily available but there are a lot in opposition. Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 2022-29 opposing the sale of the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority's sewer assets to Aqua Pennsylvania; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

## ITEM # 14 CONSIDER RATIFYING PURCHASE FROM THE PENNSBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR THE 2022 FALL BARE ROOT TREES

Member Galloway moved to ratify the purchase of 30 bare-root trees at the price of \$60 each for a total of \$1,800 from the Pennsbury Horticultural Society; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

### ITEM # 15 CONSIDER ESCROW RELEASE REQUESTS

Member Palmer asked about the WAWA escrow release. The site is not yet done. Mr. Jones said there are different contractors that will take over the site and continue construction to build the convenience store. The release is not complete so there is \$40-

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\$50K that is left until the developer's agreement with the WAWA becomes a real thing and then we have the performance bond from that work. The rest of the site work will be done by the new contractor. Member Palmer asked where they are with their water permit in regard to their EDU's. Mr. Jones said he believes their planning module has been approved and he will confirm this. Member Boraski said it seems like the releases are really high. Mr. Jones said we have found that applicants are not asking for normal draw downs. Some of them wait until the very end. At each of our pre-construction meetings we inform them of when they should submit paperwork and can request their escrow. Member Galloway moved to approve escrow releases as follows: Lincoln Storage LLC cash escrow in the amount of \$194,508.05 and KA at Fairless Hills LLC letter of credit in the amount of \$386,608.86; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

### ITEM # 16 APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

There was no action on this agenda item.

### **ITEM # 17 MINUTES – AUGUST 15, 2022**

Member Galloway moved to approve the minutes of August 15, 2022; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

#### ITEM # 18 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Jones said there were four new earth disturbance applications, three cell tower alteration applications, and one new land development application. MLH Explorations is substantially complete with minor site work to be done. KA at Fairless Hills is the WAWA which we spoke about earlier. For NorthPoint phase 2 buildings 4, 5, and 6, we are finalizing our technical review and confirming the applicant's revised plans met all of our standards. That should be under construction soon. Hiossen is also under construction. The Waste Management Renewable Natural Gas project will come before this board next month as well as Morton Salt which was one of the new land developments which was submitted. In terms of earth disturbances submitted, all of the pools in the middle column have been completed. The Burger King project re-alignment to their drive-through lanes has started and the Black residence is a building addition and that is now under construction. On the right column there are three pools that were not yet completed but the rest of them are complete. In terms of capital improvement projects, we will advertise the Rice Drive culvert this month. For the township building renovations, we are connected with the project architect and working on finalizing the site improvements. We are done with the preliminary design and on target to be ready to bid by the end of the year. For the 2021-2023 Road Improvement Project, there have been some complaints about contractor delays in Elderberry. The foreman became ill. They assure us they will be back on Wednesday and we will give them one month to complete the project. Member Galloway asked about Lake Caroline. Mr. Jones said for agenda # 9, the earth disturbance at Lake Caroline, we continue to work with the applicant. We are obligated under our flood plain management ordinance to not allow any changes to a stream without a FEMA conditional letter of map revision and they are trying

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to avoid that because it is a delay. Mr. Jones said they are now working with an engineer that we have confidence in to get us around that. It has been difficult and slow in terms of their response to us. We continue to work with them and he apologizes for the delay. Member Galloway asked Mr. Jones to keep him advised as to the status of this project.

#### ITEM # 19 BILL LIST

The bill list is in the amount of \$2,808,045.35. Member Palmer said maybe you can reach out to the police department but looking through the bill list, he sees there are some storage units out back that we rent. He would like to see that space factored into our new construction so we are not continuing to pay rent when the new building is being built. Member Galloway moved to approve the bill list for September 19, 2022 in the amount of \$2,808,045.35; Member Mullen seconded the motion all board members were in favor. (4-0)

#### ITEM # 20 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Gallagher said there was an Executive Session on September 6, 2022 to discuss matters of personnel.

#### ITEM # 21 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

There was no action on this agenda item.

#### ITEM # 22 MANAGER COMMENT

The Falls Township Free Bulk Disposal Day event will take place on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the G.R.O.W.S. landfill behind Waste Management's Turkey office Hill located at 1000 New Ford Mill Road. For more information, please contact Waste Management at 1-800-869-5566.

#### ITEM # 23 BOARD COMMENT

Member Galloway – No comment.

Member Mullen - No comment.

<u>Member Palmer</u> asked Mr. Jones about paving repairs in the Community Park. Mr. Jones said their inspectors have been down there with the Public Works Department and he is confident they are on the phase 2 section. He thinks they only have a few days left of work to do.

<u>Member Boraski</u> said the township held the first Beer Garden/Food Truck Festival at the Community Park and it went very well. This was followed by the Touch A Truck event the following day. The residents were happy to be there. Everyone cleaned up after themselves. The Public Works employees were surprised at how clean everything was left.

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Thank you to everyone who supported these events and to everyone who helped out from the employees to the volunteers to the sponsors. A total of \$20,200 was donated to the charity Barkan Family Healing Hearts Foundation. We think there were about 3,000 people at the event on Saturday.

Member Galloway moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Mullen seconded the motion all board members were in favor. (4-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Brian Galloway, Secretary