

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

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| ROBERT HARVIE, JR., CHAIRMAN | PRESENT |
| JEFFRY DENCE, VICE-CHAIRMAN | PRESENT |
| JEFFREY ROCCO, SECRETARY-TREASURER | PRESENT |
| BRIAN GALLOWAY, SUPERVISOR | PRESENT |
| JEFF BORASKI, SUPERVISOR | PRESENT |

TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE – JEFF BORASKI – AS SUPERVISOR
TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE – JOHN RYBA – AS AUDITOR
TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE – KIM SCARPIELLO – AS TAX COLLECTOR

District Judge Jan Vislosky swore in Mrs. Kim Scarpiello as Tax Collector, Mr. Jeff Boraski as Township Supervisor, and Mr. John Ryba as Auditor.

The meeting commenced at 7:12 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, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN PRESIDING

Member Dence moved to appoint Member Harvie as the Temporary Chairman; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Harvie who abstained from the vote. (4-0-1)

ITEM # 1 CHAIRMAN APPOINTMENT

Member Rocco moved to appoint Member Harvie as the Chairman; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Harvie who abstained from the vote. (4-0-1)

ITEM # 2 VICE-CHAIRMAN APPOINTMENT

Member Rocco moved to appoint Member Dence as the Vice-Chairman; Chairman Harvie seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Dence who abstained from the vote. (4-0-1)

ITEM # 3 SECRETARY/TREASURER APPOINTMENT

Member Dence moved to appoint Member Rocco as the Secretary/Treasurer; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Rocco who abstained from the vote. (4-0-1)

ITEM # 4 ASSISTANT SECRETARY/TREASURER APPOINTMENT

Member Dence moved to appoint Manager Gray as the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 5 PUBLIC COMMENT – FIVE MINUTE LIMIT PER PERSON
FORTY-FIVE MINUTE MAXIMUM**

Mr. Roland Kenney congratulated Member Boraski on his appointment. Mr. Kenney said people think that he and Chairman Harvie don't get along, but that is not true. He said that he and Chairman Harvie do get along and that they respect each other. Mr. Kenney said if anyone makes public comment, he suggests that the board comment on it at the time the comment is made, not a couple of hours later.

Mr. Guido Mariani congratulated everyone on their new appointments. He believes we will have a great year. Mr. Mariani said that our Chairman agrees that it is desirable to reduce our need on host fees. He spoke about an increase in business, the resultant taxes, and the money it could produce. Mr. Mariani said businesses don't pay taxes; they collect taxes. Usually what they do when you increase their taxes, is that they pass the cost on to the product and then the product becomes non-competitive. At that point, you lose the business and you lose the jobs. Mr. Mariani spoke about the burden on senior citizens. There are sources available to us and combined, they can replace our host fees. Since he is the one who consistently urges the board to expand our tax base, he explained how it should be done. Mr. Mariani spoke about a municipal statistics report viewer. Mr. Mariani said that regardless of where a Falls Township resident works, he or she is already paying an earned income tax. If the tax is withheld by another community where they work, the tax will be remitted to the employee residents' jurisdiction. Mr. Mariani believes this would amount to \$6.6M. He asks why we are subsidizing townships at the rate of \$6.6M. That is more than 50% of the host fees that we take in. He questions what Falls Township working person wouldn't want their tax payments to be returned to their township. Mr. Mariani said he thinks this board has the opportunity, in the beginning of 2014, to set in motion actions that will establish fiscal accountability that will result in Falls Township being self-supporting without host fees. Mr. Mariani told the board that they have the opportunity to be remembered as the board that provided perpetual income to all Falls Township residents. Mr. Mariani asked the board to listen to him and move forward with his suggestions.

**ITEM # 6 ESTABLISH MEETING DATES AND TIME FOR REGULAR
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Member Dence moved to hold the meetings of the Board of Supervisors on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m.; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 7 APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR AND SPECIAL COUNSEL – SET COMPENSATION FEES

Member Galloway moved to appoint Mr. Michael Clarke to remain as the township solicitor at the rate of \$170/hr. for township business and \$300/hr. for land development; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to appoint Mr. Randy Flager as land development solicitor at the rate of \$335/hr. which is passed directly to developers; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to appoint Mr. Jordan Yeager for labor counsel for the township at the rate of \$140/hr.; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 8 APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP ENGINEER AND TRAFFIC ENGINEER – SET COMPENSATION FEES

Member Dence moved to re-appoint Mr. James Sullivan as the township engineer at the rates as set forth in the memorandum to the township; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to appoint Mr. Thomas Beech from Remington Vernick Engineers as traffic engineer at the rates as set forth in the memorandum dated December 20, 2013 letter; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 9 CONSIDER TOWNSHIP MANAGER’S AGREEMENT

Member Rocco moved to approve Manager Gray’s employment agreement pending minor language changes; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 10 APPOINTMENT OF VACANCY BOARD CHAIRMAN

Member Dence moved to appoint Mrs. Arlene Goulding as Vacancy Board Chairman; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 11 APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Member Dence moved to re-appoint Ms. Rosemary Malisheski to the auditors board; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to appoint Mr. Brian Binney to the Code Appeals Board; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to appoint Mr. William Crawford to the Historic Review Board; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to appoint Mr. Christopher Vergantino to the Planning Commission; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Rocco moved to appoint Mr. John Palmer to the Township of Falls Water Authority Board; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Rocco moved to approve Resolution # 14-1 to appoint Mr. Al Brooks to the alternate seat on the Zoning Hearing;

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Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to approve Resolution # 14-2 to re-appoint Mr. Colin Henderson to the Zoning Hearing Board; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Boraski moved to appoint Mrs. Glascock to the Shade Tree Commission; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Chairman Harvie moved to appoint Mr. Thomas Roche to the Police Pension Committee; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Chairman Harvie moved to appoint Mr. Henry Conroy to the Police Pension Committee; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Galloway was appointed to the supervisor seat for the Police Pension Board. (There was no motion or vote on this appointment.) Chairman Harvie moved to appoint Mr. Phil McAloon to the Environmental Advisory Council; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to appoint Mr. Michael Dixon to the Parks and Rec Board; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Chairman Harvie said there are other openings listed on the township website. If anyone is interested in applying for open positions, please submit a letter of interest to Manager Gray.

ITEM # 12 APPOINTMENT OF DEPOSITORIES BY RESOLUTION

Member Dence moved to approve Resolution # 14-3, Appointment of Depositories by Resolution; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 13 RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF AUDITORS TO SET THE TREASURER'S BOND AT \$2,000,000

Member Dence moved to set the Treasurer's bond at \$2,000,000; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 14 NOMINATE DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION'S 92nd ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW – APRIL 13 THROUGH APRIL 16, 2014

No action taken on this agenda item.

ITEM # 15 CONSIDER 2014 FEE SCHEDULE FOR CODE, FIRE, AND PARKS & RECREATION

Manager Gray introduced this item. Some major highlights of the proposed fee schedule are changes to the Parks and Rec pool memberships and other various items including summer camp. This new fee schedule supersedes any previous fee schedules. Chairman Harvie said when the recession hit in the 2007/2008 time period, a lot of the fees in the township were frozen and stayed at the same level for several years. They know the recovery is slow for some, but they are at the point where they need to make some increases in a couple programs to cover our own costs. Chairman Harvie said there were also some changes in permitting. Member Galloway moved to open public comment; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Brian Binney applauded the board

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for making the change with the residential permitting and hopes they address future items with the same logic. Member Galloway moved to close public comment; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to approve Resolution # 14-4 and approve the Fee Schedule for Code, Fire, and Parks & Recreation; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 16 MINUTES – DECEMBER 3, 2013

Member Galloway moved to approve the minutes for December 3, 2013; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Boraski who abstained from the vote. (4-0-1)

ITEM # 17 EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no Executive Session held.

ITEM # 18 MANAGER COMMENT

- A. Member Dence moved to approve the 90-day extension for Autozone, located at 482 West Trenton Avenue; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- B. Member Dence moved to approve the 90-day extension for the South End Water Storage Facilities project; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- C. Member Galloway moved to ratify the state of emergency from January 2, 2013 starting at 6:30 p.m. until January 3, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- D. Member Dence moved to approve the employment agreement for police lieutenants for the period of January 1, 2013 until December 31, 2017; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- E. Member Dence moved to approve the revised terms in the Dynamatrix agreement to a two-year term in the amount of \$88,600; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 19 BOARD COMMENT

Member Boraski thanked District Judge Vislosky for swearing him in this evening. He thanked his family for being here and sticking by his side for the last year during the campaign. Member Boraski said he looks forward to the next six years.

Member Galloway looks forward to serving with Member Boraski and said it is good to see him here.

Member Dence welcomed Member Boraski. He said at the last meeting they formed a traffic committee. Member Dence said he received a couple of e-mails from some residents and if anyone else is interested in serving on this committee, they should contact any of the board members or Manager Gray. Member Dence said with all of the changes in the weather, please be careful, especially with the ice.

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Member Rocco welcomed Member Boraski to the board. Member Rocco thanked Chairman Harvie for taking the Chairman position again this year. He said a lot of work goes into that.

Chairman Harvie thanked the board members for appointing him as Chairman. Chairman Harvie said Member Boraski ran a 100% positive campaign and he should be proud of that. He looks forward to working with Member Boraski. Chairman Harvie thanked board members for the work they put in to make his job easier. Chairman Harvie brought up a complaint he received in regard to snow. He said it is illegal to shovel or plow snow onto township roads. Plows come through to clear the roadway and some people re-cover the roads with snow and this could create a hazardous situation. It is illegal and someone can get hurt. Chairman Harvie thanked everyone for all of the work they put in this past year to make this township the best it can be. He said it is a privilege to live here and a privilege to serve. Chairman Harvie echoed Mr. Mariani's comments and said he looks forward to a great 2014.

Member Galloway moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary