

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>ROBERT HARVIE, JR., CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>JONATHAN SNIPES, VICE-CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>JEFFRY DENCE, SECRETARY-TREASURER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>BRIAN GALLOWAY, SUPERVISOR</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>JEFFREY ROCCO, SUPERVISOR</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

**PRESENTATION OF STORK AWARD BY CHRISTOPHER REIF, CHIEF OF THE  
LEVITTOWN-FAIRLESS HILLS RESCUE SQUAD**

Levittown-Fairless Hills Rescue Squad Chief Christopher Reif said when a baby is born in the ‘emergency field’ those individuals involved are presented with a stork pin. Chief Reif presented stork awards to Paramedic Cindy Herr, and Officer Spiritasano who assisted with the delivery of baby Gabriel on Christmas morning, 2011. EMT Robin Craft was also at the scene, but unable to attend the meeting tonight.

**ITEM # 1 AT&T MOBILITY - CONDITIONAL USE HEARING - 207 AUSTIN  
DRIVE, TMP # 13-4-131**

Mr. Clarke said this is a Conditional Use Hearing. The applicant is New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC doing business as AT&T Mobility. The property is located in the Township of Falls, Bucks County, PA. This application is to allow the Conditional Use for the upgrade to its facility with the addition of three LTE antennas, the installation of a new LTE radio equipment cabinet on an existing concrete pad located at the base of the water tank, the addition of a rack for a power converter, and the installation of remote radio heads and cables to the new LTE antennas so they will operate with the radio equipment and bring the service up to 4G standards. Mr. Christopher Schubert represents the applicant. Member Snipes moved to open the Conditional Use Hearing; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Clarke asked Mr. Schubert to introduce the project, admit any evidence or documents in support of this application, give a brief summary of the testimony of his witnesses, have his witnesses come forward to be sworn in, and ask them if they have heard and agree with his summary. At that time, Mr. Schubert and the witnesses will be available to the Board of Supervisors, the staff of the township, and residents requesting party status. Mr. Schubert said this project is to install three new

antennas to be located on an existing water tank at 207 Austin Drive. The water tank is currently owned by the Township of Falls Authority. There are currently nine antennas owned by AT&T on the water tank. These are at the height of 94 ft. AT&T proposes to add three additional antennas to bring the site up to 4G standards. Mr. Schubert said Mr. Rubin is an RF expert in support of this application. AT&T is licensed by the FCC to operate a wireless network. These upgrades are necessary to bring the site up to the current 4G standards. The three antennas that will be added are 8 ft. in height and 1 ft. in width and will be installed on the side of the tank. The top would reach 96 ft. The height of the water tank is 120 ft. In addition, there will be a cabinet that will be installed at the bottom of the tank on an existing concrete pad. The cabinet will house the radio equipment that will operate these antennas. Mr. Schubert said Mr. Prokopiak would testify that he oversees the collection of documentation in support of the application and has expertise working on these sites in conjunction with AT&T. Mr. Prokopiak is familiar with the property and the site plans which accurately depict what is at the property and on this application. This project will have no adverse impact on public safety, health, and welfare. With the addition of three antennas, there is no problem with supporting the installation and these upgrades. The applicant is willing to comply with any and all of the open conditions that have been addressed tonight through documents or testimony. The applicant has the following exhibits. A-1 is the Conditional Use application of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC; A-2 is the lease agreement; A-3 is the aerial view of subject telecommunications facility on the water tank; A-4 is the Curriculum Vitae of Mark Rubin, RF Engineer; A-5 is the FCC license; A-6 is the RF statement as to need for upgrades; A-7 is the RF emissions compliance report; A-8 is the RF non-interference letter; A-9 is the Curriculum Vitae of Petros Tsoukalas, PE; A-10 are the site plans prepared by Dewberry, Project Engineers; A-11 is the structural analysis prepared by Dewberry, Project Engineers; and A-12 is the Township Engineer's review letter dated December 19, 2011. Mr. Mark Rubin, RF Engineer, and Mr. James Prokopiak, Site Acquisition Manager, were sworn in. They both agreed with the testimony that was provided by Mr. Schubert. Member Galloway asked if the antennas would be below the top of the tank. Mr. Prokopiak said that is correct. Member Galloway asked if these upgrades were necessary to bring AT&T up to standards. Mr. Prokopiak said the current antennas at the site do not have the capability of 4G so these antennas are necessary. Member Snipes asked Mr. Rubin to briefly explain what 4G is or what LTE is. Mr. Rubin said LTE is a data only technology. It is a higher speed than what you are used to with 3G. The 4G technology devices are iPads, iPhones, Blackberries and these types of devices would enjoy faster data speeds for streaming video, e-mail, internet, etc. Member Snipes asked how many antennas are currently on the tower and how much does an antenna weigh. Mr. Durbin said there are currently nine antennas and they weigh about 60 lbs. Member Rocco asked if the antennas will match the color of the tower. Mr. Prokopiak said yes, they will be painted to match. Chairman Harvie said there will be a cabinet added. Mr. Prokopiak said that is correct. It will all be contained in the existing leased area. Mr. Tom Wilson asked if the 207 Austin Drive tower's an active tower as far as being used for the water. Chairman Harvie said yes. Mr. Gallus Obert asked 1) how many other telecommunication companies are located on the tower; 2) do we have some structural calculation saying that tower will hold all of these additions; 3) what is the distance between agenda item 1 and agenda item 2; 3) are they compatible; and 4) how

many other towers does AT&T Mobility have in the township? Chairman Harvie said as part of the application, they have to provide structural documentation performed by an engineer. These antennas are 60 lbs. and roughly 8 ft. x 1 ft. in size. Mr. Prokopiak said there are at least two other carriers on the tower. Chairman Harvie said regarding distance, this is at one corner of Falls Township and the other tower is closer to Tullytown. Mr. Rubin said he does not know how many facilities AT&T operates in the township, but these facilities do communicate several miles in every direction. It makes sense that these facilities provide an overlap in coverage. Chairman Harvie said this is a standard upgrade. Other areas will have to go through a similar upgrade. Mr. Obert asked if there was anything regarding safety because of the Fairless Hills Athletic Association. He asked if this tower had lightning rods on there. Chairman Harvie said the water tower is fenced off. He does not know if it has lightning rods on it. Mr. Sullivan said he is not sure of lightning rods, but he is sure the metal tank in the ground is well grounded. Member Snipes said in the past they have had to deal with plantings and screenings around the towers. It doesn't look like there is anything there besides tree growth on one side. He asked if that is a concern. Mr. Prokopiak said generally that comes up at the initial application. This is just an upgrade to an existing site. The equipment on the bottom will look essentially the way it looks now. Member Dence asked if they were replacing existing panels. Mr. Prokopiak said three will be replaced and then there are an additional three. They are going from a net of nine to a net of twelve. Member Snipes asked what the Township of Falls Authority's role has in this. Mr. Prokopiak said the Township of Falls Authority has already consented to this installation. Member Dence moved to close the Conditional Use Hearing for AT&T Mobility at 207 Austin Drive; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Snipes moved to approve the Conditional Use for AT&T Mobility located at 207 Austin Drive; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 2 AT&T MOBILITY - CONDITIONAL USE HEARING - 8900 OLD BRISTOL PIKE, TMP 13-40-45-001

Mr. Clarke said this is a Conditional Use Hearing for Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC doing business as AT&T Mobility. The property is located in the Township of Falls, Bucks County, PA. This is an application requesting Conditional Use to permit an upgrade to its facility with the addition of three LTE antennas, the installation of a new LTE radio cabinet on the existing concrete pad located at the base of the tower, the replacement of an existing NUSS cabinet for a new TE43 cabinet of substantially the same size, and the installation of remote radio heads and cables to the new LTE antennas so they will operate with the radio equipment. These upgrades will bring the existing facility up to 4G standards. The applicant is represented by Mr. Christopher Schubert. Member Snipes moved to open the Conditional Use Hearing for AT&T Mobility for 8900 Bristol Pike; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Clarke explained to Mr. Schubert that they would follow the same process as the first Conditional Use Hearing, agenda item #1. Mr. Schubert understood. Mr. Schubert said this site is located at 8900 Old Rt. 13 on approximately 12 acres, owned by Atlantic Concrete Industries. There is an

existing 160-ft. monopole on the property. AT&T currently has antennas on this tower at the center line height of 152 ft. AT&T is proposing the addition of three LTE or 4G antennas to the nine already on the monopole. This will bring the count up to twelve antennas. They are proposing to add an LTE cabinet to house the radio equipment to operate those new antennas and also swap out an existing NUSS cabinet. Mr. Schubert said there is an existing lease agreement with the property owner. They have site plans prepared by the site engineer under the direction of Mr. Prokopiak. There was a Planning Commission meeting on December 19, 2011. There were some revisions suggested and those revisions were last dated January 18, 2012. Mr. Schubert said they have received the Township Engineer letter dated December 19, 2011. AT&T is willing to comply with any of those conditions referenced in Mr. Sullivan's review letter. The applicant has the following exhibits. A-1 is the Conditional Use application of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC; A-2 is the lease agreement; A-3 is the aerial view of subject telecommunications facility; A-4 is the Curriculum Vitae of Mark Rubin, RF Engineer; A-5 is the FCC license; A-6 is the RF statement as to need for upgrades; A-7 is the RF emissions compliance report; A-8 is the RF non-interference letter; A-9 is the Curriculum Vitae of Petros Tsoukalas, PE; A-10 are the site plans prepared by Dewberry, Project Engineers; A-11 is the structural analysis prepared by Dewberry, Project Engineers; and A-12 is the Township Engineer's review letter dated December 19, 2011. The witnesses, Mr. Mark Rubin, RF Engineer, and Mr. James Prokopiak, Site Acquisition Manager both agreed with testimony by Mr. Schubert. Member Snipes asked about the height of the tower. Mr. Schubert said the height of the tower is 160 ft. with the center line height of the antennas of 152 ft. With the addition of the antennas, the height would go to 154 ft. and still be below the top. Mr. Gallus Obert asked if the Austin Drive tower is owned by the Township of Falls Authority. Chairman Harvie said yes, it is owned by the Township of Falls Authority. Mr. Obert said he assumes fees will be paid. He asked who gets these fees and how much will they be? Mr. Clarke said these questions pertain to the previous hearing that is already closed. It is not relevant for this application that is being heard right now. Mr. Obert asked who owns the site in agenda item 2. Chairman Harvie said the owner of this site is Atlantic Concrete. Mr. Obert asked if they are paid a fee. Chairman Harvie said they are most likely paid a rental fee. Mr. Obert said anyone who gets a tower gets paid a fee. Chairman Harvie said that is usually the way it works. Member Dence said in the lease agreement we do not know how much of a fee is being paid. It is a private transaction that the township does not get involved in. Member Snipes moved to close the Conditional Use Hearing for AT&T Mobility at 8900 Old Bristol Pike; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Galloway moved to approve the Conditional Use for AT&T Mobility located at 8900 Old Bristol Pike; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

### ITEM # 3      CONSIDER ACT'S APPLICATION FOR BILES ISLAND

Chairman Harvie introduced this item. There has been talk going on for some time about beginning to ready Biles Island so that Falls Township will become the owner of this property for the price of \$1.00. Biles Island will give us access to the river as well as other activities. There is an area that we will have access to very soon. ACT Engineers is the

on whether to do phase 1A. We are voting on the conceptual grant. Member Snipes said they visited phase 1A, the restored habitat area and said this area is really beautiful. He thinks this is money well spent. Member Snipes moved to open public comment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Andy Dell said he is not in favor of this recreation facility. He feels that we do not need this. He thinks this is something that needs to be put before all the voters of Falls Township. He does not want to be rushed into getting this possible \$250K that probably won't even begin to pay for a fence across this property. He thinks they should make improvements to the park we already have. He thinks they should move a little slower. Mr. Dell said he foresees us spending tens of millions of dollars down there and sees this as a giant money pit. Mr. Dell said an example is the New Falls Road sidewalk study that cost \$50,000 to see if we should put in sidewalks. The Biles Island project will make millions evaporate. In the unique climate we are in right now he cannot see it. The money we are receiving has shrunk and it may be a number of years before we get back to the money we were getting. For the carbon trails down there, he does not have a problem putting in benches for people to utilize the property. He cautions you to go slow and don't be pressured to do this now. Mr. Guido Mariani said we have reviewed this plan before and his concerns are that we haven't properly assessed the need for this kind of expenditure. We are providing another service and another recreation without providing funds to maintain it. Mr. Mariani said this entire spending adventure doesn't have the limitations as a business does. Without any means of financial support to maintain this project, he thinks it is wreckless spending. Mr. Mariani wants to know how you plan to support this project. Mr. Mariani said he thinks you are going to create a great burden on the future township residents. Mr. Mariani said every single project that you get into has to be maintained. Chairman Harvie thinks there may be some confusion about what the concept plan talked about. The concept plan the board adopted looks at the long-term plan of the site. We are talking about 15-20 years down the road. What they are looking at right now is a very small portion of the site which needs very little, if any, maintenance. There are already worn down paths and trails. We are not talking about putting in a boat ramp or any kind of facilities. Mr. Mariani wants the board to think hard about it. He said this is something we don't need. Mr. Roland Kenney said what the two gentlemen said is absolutely correct. If you are going to do anything like this, put it on the ballot. This project is gigantic. If you can put a casino or hotel down there, we can have money coming in. Municipalities like Bensalem, Langhorne, and Bristol are all getting paid. This casino would be just us and maybe Morrisville. Mr. Gallus Obert suggested that the board read the Pennsylvania 2011 and 2012 Grant and Resource Directory put out by the House Democratic Caucus. This tells you all of the grant programs that are available. Mr. Obert asked if the township owns Biles Island. Chairman Harvie said no; not yet. Mr. Obert said you can get this book from John Galloway's office. Mr. Obert said he has heard that you are going to make this area of Biles Island into a nature reserve or bird watcher's facility and he hasn't seen any bird watchers in years. Mr. Jim Prokopiak asked about the grant opportunity. Chairman Harvie said what they are asking ACT to do is to pursue grant money, most of that through DCNR. Mr. Prokopiak asked if that would include federal, county, and state money as well. Chairman Harvie said they are also looking for private companies that might be willing to get involved in a project like this. Mr. Prokopiak said it looks like a good deal for the price. Member Rocco moved to

close public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Snipes said we don't know what we may be thinking of doing long-term, but the restored portion of the island is ready for us to use now. Having been down there, Member Snipes said he believes it would be a service to our residents and another outlet for outdoor activities if we can get the public to this area. He doesn't think this is that much of an expenditure for us. There was a time when people thought no one would use the community park and would be a waste of money and now on a nice day you can't even find a parking space. We are talking about spending \$12,500 to get a nice amount of money from the state to open property that the residents could use. We have an agreement with Waste Management; they cannot just back out of it. The other decisions down the road are decisions down the road. Member Snipes moved to approve the expenditure in the amount NTE \$12,500 to ACT Engineers for their DCNR grant program; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 4 CONSIDER ADOPTING THE BUCKS COUNTY 2011 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Manager Gray said a resolution to adopt the Bucks County 2011 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been secured. This plan has been developed by the Bucks County Emergency Management Agency and the Planning Commission. The board is asked to consider this resolution tonight. Mr. Art Feltes from Bucks County is here tonight. Mr. Feltes said the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires municipalities to have a hazard mitigation plan. FEMA started this in 2005, ratified in 2006, and they want it reviewed and updated every five years. Our's expired last year while they were having the consultant develop the new plan. Mr. Feltes reviewed the three actions under this plan that Falls Township is signed up for. If you are part of the National Flood Insurance Program, you have to sign up for an NFIP action. Mr. Feltes told the board that if they approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan tonight, what will happen is that he will e-mail that resolution to FEMA to PEMA and copy the township on that. About two months later, you will receive a letter from FEMA saying you are eligible. Mr. Feltes said these plans are important. FEMA said they will not be issuing checks until an approved plan is in place. Approving this resolution will allow us to apply for disaster funding should a disaster affect us. Member Rocco asked why a township or municipality might not approve this. He doesn't know why a municipality wouldn't want the insurance of being able to apply to FEMA for the money. Mr. Feltes said another option is to develop your own plan, but that would be costly. Member Snipes moved to approve Resolution # 2012-06 to adopt the Bucks County 2011 Hazard Mitigation Plan; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER PURCHASING FOUR VEHICLES FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, PARK & RECREATION AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS

Manager Gray said four township departments have requested vehicle purchases in their 2012 budget. These vehicles will be purchased from an approved vendor on the COSTARS

list. Member Snipes moved to approve the purchase of a 2012 Chevrolet Colorado 4WD in the amount of \$19,871.29 for the Code Enforcement Department from Hondru Fleet; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Galloway moved to approve the purchase of a 2012 Ford F250 in the amount of \$27,110.84 for the Fire Marshal's Office from Warnock; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Galloway moved to approve the purchase of a 2012 Chevrolet Colorado in the amount of 17,927.72 for the Parks and Rec Department from Hondru Fleet; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Galloway moved to approve the purchase of a 2012 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD in the amount of \$22,997.70 for the Public Works Department from Hondru Fleet; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 6     CONSIDER LEAPS SOFTWARE PROGRAM FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Sgt. Sven Beauchmin, from the Falls Township Police Department, has submitted a request for the board to consider regarding the LEAPS software implementation. The software will provide training, generate reports, provide scheduling, as well as other capabilities. In addition, other departments may also be able to utilize this software. The cost of the software is \$7,000. The board is asked to consider this purchase. Sgt. Beauchmin said LEAPS stands for Law Enforcement Automated Personnel System. This program started out as an on-line reporting system for citizens. They have about three hundred agencies in the U.S. and Canada. Sgt. Beauchmin said when they bring someone new to the police department, they have a training program which lasts a few months. This program will provide us with all of our policies and procedures. All documents will be imported. It eliminates the possibility of lost reports. It sets up and reminds the officer and the field training officer if there is anything that is missing. It sets up their schedule. This program evaluates the officer and reports any needs they may have. Crossing guards and park security officers also need training. This system will provide the training and everything will be documented. The \$7,000 is broken up into two sections. It is \$5,000 for the purchase of the program. In the preliminary stages, they are giving us all access at the cost of \$2,000 for the yearly maintenance fee. Sgt. Beauchmin said the negotiating on the price worked out well. The full price was a total of \$10,000. Sgt. Beauchmin said this program does a lot for our accountability. We will be a test facility for the east coast. Member Galloway said he noticed the original price was lowered from \$10,000 to \$7,000. Member Rocco said it sounds like a good idea. It seems there is a lot of automation that needs to happen. Member Galloway moved to authorize the purchase of the LEAPS software program for the Police Department in the amount of \$7,000; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 7     CONSIDER RATIFYING PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Manager Gray said the township has a Memorandum of Agreement settled with the Public Works Union and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 542. This agreement is a 5-year term beginning January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2015. The

board is asked to ratify the agreement with the Public Works Union. Member Galloway said both sides are happy with it and five years is a nice term. Member Snipes asked if the length is normally five years or did they also negotiate the length of the contract. Manager Gray said they negotiated the five years. Manager Gray said the Police Department contract is four years and AFSCME is four years with a two-year extension. They both end on December 31, 2012, as well as the crossing guards. Member Dence asked if they had been working without a contract. Manager Gray said yes, their contract expired December 31, 2010, so this will be retroactive. Member Rocco asked about the \$500 per person signing bonus. Manager Gray said they tried to use that to have this agreement worked out and for concessions for healthcare. Member Galloway moved to ratifying the Public Works Department contract; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 8      CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF BID FOR  
                  CHLORINE AND MURIATIC ACID FOR THE 2012 POOL SEASON**

Manager Gray said the township has been using Beradelli for purchase of liquid chlorine and muriatic acid for the past few years. Last year the township spent about \$22,000 for these items. Member Galloway moved to authorize advertisement of the bid for liquid chlorine and muriatic acid for the 2012 pool season; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 9      CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF BID FOR  
                  LANDSCAPING SERVICES AT TOWNSHIP FACILITIES**

Chairman Harvie asked Manager Gray to make it clear that these bids have to be submitted in a specific way. Member Dence said maybe they should ask a landscaper for some input on the bidding process. Mr. Clarke said he thinks the problem last year was not in the specifics in landscaping, but in the instructions in the bid specs. They have tried to correct this so you can get a bid spec in order to make an apples-to-apples comparison. Member Snipes moved to open public comment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Andy Dell suggested spending a few dollars more and asking for triple-ground, black-dye mulch. Mr. Dell said he would be happy to look over the bid packet to make sure it is clear. He thinks you should also put something in there for weekly clearing of leaves to keep the perimeter of the township building clear. The bid packet should also specify the number of visits. Member Snipes moved to close public comment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Galloway move to authorize advertisement of bids for landscaping services at township facilities; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)



**ITEM # 10 MINUTES – DECEMBER 20, 2011, JANUARY 3, 2012 AND  
JANUARY 17, 2012**

Member Snipes moved to approve the minutes from December 20, 2011; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Rocco who abstained from the vote. (4-0-1) Member Galloway moved to approve the minutes from January 3, 2012 and January 17, 2012; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

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

Mr. Roland Kenney said he won't be mentioning about getting a casino anymore in the area of Biles Island. He did not know about a distance rule. Mr. Kenney said on January 26<sup>th</sup> he was invited to the Three Arches. He said the township is very fortunate to have Mrs. Reese run the Three Arches and take care of it the way she does. We had two school buses and some well-behaved Walt Disney 5<sup>th</sup> graders attend a program at the Three Arches. Mrs. Reese does a great job. They went outside and Mr. Kenney said he looked around. He remembers about three or four years ago, it was approved to have some work done. He thinks if repairs are not made, it is an accident waiting to happen. Mr. Kenney said we need to have some revenue coming in to help pay for recreation. Chairman Harvie said they did have a couple of people from Mr. Sullivan's office out to Three Arches to take a preliminary look at these issues.

Mr. Guido Mariani spoke about government spending. He said the reason so many municipalities find themselves in economic distress and having to declare bankruptcy is because they have obligated their municipality to unnecessary projects - beyond what he considers to be the role of government. Mr. Mariani said the one thing we don't agree on is the role of government and the subsequent cost after putting these projects in place. When the initial funding of these projects cease, each of these projects will become a future tax increase. Mr. Mariani asked the board to please be careful what you are obligating your township for. He thinks you are reasonable, but feels that some of these projects should be reconsidered.

Mr. Bill Reese said during the winter (December 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of February) the skateboard park is only open on the weekends. On February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> the Pennsbury School District is closed both days. The township has decided to open the skateboard park on those two days since the kids have off from school. Mr. Reese congratulated the Pennsbury High School cheerleaders who have finished first in their national competition in Baltimore two weeks ago.

**ITEM # 12 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board went into Executive Session at 9:07 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 10:02 p.m. While in Executive Session, Mr. Clarke said the board held an Executive Session to

consult with him and Ms. Gallagher regarding two matters of potential litigation that have arisen in the township in the past several weeks.

**ITEM # 13 MANAGER COMMENT**

1. Member Snipes moved to grant a 60-day extension from February 24, 2012 on the Conditional Use application for the Superior Motor Services and the purchase of the Graber Lumber property; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor.  
(5-0)
2. Member Galloway moved to approve a \$5,000 donation to T.A.G.; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
3. Member Dence moved to approve a \$6,000 donation to the St. Patrick's Day Parade; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Galloway who abstained from the vote since he is a member of the parade committee. (4-0-1) This year's St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2012.
4. Member Dence moved to approve a \$6,000 donation to the American Legion Post 834 for their Memorial Day Parade; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
5. Member Snipes moved to approve the purchase of 40 bare-root trees at the price of \$50 each for a total of \$2,000; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
6. Manager Gray said the South-End Auto Parts mylars are ready for signature.
7. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at the Falls Township Community Park at 1 p.m. on March 24, 2012. This free event is for children ages ten and under.
8. The Breakfast with the Bunny event will take place at the Three Arches from 10 a.m. – 12 noon on Saturday, March 31, 2012. This free event is for children ages ten and under.

**ITEM # 14 BOARD COMMENT**

Member Dence said the weather has been very mild and we have already begun planning for the Que for the Troops event. More information will follow. We have heard that Tyburn Road has been re-opened. Construction is complete and all lanes are open. At some time in the future, they will close the road over the railroad tracks, but they do not know when that will be scheduled. Member Dence wished his son Jack, a very Happy Birthday.

Member Galloway – No comment.

Member Snipes thanked his fellow board members for an excellent meeting. Member Snipes commented on their decision to allocate \$12,500 to ACT Engineers for their work to make grant applications to DCNR on behalf of the township to make plans for phase 1 of the Biles Island project.

Member Rocco – No comment.

Chairman Harvie said he has been a supervisor for several years now. There are a lot of very good people who work in this building. Every one of them makes their job that much easier. They do a great job and he thanks them very much. Chairman Harvie congratulated our Finance Director, Mrs. Reukauf, who has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Chairman Harvie said this board makes sure we get the most out of taxpayer dollars. We may not always agree, but all of us have our feelings about doing what will help the most people and make the community better. They do put a lot of thought into it and weigh their options. They talk to each other. They may not always agree on everything, but they can disagree on things in a professional manner and in a way that reflects positively on the township. Chairman Harvie thanked everyone for their input.

Member Dence moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.



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Jeffrey Dence, Secretary