Board of Supervisors - July 9, 2024

TOWNSHIP OF FALLS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

ROLL CALL:

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

The meeting commenced at 4:35 p.m. with roll call and pledge to the flag. All Board members were present with the exception of Member Mullen. Also present were Township Manager/Chief Code Enforcement Officer & Zoning Officer Matthew Takita, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke and Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher.

ITEM # 1 EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ITEM # 2 PUBLIC COMMENT – FIVE MINUTE LIMIT PER PERSON FORTY-FIVE MINUTE MAXIMUM

No one signed in for public comment.

ITEM #3 CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR MUNICIPAL STUDY – ACTION ITEM

Mr. Clarke said when we went through our renewal for our insurance coverage, our insurance carrier strongly recommended that we complete this assessment. We have received proposals from two different companies to do these assessments. In talking with the two companies, Manager Takita and Labor Counsel, the recommendation is that both companies be retained but they would each be given separate responsibilities as part of this review. Once this review has been completed, it will be discussed further with our insurance company and will, hopefully, impact our insurance rates as we are moving forward. Member Palmer asked what are we thinking as far as hours on these reports. Mr. Clarke said it is difficult to say but the work will be monitored by Manager Takita and his office. We will have a better assessment after the kick-off meeting to discuss the scope of work. Everything will be monitored throughout the process and we will report back to the Board as far as how much time is being spent on this. Member Boraski moved to approve the proposal from Strategic Investigative Resources, LLC at the rate of \$175 per hour; Chairman Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Palmer moved to approve the proposal from Aspirant Consulting Group for the Falls Township Police Department Comprehensive Study in the amount of \$28,975 with Not to Exceed \$32,750; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 4 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRISVILLE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY FOR RCAP GRANT – ACTION ITEM

Mr. Clarke said this is something we have done previously with the Pennsbury School District. The RCAP Grant will be awarded to the Morrisville Municipal Authority. We will essentially be the local sponsor of this grant. The Morrisville Municipal Authority needs the local municipality to be the sponsor of this grant. This is for the project where they will be building their new treatment plant. There will be no cost to the township and no risk to the township. This is the Commonwealth's Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program (RCAP) and Morrisville is seeking funds for improving the water and wastewater treatment plants. Member Boraski asked if they could apply for the grant themselves. Mr. Clarke said no, it has to be the local municipality. The new plant will be located at the old U.S. Steel site. Member Boraski asked Mr. Clarke to remind the Morrisville Municipal Authority that there are residents in Falls Township that back up to some of their property who still need help. Mr. Clarke said yes. Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 2024-23; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 5 INTERIM BILL LIST – ACTION ITEM

Member Boraski made a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of \$271,447.99; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 6 INTERIM JONES ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES BILL LIST – ACTION ITEM

Member Boraski \$7,500; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Chairman Dence who abstained from the vote. (3-0-1)

ITEM # 7 MANAGER COMMENT

There was no action on this agenda item.

ITEM # 8 BOARD COMMENT

Member Boraski - no comment.

Member Galloway – no comment.

Member Palmer - no comment.

Chairman Dence - no comment.

Member Boraski moved to adjourn the meeting; Chairman Dence seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

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