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**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

ROBERT HARVIE, JR., CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JONATHAN SNIPES, VICE-CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JEFFRY DENCE, SECRETARY-TREASURER	PRESENT
PHILIP SZUPKA, SUPERVISOR	ABSENT
DOROTHY VISLOSKY, SUPERVISOR	ABSENT

The meeting commenced at 7:04 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All board members were present with the exception of Member Szupka and Member Vislosky. Chairman Harvie said they received word that Member Szupka is out of town and Member Vislosky is in the hospital. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

PRESENTATION BY LYFT

Ms. Lizette Morales-Chomicki, Coordinator for Pennsbury LYFT, spoke about their program. She said this is an organization that works in the school system for a variety of good causes. They promote the safety and well being of youth and families in the communities which include Lower Makefield, Yardley Borough, Falls, and Tullytown Borough. Ms. Morales-Chomicki gave some statistics about drinking and driving and distracted driving incidents. She said these affect everyone and they are all community issues. Distracted driving is the number one killer of all American teens. In cooperation with local agencies, LYFT is bringing a necessary program to our community. The program is called the "Save a Life Tour." It will be held on Saturday, October 29th in the Pennsbury High School gym, with three shows at 10 a.m., 12 noon, and 2 p.m. This is a high-impact awareness program. There will be many resources for the community and opportunities to interact with the police, our district judges, LYFT members, and members of the Teen Advisory Group. The Save a Life Tour is asking for your support and attendance and that of your constituents. Building a community that cares for our youth is their motto. They feel that together, we can save a life.

**ITEM # 1 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – 100 YARDLEY AVENUE
TPN 13-32-58 – ROOF REPLACEMENT**

Manager Gray said this item was approved by the Historic Architecture Review Board on September 20, 2011. Member Dence moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for a roof replacement at 100 Yardley Avenue; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 2 PRESENTATION ON BILES ISLAND

Chairman Harvie introduced this item. It was a little over a year ago when the township looked for engineers who would give us some suggestions on what we could do with the

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property the township will be getting over the course of the next ten to fifteen years. The company the township hired, ACT Engineers, Inc., has had numerous meetings with the public, township personnel, members of our volunteer boards, and the supervisors. ACT Engineers had a lot of ideas and input and put together a master plan. This is a master plan which is an overall view; not something the board would be voting on tonight. There will be a public meeting with ACT Engineers, Inc. on Thursday, September 28th from 5-8 p.m., here in this meeting room. Anyone who wants to come and talk with the ACT engineers are invited to attend. At the next Board of Supervisors meeting on October 3rd, the board will vote on the master plan. Chairman Harvie said voting on the master plan allows the engineers and us to begin working with various agencies and be able to reach out for grant opportunities; but we need to approve the master plan first. Ms. Carol Beske and Mr. Eric Rosina presented the master plan. This is an overall concept and most likely there are certain areas of this plan that may change. Member Snipes asked if we know of flooding on Biles Island as it exists now. Chairman Harvie said he doesn't think Waste Management has encountered any flooding. Ms. Beske said we will be changing the elevation considerably, but it is in the 100-year flood plain. Mr. Rosina said the outside berm is set at the 50-year flood plain elevation and there are areas that are higher than that. The driveway road going into the site is above the 100-yr. flood plain and they have not seen flooding across that road at this point in time. Member Snipes asked if they can't open to the river, would that destroy this whole plan. Ms. Beske said if it turns out that you can't open to the river what we will do then is look at the internal connections because it is largely water now so we would look at re-shaping and make it accessible internally. Ms. Beske said overall it is 525 acres in size. It is not a deal breaker if you cannot open to the river. Member Snipes asked about the green technology center since it stood out as a non-recreational use. Mr. Rosina said they are seeing the green technology center as an education component tied to some of the surrounding industries that are there. Mr. Rosina said one of the plans they reviewed with the Bucks County Redevelopment Plan was that they are looking at it as being a green technology center in Southern Bucks. Member Snipes asked how often or how radical do these plans change. Ms. Beske said the great thing about a master plan is that you can change it as things change and as times change. You have every ability to change the master plan as you move forward. They have worked on projects and had situations with parks that constantly change, some of them going on for more than fifteen years. Chairman Harvie said the public presentation will be next Wednesday, September 28th from 5-8 p.m. in this meeting room. This will be a township park so they want as much input as they can get. A lot of the ideas seen here are from public input.

ITEM # 3 CONSIDER RFP FOR RENOVATION OF TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Chairman Harvie said over the summer the Board of Supervisors asked engineering and architectural firms to submit proposals for renovations to this building, both interior and exterior. We would like to keep the current footprint of this building as much as possible and keep it functional while being renovated. There were four firms that submitted proposals as follows: Fraytak Veisz Hopking & Duthie, PC in the amount of \$14,500; Kimmel-Bogrette Architecture + Site, partnering with Remington, Vernick & Beach Eng. in the amount of \$25,400; ACT Engineers, Inc. with George Donovan Associates in the amount of \$46,800; and T&M Engineers in the amount of \$46,400. Member Dence said the

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one that stood out for him was Martin Kimmel. He spent time with them and asked a lot of questions. Member Snipes said he also had the same impression of them. Member Snipes asked about the timeline for this project. Chairman Harvie said he believes most of the firms put in for a matter of weeks to gather information. All four proposals were very good and all of the firms have done this type of work. These are local companies with good reputations and good ideas. Member Dence moved to open public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0) Mr. Guido Mariani asked if any of the firms mentioned heating and cooling systems and if any of them spoke about green technology. Chairman Harvie said all firms were told that we are looking for alternative ways to power this building and to look outside the box. They haven't done anything yet. We are just deciding who to go with to do the study. Mr. Andy Dell asked if these amounts are for them to give us a bid. Chairman Harvie said yes it is figuring everything out, doing the drawings, basically a concept plan. This is for professional services, not a bid so they can go with whatever company they desire. Member Dence said when he walked through the building and went through the police department, he could not believe how much stuff is packed into such a small space. Chairman Harvie said people really don't get a chance to see what is in the building and a lot of the building is like a maze. It really needs to be renovated into an efficient use. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0) Chairman Harvie said he agrees with selecting Kimmel-Bogrette and was very impressed with their proposal. Member Dence moved to retain the services of Kimmel-Bogrette Architectural + Site in the amount of \$25,400 for the master concept planning services for the township building; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 4 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF NEW POLICE VEHICLES

Manager Gray said the police department is requesting the board to approve the purchase of three police vehicles in the amount of \$23,786 each. Chairman Harvie said we purchased vehicles earlier this year and we didn't have these planned for purchase, but were going to buy them next year. We are going to purchase these this year instead. Cpl. Mark Bertone presented information on the purchase of three Crown Victoria police vehicles. The vehicles will come painted black and white. Cpl. Bertone said they are not making the Crown Victoria anymore. The vehicles available to us are either a Dodge or Ford Taurus but he has a lot of equipment suitable for a Crown Victoria. The Dodge and Ford Taurus vehicles are completely different than what we currently have and there is a lot of equipment that won't fit into those vehicles. Member Dence moved to authorize the purchase of three Crown Victoria police vehicles from Milham Ford, a Co-stars vendor, in the amount of \$23,786 each (total of \$71,358); Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

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facility use form. There are fees charged for each organization. Member Snipes asked about the cost of this project. Chairman Harvie said we budgeted for a baseball field, but not that much. Member Snipes asked where the additional money would come from. Mr. Sullivan said the road program came in at least \$200,000 under budget and the senior center came in about \$200,000 under budget. Member Snipes said it seems like there is quite a need for this field in the community. Member Dence moved to issue a notice of intent to award to James R. Kenney Excavating and Paving for the base bid in the amount of \$239,126.60 plus alternate C in the amount of \$54,510 for a total of \$293,636.60 for the Babe Ruth Baseball Field at the Quaker Penn Park; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 7 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT TO REPEAL CHAPTER 193 – SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS

Mr. Clarke said in 2005 the Pennsylvania House of Representatives was considering some legislation dealing with where convicted sex offenders could live in the community in relation to schools, public parks, and other areas where small children tend to congregate. The Legislature was unable to pass any law at that time and Falls Township, like many other townships in Pennsylvania, passed its own sex offender restriction. We also sent letters to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House asking them to pass such a law. When they didn't pass the law, Falls Township did and the laws have been the subject of legal challenges for the last several years. It was determined that local municipalities cannot pass such a law. Since this issue and this Ordinance involves constitutional issues, by leaving it on our books we are subject to potential civil rights lawsuits which could lead to the township incurring financial losses. We are recommending that we repeal this ordinance. Chairman Harvie said the State Supreme Court has told us that we cannot have this law. Chairman Harvie asked if there are laws that the State has that would apply to sex offenders that would restrict access to places like that. Mr. Clarke said the law referenced is known as Megan's Law. It requires them to register for at least ten years, if not lifetime registration, and it requires them to have counseling and community notification. If a sex offender is going to move into a particular area, the police are notified of that information. The state also has a Megan's Law website that shows if sex offenders are living in a certain area. Megan's Law does not restrict where they live; it deals with registering where they live. Member Snipes asked about the state passing a Megan's Law. Mr. Clarke said the state has not passed restrictions on where sex offenders can live. The PA Supreme Court said that this is a state law and should be left up to the state. This is preempted by state law and that is why local municipalities cannot do it. Member Dence moved to open public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0) Mr. Guido Mariani said he understands that local laws restricting where sex offenders can live interfere with the safe system for tracking and re-habilitating them. Mr. Mariani said his question to the state is how they track a homeless sex offender. Mr. Mariani said that Congress mandated that registered information of criminal sex offenders be unlimited disclosure so long as that information is necessary to protect the public. His opinion is that the sex offenders pose more of a risk to the community than any other type of felon, and the community should be given the opportunity to decide. If you have to repeal this that is one thing; if you could amend or re-write it that is another thing.

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Mr. Mariani suggests that any person over the age of 18 who resides or lives in Falls Township and who has been convicted of a violation which requires registration with the Pennsylvania State Police or has been convicted of a violation in another jurisdiction which requires registration pursuant to that jurisdiction, that under Megan's Law, must register, even if convicted after that law was passed, with the Falls Township Police Department. Such registration would include photo, extensive information, fingerprints, name, alias, address, physical description, I.D. of their motor vehicle, place of employment, date of birth, and crime committed. Such information should be made available to Falls Township's website. He believes this law is constitutional because it is not punitive. This is community notification, not punishment. The internet is an acceptable medium to use for releasing information about sex offenders to the public. If sex offenders don't like it, they don't have to live in Falls Township and probably won't live in Falls Township. Mr. Mariani said these people are dangerous and asked the board to consider this. Mr. Clarke said unfortunately the decision that the PA Supreme Court rendered dealt with an issue that is not easy for township residents to deal with and that is an issue of pre-emption. By example, the state reserves for itself issues relating to the registration of motor vehicles or the holding of liquor licenses. While a particular municipality may want to do something about registering motor vehicles or liquor licenses, when the state reserves an area for itself we are not permitted to pass any law that would infringe on what the state has reserved. The registering and the monitoring of sex offenders on parole is something that is reserved by the state and pre-empted by state law. While Mr. Mariani's suggestions may make us a little bit safer, it is pre-empted by state law and we would be back in the same predicament where we are now. While they are good ideas and well intended, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has said we can't do it. Mr. Ted Sanooki said we are talking about protecting children and he doesn't know why we can't fight it. He believes it would be worth standing your ground to stand up for children and make a statement. Mr. Clarke said we never enforced this law. When all the municipalities passed these ordinances, these were communicated to the state and county probation parole officer. When someone was paroled or someone on parole was looking to move, the state parole officer would say you can't move to certain areas because they have a restriction. Since the State Supreme Court has declared these laws would be invalid, the parole officer and the probation officer would not enforce this. The protection we would be getting out of this would be negligible at best and the exposure would be significant. Chairman Harvie said what you are suggesting is for the township to break the law. Chairman Harvie said he personally does not want to be involved in the township breaking the law and he also does not want to risk the money we have which belongs to the people of Falls Township because that number would start shrinking pretty fast. Chairman Harvie asked in terms of Megan's Law, what are the requirements if someone moves into Falls Township. Mr. Clarke said if you are a registered sex offender under Megan's Law and you are moving into that area, there is notification to our police department. The public can go onto the Megan's Law website and type in a zip code and they will see everyone in that surrounding area. He believes the State Police will notify the local schools to make sure they are aware that someone has moved into that area. Chairman Harvie asked if our police department links to the Megan's Law website. Manager Gray said he will check and make sure it does. Member Dence asked if we ever enforced this anyway. Mr. Clarke said certain communities made it so there was no place to live at all. If we were to enforce it you would,

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in essence, be telling your sworn law enforcement officers to enforce a law that we know has been declared unconstitutional by the PA Supreme Court. The ramifications go beyond just lawsuits. The people in the police department could lose their livelihood. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0) Member Snipes moved to authorize advertisement to repeal Chapter 193 - Sex Offender Residency Restrictions; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. 3-0)

ITEM # 8 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT ENACTING CHAPTER 210 – RECOVERY OF DELINQUENT TAXES AND COSTS INCURRED ON INSURED FIRE-DAMAGED STRUCTURES

Manager Gray said the board is asked to consider authorizing advertisement for this item. This amendment would include making sure insurance companies receive a certification from the township confirming that there are no delinquent taxes, penalties, assessments, and making sure the township has not incurred any costs related to the move or repair to secure a building that has been involved in a fire-damaged incident. Mr. Clarke said before the insurance company can pay the owner the proceeds for the damage, they have to pay any delinquent taxes and any costs incurred by the township in the repairing or securing of the building or structure or any investigation of arson or any other related crimes relating to the destruction. We get our money first. Chairman Harvie said this exists in other townships. Member Dence moved to authorize advertisement enacting Chapter 210 - Recovery of Delinquent Taxes and Costs Incurred on Insured Fire-Damaged Structures; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 9 CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2012 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION (MMO) FOR THE POLICE PENSION PLAN

Manager Gray gave information on the two Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) programs. This year's amount for the Police Pension Plan is \$1,318,901. Member Dence moved to adopt Resolution # 2011-17, establishing the 2012 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Police Pension Plan; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 10 CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2012 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION (MMO) FOR THE NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN

Manager Gray said this year's Non-Uniform Pension Plan amount is \$155,472. Member Snipes moved to adopt Resolution # 2011-18, establishing the 2012 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

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**ITEM # 11 PUBLIC COMMENT – FIVE MINUTE LIMIT PER PERSON
FORTY-FIVE MINUTE MAXIMUM**

Mr. Roland Kenney said he saw on TV where a young mother and her child were kidnapped in Delaware. He hopes you can pass something. It is getting near voting time and there are three candidates running for two open supervisor positions. Mr. Kenney said he will back Andy Dell and Jeff Rocco. He hasn't heard from Mr. Galloway.

Mr. Bill Dayton said at the last meeting there was a gentleman who spoke about the gate behind St. Joseph The Worker and you said it was up to the church. Mr. Dayton said that Father Birch told him that it was the township police who wanted the gate closed. Mr. Dayton said he spoke to four people at the township and they all pointed toward the church. He spoke with an officer who quoted another officer, saying it was the church who wanted it closed. Mr. Dayton said he wants the gate open. Chairman Harvie said the information he has, and he contacted Manger Gray as well, is that there were a lot of complaints about the church. The police called St. Joseph The Worker and they were told they are allowed to close the gate if they wanted to. Chairman Harvie said he also knows that since the time they have been doing that, there has been a lot of vandalism on the church property and other people going to the rectory yelling at them and telling them they have to open the gate. The bridge project is a PENNDOT project and it started on August 18th so we are about halfway complete. Chairman Harvie said it is a sacrifice but he drives around. The gate does belong to St. Joseph The Worker Church and if they want to keep it closed, they can close it. We will all have to put up with it a little while longer until the project is complete.

Mr. Jim Mayger said he is here for the tower project. He said the Bucks County Courier Times and the Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority reported the tower project has been completed safely and without incident. Mr. Mayger said no one has been out to his property. Mr. Mayger said he has \$80,000 worth of property damage due to this demolition and that does not go into his health problems. Mr. Mayger said he put in a request to have a meeting with Chairman Harvie and Manager Gray and it was ignored. Mr. Clarke said it was ignored because you have a lawyer who sent a letter to the township indicating that you were contemplating legal action to the township. Under recommendation, we told them not to meet with you because you are threatening to sue the township. Mr. Mayger said you have a township employee who spoke to his neighbor and said that he doesn't have a leg to stand on with a lawsuit. Mr. Mayger said he doesn't have a lawsuit, but he has two years to consider that. Chairman Harvie said that does not rob the employee of his freedom of speech. Mr. Mayger said the demo wasn't done safely. He said his roof replacement cost \$16,000. Mr. Mayger said no one wants to pay for the damages that all three parties created. He said he has neighbors who contacted their homeowners insurance. He said he has had an emergency health doctor say he can never plant a garden in his yard. He doesn't even know what the remediation costs will be. Mr. Mayger said he has \$20,000 in out-of-pocket expenses. He has 1,000 pictures from the demolition and captured the debris on his property on 6mm plastic. Chairman Harvie said any evidence you have you can present to your homeowner's insurance and to the DEP. If you want to file a lawsuit it is your right to do that. Mr. Mayger said he was charged \$520 for a permit to replace a roof. Chairman Harvie said that is a standard permit for a roof replacement.

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Mr. Ted Sanooki said last Wednesday a neighbor of his on Warwick Road was onslaught by the S.W.A.T. team. Mr. Sanooki said he was told to leave his residence, but he doesn't think all of his neighbors left. He doesn't think his neighbor, Scott, was charged with anything yet, but he is back in his home. People made a lot of comments about him. Scott has been nothing but a good neighbor to him. He knows he is eccentric and he has guns, but he has never seen any of them. Mr. Sanooki said when this whole thing started, he spoke to the detective in charge. Mr. Sanooki thinks this kind of situation can get out of hand so quick and thinks there can be another kind of protocol with these situations. He hopes these allegations are not true, especially with his girlfriend. Chairman Harvie said he understands Mr. Sanooki's concerns. He won't comment since he does not know the gentleman or know of the investigation. Chairman Harvie said we have an accredited police department and they have achieved a high level of professionalism and have high standards. Their training is the most difficult and the most demanding in the state. Thankfully, nothing happened, but their training and their job is to do what they did and we support them in that sense. For your friend's sake, Chairman Harvie hopes it works out best for him and the residents in your area.

Mr. Andy Dell spoke about Biles Island and asked if the board was given any indication of what this project may cost in the future. Chairman Harvie said no. What they gave is a master plan so what you are seeing does not necessarily mean that is what they will do. Mr. Dell asked if they would need to add Parks and Rec staff and Public Works staff. He said once it is built, it will need to be maintained and you will need security. Mr. Dell asked about the size of the Biles Island area. Mr. Sullivan said the community park is about 290 acres in size and Biles Island is about twice the size of the community park. Mr. Dell said you have the township park, soccer fields, the boat ramp, and county parks. He asked how much more they need to spend for recreational purposes. You can take money and add to the existing park or do something to add to the boat ramp. Mr. Dell said Biles Island will be a project and we are talking decades down the road until it is done, but it could eventually be a future money pit. He thinks we should spend a little more money on the existing park to be utilized differently. To spend money to open up a different area of the township is not necessary and in his view, is pointless. Mr. Dell said he would like to know how much it will be to do phase 1 of the project.

ITEM # 12 MINUTES – AUGUST 16, 2011

Member Snipes moved to approve the minutes from August 16, 2011; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 13 ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan said the 2010 Road Program is in the punch list phase. J.D. Morrissey will complete this in the next couple of weeks. The 2011 Road Program mill and overlay portion is substantially complete except for a portion of Avondale Road. That is their access to the reconstruction portion so it won't be done until the reconstruction is completed,

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probably early next year. Member Dence moved to approve the August Engineer's Report; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 14 BILL LIST – SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

Member Snipes moved to approve the bill list dated September 20, 2011 in the amount of \$2,015,966.18; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 15 EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 9:37 p.m. Mr. Clarke said that while in Executive Session the board discussed one matter of litigation and one matter of potential litigation.

ITEM # 16 MANAGER COMMENT

1. Manager Gray said a complaint has been filed against Superior Towing regarding a charge for towing and storage fees. A hearing was conducted. Based on the evidence presented at the hearing, it was decided that no action will be taken against Superior Towing, but they would be sent a written warning that they must follow the township's Towing Ordinance. Member Snipes moved to accept the recommendation by the Solicitor and Manager and for Manager Gray to send Superior Towing a written warning as outlined in the September 15, 2011 memo; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)
2. Manager Gray said an air conditioning unit in the detective area of the police department will need to be replaced. The township has secured three quotes for an air conditioner replacement. Member Snipes moved to purchase an air conditioning unit for the police department from Ray Litwin Heating and Air Conditioning in the amount of \$5,375; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)
3. Member Snipes moved to extend the Viking Associates land development project to December 31, 2011; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)
4. Member Snipes moved to release to Epuron, the solar array project maintenance funds in the amount of \$15,655.97; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)
5. Member Snipes moved to release from escrow the amount of \$4,331.93 to Epuron; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)
6. Manager Gray has Land and Sea mylars ready for signature.

ITEM # 17 BOARD COMMENT

Member Snipes wants to remind everyone that there are a number of area churches that sponsor community meals. These are not just for people who are homeless or those in tough circumstances, but also for people who need to share the company of others. There will be a

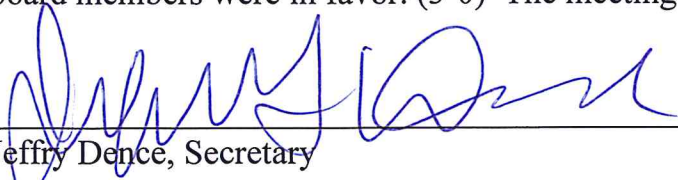
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community meal on Tuesday, October 11th at 6 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 89 Pinewood Drive in Levittown. The Quaker Meetinghouse in Fallsington also holds these meals once a month and there are about eight or nine other churches that do this as well. Member Snipes asked Manager Gray if they could advertise this on the cable access channel or post some information on the township website so that folks who could use the extra meal could find a full schedule of these meals. Member Snipes said he was glad to hear the presentation on Biles Island and looks forward to hearing more about that. Member Snipes reminded everyone that ACT Engineers will be here in this room on September 28th to present the Biles Island master plan to the public and to answer any questions. The informal meeting will be held from 5-8 p.m.

Member Dence said he spent most of August with pneumonia. He thanked everyone for their thoughts and e-mail messages. At the last meeting he was involved in a small accident before the meeting and was not able to attend the meeting.

Chairman Harvie thanked all of the township employees and volunteers who helped make this year's Family Festival a huge success. Chairman Harvie also thanked Mr. Reese, Ms. Russo, Ms. Loessy, the Public Works Department, park security, fire police, Levittown Fire Company No. 1 and the other local businesses and organizations. He said it was a difficult event to schedule because of the weather and the fields being so wet. It turned out to be a nice night out and was great to have everyone come together. Chairman Harvie said we heard earlier tonight about the Save a Life Tour and hopes the school will send some of this information home. This program is presented to help people make good decisions about drugs, alcohol, talking on cell phones and texting while driving. This is really about trying to get people educated. There are three different presentation times on the 29th of October - 10 a.m., 12 noon, and 2 p.m. Chairman Harvie said tonight we were supposed to have a memorial service for Dante. Chief Wilcox was organizing that event and wanted to include some other agencies that Dante worked with, but this evening did not work out. We will do this sometime in October. We have an agreement to name the dog park in Dante's honor. Chairman Harvie said we spoke earlier about the single-stream recycling program which will start on October 1st. The township continues to sell recycle bins for \$7.00 each. You don't have to have your recycles in those cans. You can use a regular trash can; just make sure those collecting your trash and recycles can tell the difference. You can throw everything in the same container now. They are adding some things such as paper cartons, juice boxes, cereal boxes and paper milk containers. The township does get some money back, based on the amount that is recycled. Member Snipes asked if they collect styrofoam containers. Manager Gray said he will check into this. Chairman Harvie thanked the board members for a productive meeting. He said Member Szupka was out of town and could not make it back in time for the meeting and Member Vislosky was having some health issues. Chairman Harvie thanked the efforts of the township staff.

Member Snipes moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0) The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.



Jeffrey Dence, Secretary