

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

JEFFRY E. DENCE, CHAIRMAN	ABSENT
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 work 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.

PRESENTATION FOR THE DONATION OF BATTERY FLARES FOR THE FIRE POLICE

Member Boraski said this is a program that we saw one of our sister townships did with their fire police. The township was able to secure some funds and order a few units to disperse. Mr. Dippolito thanked Member Boraski for bringing this to their attention. This is an effort to increase safety for our fire police. These flares were being used in another municipality and the township was able to purchase enough units to distribute to our fire police. These are battery-operated flares instead of using a live flare in the street. They can be programmed and used with traffic cones. Once we get acclimated with these, we can utilize them with the police and other departments. There was a demonstration of how the flares operate. Mr. Dippolito thanked the township for this purchase for the safety of our firefighters.

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

Mr. Patrick Boyle wanted to address the EIT. Mr. Boyle commented on the host community fees and asked if the township would really zero out in ten years. From what he hears you will collect about \$5M a year. Is that correct? Are you going to do something with the \$50M and is the township allowed to carry that much reserve? Member Boraski said they started this in an effort to be proactive with keeping in mind the landfill will be running out some day. It is not a certain number of years they will run out, it is a dollar amount. Mr. Boyle asked how much money was being paid to Keystone Collection. Member Boraski said he does not know what the fees are but this has been approved from the County of Bucks. We did not pick them. Mr. Boyle asked if the township is able to do their own tax collection. Mrs. Reukauf said no, not on an EIT. Mr. Boyle said he understands the issue of people who work in Philadelphia and we cannot collect that amount. Is there any way

multiple municipalities can get together to fight against this? Mr. Clarke said according to the Sterling Act, we cannot get that money back from Philadelphia. Member Boraski said we have gone over the host community fees and why we started the EIT. There has been a lot of information discussed, posted on the website, social media, and distributed. Mr. Clarke said there is no prohibition in having the money in reserve. Mr. Boyle wants to know why we have to collect it now. Member Mullen said we have a general fund and we have a fund of host community fees. We do not have enough tax income in our general fund to meet our mandatory financial obligations so we pull from the host community fees from the landfill money. In an effort to sustain that beyond when the landfill closes, instead of waiting to enact the EIT when the landfill closes, it wouldn't be enough. In looking at the future and keeping our seniors in mind, we wanted to do this incrementally. There is \$3M that is already going out to other townships that we could collect with about 60% of our residents already paying this; that is why we decided to do this now. You might get your answers faster if you want to email and Township Manager or Finance Director. Member Galloway moved to close public comment; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

**ITEM # 2 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – 100 YARDLEY AVENUE
TMP # 13-032-058 – FRONT PORCH ROOF REPLACEMENT
(METAL)**

Member Galloway moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the front porch roof replacement for 100 Yardley Avenue; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

**ITEM # 3 B&J GROUP – PRELIMINARY/FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT
1001 NEW FORD MILL ROAD – TMP # 13-051-001-001**

Ms. Kim Freimuth, Spruce Law, represents the applicant. B&J Group has been operating at this property for over ten years. They are proposing three additions to their 178,000 sq. ft. building. The additions are 56,840 sq. ft. The applicant received impervious surface relief from the Zoning Hearing Board. They are proposing an infiltration system and a green roof. Waivers include not providing street trees along New Ford Mill Road, allowing greater than 20% of the wetland margins to be disturbed and the third waiver to allow preliminary and final approval this evening. Mr. Jones said he was satisfied with this project. Member Mullen asked about the wetland disturbance. The wetland disturbance is 28.8% which equates to about 6,500 sq. ft. It is the buffer to the wetlands that is being disturbed. Member Mullen asked Mr. Jones if that is something we allow. Mr. Jones said the board has granted that waiver in the past, stipulated with the condition that water quality is addressed. There is no adverse effect in this case. The applicant said it is the buffer to the wetlands that is being disturbed, they are providing the green roof and they will obtain an NPDES permit. Member Palmer asked about the variance to move hazardous materials to one side of the building. Ms. Freimuth provided an explanation. To expand that storage area, the only place we can put that addition is on the side of the building which impacted

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the wetland margin. Member Palmer asked how many new jobs are going to be created? Ms. Freimuth said they are really just expanding the operation and do not anticipate any additional jobs. There are no objections to the review letters. Member Mullen moved to approve Resolution # 2023-4, preliminary/final land development for B&J Group, 1001 New Ford Mill Road, TMP # 13-051-001-001; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

**ITEM # 4 LPC MORRISVILLE, LP – PRELIMINARY LAND DEVELOPMENT
2300 SOUTH PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE – TMP # 13-047-128**

The applicant for this project is represented by Ms. Carrie Nase-Poust from Fox Rothschild. Also present were Eric Moser (Logistics Property Company) and Victor Grande, Civil Engineer (Rettew Engineering). Ms. Nase-Poust presented the board with rendered copies of the land development plan. The square footage of the building is 973,200. This property is approximately 96 acres and is zoned Riverfront 1 Zoning District. The property is near Morrisville Borough adjacent to Post Avenue along the river primarily in the industrial area. A few years ago, this property was subject to a text amendment to allow a warehouse on this property. Since that time, they submitted land development plans and working with the township consultants, we have received several review letters. The plans were revised and then re-submitted. We are here this evening requesting preliminary and final approval of the plan. Ms. Nase-Poust said they are proposing a warehouse building along with parking facilities and storm water management facilities. All of the comments in the review letters have been addressed and are will comply. The applicant requested four waivers which include the natural resource protection for the flood plains, natural resource protection ratio relative to the wetlands, natural resource protection for the woodlands in environmentally sensitive areas and the final waiver is to the storm water management ordinance as it relates to the ground water recharge requirements for storm water infiltration. Member Galloway said this is a brownfield area and is a good use for the property. Member Boraski asked about an area that is contaminated. Mr. Moser said there is an environmental covenant on the site. There is an area that is contaminated and is capped and not intended to be disturbed. It is currently fenced off and we will continue to keep it fenced off. It is adjacent to some sensitive areas that are not intended for development. Member Mullen asked if the drawings reflect everything from the revisions made subject to the Jones Engineering letter of December 12th? Mr. Grande said that is correct. They are at the stage where they are cleaning up the technical comments and working with Mr. Jones. Member Mullen said it is concerning with the flood plain disturbance. Member Mullen asked how are we going to make sure you will not flood? Mr. Grande said the township requires a flood plain permit. He and Mr. Jones have been looking at this to make sure we are good to go. The application for the flood plain is to fill in the flood plain. They have run the numbers and they will be going to FEMA to get the flood plain boundary changed. Mr. Jones said there is no guarantee FEMA will accept the calculations but between our two firms, we are confident that they will. Because this is an area that has an established floodway, they are allowed to fill as long as they do not alter the floodway. Member Mullen said it has been suggested that you are improving this property. How are you doing that? Will you bring in truckloads of sediment? Mr. Grande said there are EPA and DEP requirements for a clean fill. The fill

has to go through an approval process and then the logistics part is trucking in the fill or looking at different ways to get fill onto the site. Ms. Nase-Poust said in terms of improving the property, this is a property that has been deteriorated and sitting vacant for many years. It does have some environmental concerns but as far as the overall redevelopment and bringing in new jobs to the township, they are making improvements so it is not a vacant or blighted property. Member Mullen said it is on the agenda as preliminary. Mr. Clarke said this is on the agenda as preliminary but the applicant is asking for preliminary and final approval. It is at the discretion of the board for preliminary only or preliminary and final. Member Palmer said if we give the waivers with the flood plain and it is a brown site, what is the probability of run off or going into the neighboring properties? Mr. Grande said there is environmental contamination but it was remediated and has been capped off. There is one area, the fenced-off area, that cannot be touched. Ms. Nase-Poust said she would work with the Township Engineer to make sure those concerns are addressed. Member Galloway asked how many people this might employ. Mr. Moser said we project about 500 potential jobs. Member Boraski asked Mr. Jones if the process with FEMA would have any effect on if we give preliminary and final tonight? Mr. Jones said no. Mr. Jones confirmed that he worked extensively with their engineer and there have been many revisions. They have done a good job in addressing our concerns and we expect the same going forward. Member Mullen moved to approve Resolution # 2023-5 for preliminary land development for LPC Morrisville, LP, 2300 South Pennsylvania Avenue, TMP # 13-047-128; Member Palmer seconded the motion. Member Boraski moved to amend the motion for approval of both preliminary and final. Mr. Clarke asked if Member Mullen would accept both preliminary and final land development approval. Member Mullen did not accept the amendment. A vote was taken and all board members were in favor of the original motion. (4-0)

**ITEM # 5 CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT
AMENDING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 146 – CONTRACTOR
RESPONSIBILITY CERTIFICATION OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF FALLS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
CONTRACTORS BIDDING ON PUBLIC WORKS TO ENSURE A
QUALIFIED CRAFT LABOR WORKFORCE**

Mr. Clarke said the township has had a Responsible Contractor Ordinance for many years. In the last several years there was a legal challenge to the Responsible Contractor Ordinance in another municipality. It was unsuccessful. The courts determined that Responsible Contractor Ordinances are legal. There was a loophole that came out of that case which was identified by the company and the individuals challenging the ordinance. Essentially, you wanted people who are participating in an apprentice program to demonstrate that they have participated in this program to be eligible for being awarded the bid. It was pointed out that anyone who was actually an apprentice or completed an apprenticeship program was actually doing the work. The proposed ordinance would require that a minimum of 70% of the craft labor workforce on a project will have completed an approved apprenticeship program or are currently enrolled in an approved apprenticeship program. This would close

that loophole and this will make sure that any work that you do you are getting highly-qualified and highly-skilled people who would be doing the work. This is significant at this point in time because we are moving forward with renovation of this building and we want to make sure the most highly-skilled workers are the ones who will be doing the work. This is for advertising only. Member Galloway moved to authorize advertisement amending Ordinance Chapter 146 – Contractor Responsibility Certification of the Code of the Township of Falls to Revise the Requirements for Contractors Bidding on Public Works to Ensure a Qualified Craft Labor Workforce; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 6 CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR FALLS TOWNSHIP BUILDING RENOVATIONS

Manager Takita said the board is being asked to approve advertisement for bids for the Falls Township building renovations. If approved, we will have the bid posting on March 8th. Member Mullen moved to authorize advertisement for Bids for Falls Township Building Renovations; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 7 CONSIDERATION OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER OF CONCORD PUBLIC FINANCE DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Mr. Clarke said now that the board has authorized bids for building renovations the board will need to borrow money to pay for the building renovations. The township has been working informally with Concord Public Finance who the township has worked with in the past. They will serve as the township's financial advisor for any borrowing for the new building. Member Galloway moved to open public comment; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Mr. Charles Bozzo asked if the building was being renovated or is a new building being built? Member Boraski said we are fully renovating this building. We are not building a new structure. Member Galloway moved to approve the Engagement Letter of Concord Public Finance dated February 16, 2023; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 8 CONSIDER 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 this is a reimbursement Resolution. You have been spending money in the development of the building renovation. Once you go out and borrow money you will be able to pay yourself back the money that has already been spent. Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 2023-6 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 Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 9 CONSIDER RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FALLS TOWNSHIP AND OLYMBEC USA, LLC

Manager Takita said the board is being asked to ratify the agreement between Falls Township and Olymbec USA, LLC for temporary leasing to use and occupy approximately 12,482 sq. ft. on the first floor and approximately 10,833 sq. ft. on the second floor of Suite 225 at 450 Lincoln Highway. The lease period will begin on May 1, 2023 and will end on April 30, 2024 and will continue thereafter on a month-to-month basis. Administrative services, the Tax Collector and Police will be moving to the new location. Member Galloway moved to ratify the agreement between Falls Township and Olymbec USA, LLC; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 10 CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF VOTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE BUCKS COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reukauf said the tax collection committee is comprised of a group of representatives from the taxing districts that impose the Earned Income Tax (EIT) in Bucks County. We were required to appoint delegates to form this committee who will meet quarterly. Mrs. Reukauf is the Delegate, a staff member will be the Alternate and Manager Takita will be the Second Alternate. Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 2023-7 for appointment of voting delegates and alternates to the Bucks County Tax Collection Committee; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 11 CONSIDER RATIFYING APPROVAL OF REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM (RACP) COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH SNIPE'S FARM AND EDUCATION CENTER TO SPONSOR GRANT FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT PROPOSED BY SNIPE'S FARM FOR HEALTH, NUTRITION AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PURPOSES, FOR WHICH SNIPE'S FARM WILL RAISE ALL MATCHING FUNDS

Ms. Gallagher said this is an agreement between the township and the Snipes Farm Education Center. The township has agreed to act as a township sponsor for a grant application with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on behalf of the Snipes Farm. This agreement places the responsibility of complying with the grant requirements on the Snipes Farm itself and indemnifies the township from any cost or risk associated with the project. Member Galloway moved to ratify the approval of Redevelopment Assistance Capital program (RACP) cooperation agreement with Snipes Farm and Education Center to sponsor grant for the Community Center Project proposed by Snipes Farm for Health, Nutrition and

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Environmental Education Purposes, for which Snipes Farm will raise all matching funds; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

**ITEM # 12 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CABLE
FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND
VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA LLC**

Ms. Gallagher said this is a result of negotiations between the Bucks County Consortium which consists of 22 municipalities including the township and Verizon for a new franchise agreement. The consortium has reached a tentative agreement with Verizon. This is authorization to advertise for the ordinance. Member Palmer asked what happens if we don't do this. Ms. Gallagher said the current agreement has expired or is about to expire so the township would need to negotiate a new franchise agreement on its own. Because this was negotiated with 22 municipalities, they were able to negotiate terms which were not included in the township's current agreement. Member Galloway moved to open public comment; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Ms. Toni Battiste asked if this requires Verizon to maintain the lines and keep them from drooping. Ms. Gallagher said this is for cable services only and it has to do with payment of the franchise fee. Ms. Battiste asked what happens with the abandoned lines when they string the new lines. Ms. Gallagher said that is outside the township's jurisdiction. Verizon is a publicly regulated utility so the Public Utility Commission has jurisdiction over things of that nature. Member Galloway moved to close public comment; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Mullen moved to authorize advertisement of Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Cable Franchise Agreement Between the Township and Verizon Pennsylvania LLC; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

**ITEM # 13 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM JONES ENGINEERING
ASSOCIATES FOR MARTINS CREEK STORMWATER
CONVEYANCE & STREAMBANK STABILIZATION PROJECT**

The board is being asked to consider a proposal for professional engineering services for the design of improvements associated with the Martin's Creek stormwater conveyance work and streambank restoration project. The total cost of the proposal is \$175K. This is the Martin's Creek at the park and they are anticipating 1,000 feet upstream and down. Member Palmer asked how to expand on this. He knows many places that need to be addressed. Mr. Jones said we have a program where we have identified projects such as this and two other targeted projects for stream bank restoration. Mr. Jones said he can get you a list of the projects. Member Palmer asked if there were any state or federal funding. Mr. Jones said he can work with the manager to see if there are any opportunities. Member Galloway asked if this is the area you were talking about with Chairman Dence. Mr. Jones said it is. Member Palmer moved to open public comment; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Mr. Charles Bozzo suggested contacting DCNR if you are looking for grant money. Mr. Jones said we will identify the

improvements based on this proposal. We know we need to move the water that is stagnated. Mr. Jones said fully permitted so all of the proper jurisdictions will oversee whatever improvements we come up with. Member Galloway moved to close public comment; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Palmer moved to approve the proposal from Jones Engineering Associates proposal in the amount of \$175,000 for the Martins Creek Stormwater Conveyance and Streambank Stabilization Project; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 14 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM JONES ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR VERMILLION HILLS FOOTBRIDGE REFURBISHMENT & STREAMBANK STABILIZATION PROJECT

Member Galloway moved to approve the proposal from Jones Engineering Associates in the amount of \$95,900 for the Vermillion Hills Footbridge Refurbishment and Streambank Stabilization Project; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 15 CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR SALE OF TOWNSHIP SURPLUS VEHICLES

Mr. Jason Lawson said this item is to approve the surplus list to go on the Municibid sale from March 15, 2023 to March 22, 2023. We are going out with eleven vehicles and two pieces of equipment. Member Boraski asked if there are any vehicles with lights that can be donated to the fire departments or rescue squad. We are more than welcome to pull them off and talk to the police. We do not allow them to have the red and blue light combination. It has to be either all red or all blue. Member Palmer moved to approve Resolution # 2023-8 for Sale of Surplus Vehicles; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 16 CONSIDER NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD BID FOR TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL OF TREE SERVICES

Two bids were received for tree trimming and removal of tree services. After solicitor review, one bidder was disqualified. It is recommended to award the bid to Kent's Tree Service for the year 2023. Member Galloway moved to award the bid for tree trimming and removal of tree services to Kent's Tree Service; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 17 CONSIDER RATIFYING QUOTES FOR FERTILIZER FOR TOWNSHIP FACILITIES

This is fertilization for all of the parks, the grass seeding and spraying for ticks and other bugs at Quaker Penn Park. For the last few years, Tru-Green has been the lowest bidder and

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they remain the lowest bidder. Member Galloway moved to ratify the award for fertilizer for Township facilities to Tru-Green in the amount of \$20,465.40; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 18 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Whitney said the police department is looking for authorization to purchase four vehicles for the police department. The vehicles are 2023 Ford Explorers from Fred Beans and upfitted by Tryon Emergency Vehicle Upfitting. The purchase price is \$257,585 and this was a budget item. Member Palmer asked if these are regular or ghosted police vehicles. Chief Whitney said these are black and white marked vehicles. Member Galloway moved to approve the purchase of four 2023 Ford Explorers in the amount of \$257,585; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 19 CONSIDER DONATION REQUESTS

Member Galloway moved to approve donations to Levittown American and the American Legion for the Memorial Day Parade for \$6,000 each; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 20 APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Member Boraski moved to approve Resolution # 2023-9 appointing Robert McTague as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Boraski moved to approve Resolution # 2023-10 appointing Daniel Everett as a member of the Planning Commission; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Mullen moved to approve Resolution # 2023-11 appointing Nastasha Raisley as an alternate member on the Zoning Hearing Board; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Boraski moved to approve Resolution # 2023-12 appointing David Coyne as an alternate on the Planning Commission; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 21 MINUTES – JANUARY 23, 2023

Member Boraski asked if there were any issue the Secretary needed to be available the same night as the township meeting or if she could view the recorded meeting to do the minutes. Mr. Clarke said as long as we are confident the meeting is being audio and video recorded she could view the recorded meeting. Member Galloway moved to approve the minutes from January 23, 2023; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 22 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Jones said there was one earth disturbance permit application submitted and two new land development submissions. The earth disturbance is the McDonald's drive through and the land development is for Pennsbury Plaza and is a minor building addition for retail and the RST Bucks Group sketch plan which is on M Y Lane adjacent to the Falls Catering facility. The sketch plan consists of a proposed warehouse and some open area storage. The NorthPoint Phase 1 Building 3 is nearing a TCO. The Mission Barbeque is under construction for the restaurant as well as the site work facilities. The sewage planning module was ultimately waived by DEP. The Pennsbury School District athletic fields as well as SIV Ambulance and NorthPoint buildings 7, 8, 9 and 10 will all be before the Planning Commission tomorrow night for recommendations for various approvals. For township projects, the township building is ready for bids. Member Palmer asked about SIV Ambulance. Mr. Jones said Conditional Use was approved and now they are in for land development approval. Member Palmer asked about the township moving into that area and if there would be any issues. Mr. Jones said there is a shared agreement with that building and it could have an effect on the available parking. There may be a portion cordoned off for stored vehicles. Member Galloway moved to accept the Engineer's report; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 23 BILL LIST

Member Galloway moved to approve the February 27, 2023 bill list in the amount of \$2,527,061.25; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 24 ENGINEERING BILL LIST

Member Palmer moved to approve the February 27, 2023 Engineering bill list in the amount of \$319,425.90; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 25 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Clarke said an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss matters of personnel, potential litigation, and Collective Bargaining Agreements.

ITEM # 26 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Nelson Whitney provided the following update:

- There were 1,489 calls for service in the month of February which included 85 car crashes and 5 overdoses.
- Our Detective Bureau filed charges relating to an overdose death from November 2021.

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- On February 16th officers responded to the Commons of Fallsington for report of a 49-year old in cardiac arrest. Officers initiated CPR and when the rescue squad transported the patient, they had a pulse.
- On February 23rd we had a threat complaint that lead to a containment operation and a partial activation of the S.W.A.T team. A suicidal subject had barricaded themselves in their residence. They were coaxed out with no injuries.
- On February 24th our officers were dispatched to a business that had a camera system. The owner had observed, on camera, someone stealing a vehicle. We were able to capture the individual stealing the vehicle.
- Ann Emery, our new CRS, is now on board. Detective Catherine Coffman has retired after 25 years of service.
- Chief Whitney and his wife attended the Dream Builder awards ceremony at Bucks County Community College. We were there to support Karen Downer, President of the Bucks NAACP, who received an award.
- Bucks County Community College is recognizing participants in the Falls Township Youth Police Academy program and is now giving three credits for youth participating in this program if they go on to pursue an education in Criminal Justice they will get credit for one full course at Bucks County Community College.
- Member Boraski asked if they were still awarding commendations for our officers. Chief Whitney said they did an awards ceremony in 2021 and will likely do one this year.

ITEM # 27 MANAGER COMMENT

There was no Manager comment.

ITEM # 28 BOARD COMMENT


Member Palmer – no comment.

Member Mullen – no comment.

Member Galloway reminded everyone of the 34th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Saturday, March 11th. Hopefully we will have good weather. Tom Lynch, the CEO of Conwell Egan is the Grand Marshal. There will be a ball at La Luna on Friday night which has been sold out.

Member Boraski – no comment.

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 8:32 p.m.



Brian Galloway, Secretary