

**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 7:08 p.m. with roll call and pledge 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.

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

No one signed in for public comment.

**ITEM # 2 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – 101 MAIN STREET
TMP # 13-020-236 – ADDING A SECOND FLOOR ADDITION, A
REAR ADDITION AND A THREE CAR GARAGE (44' X 30')**

Member Galloway moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the second floor addition, rear addition, and a three-car garage for 101 Main Street, TMP # 13-020-236; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 3 CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS –
PRELIMINARY & FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT – 149
FALLSINGTON TULLYTOWN ROAD – TMP # 13-013-009**

Manager Gray said this proposed project consists of the installation of a 120-ft. monopole telecommunications tower and associated parking, utilities, and equipment compound. The applicant is represented by Mr. Nicholas Cuce'. Also present was Mr. Kenneth Farrell from C&C Engineering. Mr. Cuce' said last year before the Zoning Hearing Board, they received approvals for variances and setbacks. They last met with the Planning Commission a few weeks ago at which time they did vote to recommend approval. Mr. Farrell said all issues have either been addressed or will be addressed and they will comply. This monopole is proposed to be located at the landscape business at 149 Fallsington-Tullytown Road, on the corner along Rt. 13. They propose a 120 ft. tree pole with antenna located at 115 ft. This will include a 50 ft. x 50 ft. compound surrounded by landscaping within the applicant's existing yard. They will take access through the existing facility. All of the equipment will be housed within the compound and will be surrounded by landscaping. They were issued a review letter from T&M Engineers dated November 14, 2016 and have resubmitted their comments back to the township. All technical items have been taken care of. Mr. Farrell

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issued a waiver letter dated November 18, 2016. The tree pole would be painted brown and the branches would be painted green. All of the cabling would be run in the interior of the pole. Member Rocco asked if there were any other existing structures that could be used. Mr. Cuce' said there were no existing tall structures that would have worked or were viable and there was a radio frequency need in this area. Chairman Harvie said this location is 120 ft. from the actual road so if there is a concern about it falling down, it is far enough away from the road and there are nearby trees as well. Member Rocco moved to approve Resolution # 16-39, for preliminary and final approval for Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, 149 Fallsington-Tullytown Road, TMP # 13-013-009; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 4 CONSIDER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED FALLS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

Manager Gray said the Kimmel Bogrette proposal is for additional services for the Falls Township municipal complex. There is additional funding required for this project in the amount of \$79,955. This is for consultants to confirm the pricing, make sure everything is still available, and all of the equipment is in line for this project. It would take Kimmel Bogrette through the bidding phase of the project. The second proposal is from T&M for program construction management services for the new municipal building. This is general oversight of the project during the construction phase. Member Boraski asked if we had a contract with Kimmel Bogrette and if we are obligated to do this. Manager Gray said we approved their architect design proposal. Mr. Clarke said the proposal contains language that because of design changes or things not caused by the architect that causes them to go over the proposal, they would be able to submit an additional proposal. That is what caused this additional expense. Member Galloway moved to approve the proposal for additional charges for Kimmel Bogrette in the amount not to exceed \$79,955; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Sullivan said the T&M proposal is from a separate division of T&M Engineers and they would be handling the project as well as the day-to-day operations. T&M is responsible for overseeing the actual management of the project. Mr. Sullivan said the proposal has a number of phases. This would be full-time construction management of the project. They have to make the site accessible while still using the Police and Public Works Departments. This would include weekly or bi-weekly meetings to make sure all individual contractors stay and work together. Board members see this as something that is needed to make sure the product is completed on time. We need to have someone on the site full time to make sure everything is coordinated. Chairman Harvie said this is a responsibility and something that should be looked at. They are ready to go and believe they should have been involved a little sooner. He thinks there is some advantage to having T&M working on it as it gives us more leverage. We are familiar with them. We would like this to come in sooner than expected and under budget. The people they have working for them have some pretty impressive resumes. We would be approving this proposal dated December 2, 2016. We would be assigning a project manager and they will be the person. There will be two board members assigned to act as a sub-committee to meet with them regularly as this project gets started. Member Rocco moved to accept the program and construction management proposal from

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T&M Engineering dated December 2, 2016; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 5 DISCUSSION ON THE 2017 PROPOSED TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Chairman Harvie said there was a discussion about budgeting for the engineering portion of the road work and they asked Mr. Sullivan about doing some of the engineering up front as well as taking a look at how to do that in a cost-effective manner. They will be working on that and putting together a schedule for them to have before the next meeting. Member Boraski moved to open public comment; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Guido Mariani wished the board and professionals a Blessed Christmas and peace for everyone and all those who are serving. Mr. Mariani said there are still a couple of weeks to go before the budget gets approved. He does not want to see host fees continue to be a major source of funding for our budget. Normal operating expenses for a township should be supported solely by taxes. Mr. Mariani spoke about what he feels is un-necessary spending. He asked about the cost of the sidewalk project. Manager Gray said it was \$300K. Mr. Mariani said no one uses the sidewalk and the proposed fishing pier at the community park is not needed either. He said the initial cost of these projects is not the real cost. It is the maintenance that comes thereafter. Mr. Mariani spoke about past years where monies were transferred out of the capital reserve fund. It is this kind of spending that makes him want to have a version of the Federal Grace Commission. There haven't been any contributions to this fund in years. Mr. Mariani spoke about medical and pension costs. Although we want our employees treated fairly, we don't want our township to enter into commitments that result in excess obligations in the future. Mr. Mariani questioned the overtime which is listed in the budget. He also questions the amounts listed for bookkeepers, permits, maintenance highway fund, and Public Works. Chairman Harvie said with permits, they really have to estimate and it is based on past trends. Mr. Mariani wants the township to budget for a leaf vacuum service which would benefit all of the residents instead of projects that service less than 1% of our residents. He said we have money to do this. Mr. Mariani would like the geese control removed from the budget and replace it with something else. He would like to set in motion those things that will result in Falls Township being self-sufficient and not relying on host community fees. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Chairman Harvie asked Manager Gray to look at some of the things mentioned by Mr. Mariani and have an answer for the next meeting.

ITEM # 6 CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR PORTABLE RESTROOM SERVICES FOR TOWNSHIP FACILITIES FOR 2017

Manager Gray reviewed the bids for portable toilets. Mr. Brian Andrews spoke about the services from these vendors. Member Dence moved to hire United Site Services at the estimated yearly cost of \$10,521 for the year 2017, based on the recommendations and memo dated November 30, 2016 from Mr. Andrews; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

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Member Dence said he heard very good feedback about the Three Arches tree lighting event. Mr. Andrews said it was a well-attended event and gave special thanks to Barb Loessy who did a tremendous job decorating the Three Arches.

ITEM # 7 CONSIDER BID RESULTS FOR 2016 TOWNSHIP SURPLUS VEHICLES

Manager Gray reviewed the results of the bids received for township surplus vehicles. There is one vehicle bid which needs to be rejected. It is the 2010 Ford Crown Victoria which was donated to the Pennsbury School District for their patrol staff. Mr. Jason Lawson spoke of how the Municibid Auction worked. Mr. Lawson said for the police armored vehicle, his thoughts are to scrap the vehicle. Member Dence moved to accept the bids as presented, #1 - #12, and also reject the bid for the 2010 Crown Victoria as recommended in the November 29, 2016 memo from Mr. Lawson; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 8 CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 184 – SEWERS AND WATER – SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS AND TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ARTICLE V – HOLDING TANKS AT SECTIONS 13 THROUGH 22 - INCLUSIVE

Ms. Gallagher said this was advertised about a month ago. Since then, there has been one minor change to Section 184-15, section B. Member Galloway moved to approve Ordinance # 16-06, amending Chapter 184 – Sewers and Water – Section 1 – Definitions and to repeal and replace Article V – Holding Tanks at Sections 13 through 22 – inclusive; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 9 MINUTES – NOVEMBER 21, 2016

Member Dence moved to approve the minutes for November 21, 2016; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 10 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Clarke said after the November 21, 2016 meeting, the board held an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and prior to tonight's meeting, the board held an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and a matter of potential litigation.

ITEM # 11 MANAGER COMMENT

There was nothing for Manager Comment this evening.

ITEM # 12 BOARD COMMENT

Member Galloway – no comment.

Member Boraski – no comment.

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Member Dence – no comment.

Member Rocco – no comment.

Chairman Harvie spoke about the trash collection contract for Bristol Borough. He thought it was interesting that there are about 10,000 Bristol Borough residents in a 1 sq. mile area and about 35,000 Falls Township residents in a 27 sq. mile area and the average Bristol Borough resident pays close to \$400 a year just for trash collection. The average Falls Township tax is approximately \$216. Chairman Harvie said the newspaper recently had an article about open records, specifically legal fees, which they requested from entities such as school districts, municipalities, and police departments. The article listed Falls Township as a municipality that did not respond and that is inaccurate. Chairman Harvie said he wants to defend Falls Township. Manager Gray showed Chairman Harvie the date and time they did respond. Chairman Harvie said he has contacted the reporter who wrote the story and printed out when we responded. He is not sure how they got that wrong, but we followed the law. Chairman Harvie thanked the Parks and Rec Department for the tree lighting ceremony and festivities.

Member Dence moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary