

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

ROBERT HARVIE, JR., CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JEFFRY DENCE, VICE-CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JEFFREY ROCCO, SECRETARY	PRESENT
JONATHAN SNIPES, SUPERVISOR	ABSENT
BRIAN M. GALLOWAY, 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 Galloway and Member Snipes. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

The meeting was started with a moment of silence in observance of those who have suffered through recent tragic events around the country.

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

Mr. Roland Kenney said in regard to Bengazi, we have the FBI over their now and have eighteen suspects in eye-sight. Mr. Kenney also commented about the abortion doctor in Philadelphia. He wished everyone a good night.

Mr. Gallus Obert spoke about the bill list. He said the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report from the Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority just came out. Mr. Obert asked why the township purchases bottled water when there is nothing wrong with the drinking water that is already available. Manager Gray said we have water coolers throughout the building for people to get a glass of water throughout the day. Mr. Obert said he thinks that expense should be eliminated. Mr. Obert questioned an invoice in the amount of \$4,675 for installation of docks and buoys at the Quaker Penn Boat Ramp. Chairman Harvie said we pay for when the docks and buoys are put in and for when they are taken out. Mr. Obert asked about a charge of \$8,172 for Code E and computer services. He asked if we are having that much trouble to justify that large of an expense. Manager Gray said expense is for software for the police department and the police cars. It is for network usage of the computers. Mr. Obert questioned a \$2,000 expense by Curtin and Heefner. Chairman Harvie said that expense deals with labor matters and issues. Mr. Obert asked about an entry for Landmark Construction Services. Chairman Harvie said that was for the re-grading and sodding of the two major soccer fields. Mr. Obert questions the charge for three pay phones for \$90 a month for Pacific Tel Management Services. He stated that with everyone having cell phones these days, he did not think that was a necessary expense. Mr. Obert asked about the \$11,932 Remington, Vernick & Beech charge. Chairman Harvie said

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a lot of these expenses end up being reimbursable expenses. Mr. Obert said as he went through the bill list, he realized we pay the health benefits of retired police officers. Chairman Harvie said the police contracts have a post-retirement health benefit. We do not pay for the health insurance, but we pay a monthly stipend. The reason for the various amounts is due to when they retired. We pay it twice a year; in May and November. There was a break in the meeting at 8:20 p.m. as there were some audio and video issues. The meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

PRESENTATION BY PT WATER TRANSFORMATIONS

Mr. Bob Moyer and Mr. Patrick Mulhern spoke on behalf of PT Water Transformations. They are proposing kayak and canoe rentals at the Falls Township Community Park. They have been running their business out of Bristol for the past four years. They do tours out of the Delaware. They provide safety and education for folks renting their watercraft. The proposed pricing is very similar to Core Creek Park and Nockamixon State Park. The age restriction is sixteen without a parent and with a parent, as young as twelve. Member Rocco asked about insurance and liability and how that would work. Ms. Gallagher said township would be named as an additional insured on their policy. PT Transformations would be required to sign an agreement. They are drafting a safety plan. In the event of an incident, PT Transformations would be incumbent upon us and also to notify the park personnel as well as filing an incident report with the township. Incident results in injury. PT Transformations has a fully-trained staff and the employees are CPR certified. Mr. Moyer is a trainer for boat safety as well. Member Rocco asked about the time period for renting the watercraft. PT Transformations is ready to move forward when the board is comfortable. Mr. Mulhern said they would need a lead time of about four weeks to find out where the township would want them stationed and to get their equipment in place. Chairman Harvie said we have been looking over the past year at ways to contract out concessions and try to bring some income to the township. This is an experimental program to see if this will work. There is no financial arrangement between PT Transformations and the township, but maybe next year we can contract with a company to do this and then, since this is township property, we can get a little bit of the profit. Member Rocco moved to open public comment; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0) Mr. Andy Dell said this might provide the opportunity to not pursue building the fishing dock. Mr. Dell asked about kayaks flipping over and also asked if they will have a storage shed at the park. Chairman Harvie said if they are only operating on the weekend, they may just trailer their equipment back and forth, but those details still need to be worked out. Mr. Dell asked about any safety equipment. Chairman Harvie said PT Transformations will have their own safety equipment, but they will have a discussion with park security about safety. PT Transformations will provide a safety orientation of the do's & don'ts to anyone renting watercraft. They can get to anyone on the watercraft who might be experiencing issues, rather quickly. They will not offer guided tours at the park. Mr. Dell asked where we stand with the fishing dock. Mr. Sullivan said the dock is still in the design phase and it is estimated at the price of \$60,000. Mr. Guido Mariani spoke about their insurance policy listed at \$1,000,000 per incident and their indemnification. Mr. Mariani said he thinks the fishing pier will cost well over \$100,000. Member Dence moved to close public comment;

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Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0) Member Dence moved to approve the operation of PT Transformations Water Adventures at the Falls Township Community Park for the 2013 summer season, pending finalization of the indemnification, legal issues, and insurance obligations; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 2 DISCUSSION BY PENNSBURY LYFT ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Mr. Tim Philpot, Director of Community Impact of the United Way and Project Director for the LYFT Coalition introduced himself to the board. Mr. Philpot said Pennsbury LYFT is a community prevention coalition dedicated to reducing substance abuse and encouraging positive choices among students from Lower Makefield, Yardley, Falls Township, and Tullytown. These are the municipalities that comprise the Pennsbury School District. This aligns with the mission of the United Way to focus on three key issues: quality education, stable income, and good health. LYFT is a program of the entire community. Their main focus these days is underage drinking. They are making presentations in all four municipalities to remind parents that they are the most important influence in their children's lives. Mr. Philpot reminded everyone about the dangers of underage drinking and drug use. Mr. Philpot thanked the board for their time and for being able to be present at this evening's meeting.

ITEM # 3 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM T&M ASSOCIATES FOR LIGHTING AT YATSKO FIELD

Manager Gray said the township has received a proposal from T&M Associates dated May 17, 2013 for professional engineering services for Yatsko Field lighting improvements. The cost of this proposal is in the amount of \$6,500. Member Dence said the field is now a gravel lot. There have been a few problems there and they have been talking about getting this done for a while. This item is in the 2013 budget. Member Dence moved to open public comment; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0) Mr. Andy Dell asked if they are ever going to pave this lot. He said it is a dusty mess and people come and go in every direction. Chairman Harvie said this lot was striped earlier this week. Mr. Dell asked how long the striping will last. Mr. Sullivan said it will last a year or two. Member Dence said it would probably cost a couple hundred thousand dollars to pave this lot. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0) Member Rocco moved to approve the Yatsko Field lighting improvement proposal from T&M Associates in the amount NTE \$6,500; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 4 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF BLEACHERS AT THE QUAKER PENN BASEBALL FIELD

Manager Gray said the township has received a proposal dated May 9, 2013 from George Ely Associates, Inc. for bleachers at the Quaker Penn Park Baseball Field. The cost of two

bleachers is \$2,710 each plus freight of \$490. Member Rocco said he would like the bleachers to be secured. Member Dence moved to approve the purchase of two bleachers plus freight from George Ely Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$5,910; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR LA FITNESS MEMBERSHIPS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Manager Gray said once again this year, LA Fitness has agreed to offer fifty gym memberships for the police officers at the price of \$5,000. This gym membership fulfills the township's obligation with PAFT. The board is asked to consider approval of this contract with LA Fitness. Member Rocco moved to open public comment; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0) Mr. Andy Dell asked if there will be any fitness facilities in the new township building. Chairman Harvie said this was discussed and it was discouraged because of insurance issues. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0) Member Dence moved to approve the contract with LA Fitness for fifty gym memberships for the police department in the amount NTE \$5,000; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 6 CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TREES FROM THE 2010 ROAD PROGRAM

During the 2010 Road Program, trees were removed from the area between the sidewalk and the curbs. These trees will be replaced and residents were given a choice of available trees. Proposals were received as follows: Marrazzo's in the amount of \$12,007 with a 1-1/2 yr. warranty and CNS Cleaning & Building Service in the amount of \$8,375 with a 6-month warranty. These proposals are for purchase of twenty-two trees. Member Dence moved to open public comment; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0) Mr. Andy Dell asked about the caliber of the trees. Member Rocco said they are two to three inches in caliber. Mr. Dell said he thought it was standard to have a one-year warranty on trees. Mr. Dell asked how the trees would be planted. Mr. Sullivan said they would be planted and mulch would be installed around the trees. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0) The board discussed the warranty issue. Member Rocco moved to approve the purchase of twenty-two trees from CNS Cleaning & Building Service in the amount of \$8,375 provided that CNS Cleaning & Building Service extends their warranty to one year; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 7 CONSIDER AGREEMENT FOR FIREWORKS FOR THE QUE FOR THE TROOPS/FAMILY FESTIVAL

Ms. Gallagher said this is an agreement for provision of a fireworks display in the amount of \$9,000. The agreement will provide that the township is covered under the Starfirework's insurance policy and also provides for indemnification should something go wrong.

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Member Dence moved to approve the agreement with Starfirework's Corporation in the amount of \$9,000; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 8 CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REVISING CHAPTER 209, ZONING, SECTION 45 - SIGNS

Ms. Gallagher explained the changes in the sign ordinance. Member Dence said he personally does not like LED signs. If someone proposes any LED signs, they will still need to come to the township for approval before installation of these signs. Member Dence said there are a lot of restrictions and hopefully this is the right thing to do. Member Rocco said he agrees. He thinks the reality is that this is the technology, but the township needed to put some restrictions on it. Member Dence moved to approve Ordinance 13-02, amendment revising Chapter 209, Zoning, Section 45 – Signs, incorporating a minor addition by Ms. Gallagher; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 9 CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH SCHMIDT PROPERTIES REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF MULCH PILE

Ms. Gallagher said this item deals with the mulch pile at 65 M-Y Lane. In March and early April, there were a series of mulch fires that burned for several days. There had not been any issues for a while, but then there was a malfunction with the sprinkler system which led to the fire on April 2nd. The property owner has worked with the Fire Marshal's office in agreeing to the amount of mulch piles as well as the height of the mulch piles. Chairman Harvie said he wanted to make sure we were working together with this company in a safe direction. Member Rocco moved to approve the agreement with Schmidt Properties and Falls Township; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 10 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING TO ADVERTISE FOR THE 2013 ROAD PROGRAM

Manager Gray announced the roads scheduled for full-depth reconstruction. They include: Valley Road, Peaceful Drive, Bernard Drive, Rice Drive, Floral Drive, Walton Drive, Fletcher Drive, Kirby Drive, and Hedgerow Drive. There will be no mill and overlay for roads during this road program. Mr. Sullivan said the bid opening is scheduled for July 10, 2013. The Notice of Intent to award the bid is scheduled for July 16, 2013. The bid award should be finalized on August 20, 2013 and the proposed start date is August 26, 2013. Member Dence moved to authorize advertising for the 2013 Road Program; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 11 ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan said the Penns Grant tennis court project and the South Olds Boulevard culvert project are both complete. The 2012 Road Program continues. The re-paving of Yardley Avenue will be completed by 2 p.m. this Friday. Inside and outside work continues at the Falls Township Senior Center. It is still on schedule for August completion. Chairman Harvie asked about the transformer on Trenton Road. Mr. Sullivan said they are looking at their options for where to locate it. Member Dence moved to approve the April 2013 Engineer's Report dated May 17, 2013; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 12 BILL LIST

Member Rocco moved to approve the bill list dated May 22, 2013 in the amount of \$2,994,398.48; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 13 EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no Executive Session held.

ITEM # 14 MANAGER COMMENT

- A. Member Dence moved to approve the \$3,000 donation to the Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership Program; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)
- B. Member Rocco moved to approve the waiver of permit fees for the First Annual Help a Veteran Give-Away sponsored by Kanga-Roof; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)
- C. Member Dence moved to approve the cash escrow releases as outlined in the May 17, 2013 memo from Manager Gray; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

Mr. Bill Reese provided information on the Pinewood Pool opening (May 25th) as well as information for obtaining pool passes. The Annual Fishing Derby will be held on Monday, May 27th at the Falls Township Community Park, next to the boat ramp. Registration begins at 7 a.m. This is a free event for ages 5-16. Mr. Reese thanked Bart's Tackle Shop for their continued sponsorship of this event. The Annual Falls Township Family Festival will be held on Saturday, June 1st from 12 noon until 9:30 p.m. The rain date is June 22nd.

ITEM # 15 BOARD COMMENT

Chairman Harvie said there will only be one meeting during the month of June. The date of the meeting is Tuesday, June 18th. The Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans will hold their Donald W. Jones Flag Memorial Ceremony at the Falls Township Community Park on June 14th to the 16th. Chairman Harvie wishes fathers a Happy Father's Day. He wishes those

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who are graduating much success. There are graduation parties being scheduled and Chairman Harvie reminded folks to be smart and safe.

Member Rocco – no comment

Member Dence said this Sunday is the Falls Township Memorial Day Parade. It starts at Pennsbury High School at 1 p.m. and ends in Fallsington. The Que for the Troops will be a great event. This will be held at the Falls Township Community Park on Friday, May 31st.

Chairman Harvie thanked the public, the township staff and the professionals for their help this evening. Member Dence moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.



Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary

