

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

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

The meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

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

Ms. Laine Matthews said she is opposed to Elcon being built here. She said she attended the informational public meeting about Elcon at the Levittown Library. Ms. Matthews said we have already accepted and live with two major environmental threats to our communities; one being the G.R.O.W.S. landfill and the other being the Wheelabrator incinerator which has a record of fines and penalties derived from environmental protection laws. We know it has happened before and it can happen again. It is not all about money and it is bigger than jobs. Residents of the Falls Township, Bristol, and Lower Makefield shouldn't be subjected to a burden of an unfair share of our nation's toxic material disposal problem and we shouldn't have to face the disproportionate, potentially harmful, physical and economic consequences from an industry that has shown a lax regard for safety over profit. Our area is already polluted and our elected officials should be looking out for us. Ms. Matthews said she has two family members who have developed asthma within the last ten years. Asthma is on the rise as well as thyroid cancer. There is more than enough material for the board to vote no on the Elcon proposal. During Ms. Matthews' comment, Chairman Harvie asked her to watch her words and said there will be one word that will be deleted out of her comment. Ms. Matthews said this is our home. We do not want to live on a dumping ground. Please vote no.

Mr. John Estock spoke about the rules for a no-impact, home-based business. There is a home-based landscaping business on Mr. Estock's street, Winding Way, and he believes they are not following the rules for a home-based business. They have two trailers, two trucks, and multiple pieces of equipment stored on the property. Chairman Harvie said if there is equipment being stored, there is probably a limit as to what they can have. Manager Gray will look into this further.

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Mr. David Deagen spoke about Elcon. Mr. Deagen is concerned about the additional 18-25 truckloads a day coming down Rt. 13 and said there is already enough truck traffic on that road. He found out that Elcon proposes to be located ½ mile from the river and that got him more concerned. If Elcon gets past Phase 2, Mr. Deagen has heard reports of Elcon treating an annual 210,000 tons of raw hazardous waste and they will have 39,000 tons of air emissions containing pollutants. If statistics are true, he has heard of 2,100 tons of waste water and a possible 62 tanker truck accidents a year with a 99% guarantee. Mr. Deagen would rather see USS sell the land for something that is more environmentally safe. He does not know how much influence the board has, but he hopes you do not pass this. People are tired of living at the dump.

Ms. Madeleine Jones thanked everyone who came out tonight. She has been listening to a lot of negative comments about Elcon. Ms. Jones said she attended an informational meeting and said this company is not good anywhere. Ms. Jones said we are losing the term that Falls Township is the finest. Ms. Jones said this month we celebrate Earth Day and it is also Noise Awareness Day. Ms. Jones displayed a picture of a tree growing through a truck engine compartment. She asked about vehicles being parked on grass, sidewalks, and aprons and wants to know what can be done about this. Ms. Jones said she is trying to promote health and safety. Chairman Harvie said it is illegal for cars to block sidewalks. If this is the case, the police should be notified. Ms. Jones said people should also not park in the fire lane in front of businesses at strip malls.

ITEM # 2 CONSIDER ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INCURRENCE OF LEASE RENTAL DEBT BY THE TOWNSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,026,000 THROUGH THE TOWNSHIP'S GUARANTY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY'S GUARANTEED WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BOND, SERIES OF 2016, BEING ISSUED TO FINANCE VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS

Ms. Gallagher said there are individuals here from the Township of Falls Authority (TOFA). This is an ordinance that would allow TOFA to borrow money using the township's guarantee to improve the rate they are able to get. The township re-created TOFA several years ago so TOFA is responsible for borrowing money as needed to maintain its system and continue to expand its system. This is standard practice that the creating municipality uses its backing of its guarantee so that the municipal authority can borrow money. Mr. Anthony Rosso, from the TOFA board, said over the past year, they have had water complaints from the areas of South Olds, Beaumont, and Chatham, about high iron and discolored water which is all safe, but it is a nuisance. Over the past year, they have tried different routes and two pilot programs with no resolution. Right now, they have 30,000 linear feet of cast iron in the system. They can push off half of the replacement and the estimate came in at about \$3M for the first two sections. We should be doing this sooner than later and there is no less expensive way to do this work. People in the area have been very patient having to deal with this issue. Member Boraski asked when they would start working in the area and how soon they can expect some results. Mr. Rosso said there should be some action in about four weeks. Member Boraski asked how many customers

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are affected by this. Mr. Hawkins, Executive Director, said it is about five hundred customers in two sections. Mr. Rosso said this is a ten-year loan, similar to a home-equity loan. There is no penalty for early repayment. Member Rocco asked if the cast iron was 50 years old. Mr. Rosso said yes; if they replace the pipe, they should expect another 50 year life time for that pipe. Member Galloway moved to approve Ordinance # 16-4, authorizing the incurrence of lease rental debt by the township in the amount of \$3,026,000 through the township's guaranty of the Township of Falls Authority's guaranteed water and sewer revenue bond, series of 2016, being issued to finance various capital projects; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 3 CONSIDER PRIVATE SANITARY SEWER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FALLS TOWNSHIP AND BUCKINGHAM RETAIL PROPERTIES, LLC

This is an agreement that the DEP is requiring for any property that uses a grinder pump to transfer sewage from their property to the township's sewer collection facilities. This is a three-way agreement between Falls Township, TOFA, and Buckingham Retail. Member Rocco moved to approve the private sanitary sewer maintenance agreement between Falls Township and Buckingham Retail Properties, LLC; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 4 CONSIDER LANDSCAPING BIDS AT TOWNSHIP FACILITIES FOR 2016 WITH OPTIONS FOR YEARS 2017 AND 2018

Manager Gray said sealed bids were opened on March 24, 2016 for landscaping at township facilities for the 2016 year with options for 2017 and 2018. The bids were: WDB Lawn and Landscape in the amount of \$21,575 (2016), \$21,575 (2017), & \$22,178 (2018); and Greenscape Landscape Contractors in the amount of \$25,900 for each of the 3 years. The board is asked to consider awarding the bid to WDB Lawn and Landscape contingent on securing a Falls Township business license and insurance requirement. Member Boraski moved to award to WDB Lawn and Landscape for \$21,575 (2016), \$21,575 (2017), & \$22,178 (2018); Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 5 MINUTES – MARCH 21, 2016

Member Dence moved to approve the minutes for March 21, 2016; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Rocco who abstained from the vote since he did not attend the March 21, 2016 meeting. (4-0-1)

ITEM # 6 EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session to report.

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ITEM # 7 MANAGER COMMENT

A. Manager Gray read a listing of new businesses which opened in Falls Township during the month of March.

ITEM # 8 BOARD COMMENT

Member Rocco - no comment


Member Dence moved to approve Resolution # 16-9 to appoint Mr. Scott D’Oria as an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

Member Boraski – no comment

Member Galloway said the Villanova basketball game starts at 9 p.m.

Chairman Harvie thanked everyone for attending tonight’s meeting. He said there will be a short portion of public comment removed from viewing due to inappropriate language.

Member Dence moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary