

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

JEFFRY E. DENCE, CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JEFF BORASKI, VICE-CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JEFFREY ROCCO, SECRETARY	ABSENT
BRIAN M. GALLOWAY, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT
JOHN PALMER, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with roll call and pledge to the flag. All Board members were present with the exception of Member Rocco who had a last-minute business commitment. Also present were Chief Code Enforcement Officer & Zoning Officer/Assistant Township Manager Matthew Takita, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer Joe Jones.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS FOR THE HIRING OF POLICE OFFICER DANIEL MATKOWSKI, POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL COLLINS, POLICE OFFICER MATTHEW SHANNON, POLICE OFFICER ROBERT GOODWIN, AND POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL MRAW

Member Boraski moved to approve Resolution # 20-7, for the hiring of Police Officer Daniel Matkowski; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

Member Boraski moved to approve Resolution # 20-8, for the hiring of Police Officer Michael Collins; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

Member Boraski moved to approve Resolution # 20-9, for the hiring of Police Officer Matthew Shannon; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

Member Boraski moved to approve Resolution # 20-10, for the hiring of Police Officer Robert Goodwin; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

Member Boraski moved to approve Resolution # 20-11, for the hiring of Police Officer Michael Mraw; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

Judge Vislosky swore in Daniel Matkowski, Matthew Shannon, and Robert Goodwin. Chief Wilcox thanked the board for due diligence and their patience in the hiring of these officers. This is the largest group of officers we have had sworn in since 1979.

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

Ms. Toni Battiste said she contacted Representative Galloway's office because she could not get a response out of the DEP about whether we could have a local law regarding the air quality, if it could be stricter than what is normal for the state. Representative Galloway was not able to get a response either, so his staff reached out. It appears that yes, we can enact a local law. Ms. Battiste provided the board with a copy of the response and said we should look into doing this. Ms. Battiste said there was an application by Waste Management to install smokestacks to burn off the methane gas because Exelon was going to close their electric plant. She understands that Exelon will now keep it open. Where does that leave Waste Management's application for smokestacks? Mr. Clarke believes Waste Management is still moving forward with the flare project. Ms. Battiste asked if there were anything new with Elcon. Chairman Dence said they submitted their brief last week. Mr. Clarke said our brief will be submitted tomorrow and they will have ten days to respond. Member Palmer asked about the air quality law. Mr. Clarke said they already produced a memo on this before Member Palmer joined the board. Mr. Clarke will provide him with a copy. Mr. Clarke said it is quite clear we are not legally able to pass an ordinance. He is sure this is the section of the Act that we have already reviewed, and it has been determined that we are not capable of passing this type of Clean Air Ordinance that is being proposed.

Ms. Donna Ahrens said every day she is out, she has noticed that the garbage along every major Falls Township road is out of control. She feels like this is such a part of our culture that we are being de-sensitized by it. Ms. Ahrens contacted Representative Galloway's office, and was told that people don't work together, and it is hard to pass trash laws. They did not really have an answer. She called PennDOT and was told that she could adopt a roadway and clean it herself. Ms. Ahrens thought the township could employ some folks to do this cleanup work. Chairman Dence said while they were in Executive Session earlier this evening, they spoke about this subject. Towns Against Graffiti (T.A.G.) gave us a quote for a flat rate and they will go out to clean up an area that we specify. Once we pay them to clean it up, it will be a maintenance item for them, and they will continue to keep it clean. That is part of our plan in conjunction with people who must do community service and we hope to get that plan going in the spring. We will also need to coordinate this with PennDOT.

**ITEM # 2 HOME FOOD SERVICES OF PA, INC., D/B/A AGOSTINO FOODS
CONDITIONAL USE – 12 HEADLEY PLACE – TMP # 13-032-089-002**

Member Boraski moved to open the Conditional Use Hearing for Home Food Services of PA, Inc.; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Mr. Clarke said this is a Conditional Use Hearing. The applicant is Home Food Services of PA, Inc. The property is located at 12 Headley Place, Fallsington, Tax Map Parcel 13-032-089-002, Township of Falls, Bucks County, PA. The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use to split a warehouse storage distribution facility for fresh and frozen meats at the

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referenced address located in the Planned Industrial Park (PIP) zoning district. The applicant is represented this evening by Mr. John Torrente. Mr. Torrente gave a brief description of the applicant's plans. Mr. Torrente moved to enter three exhibits into the record as follows: Exhibit A1 is the Certification of Service. Exhibit A2 is the interior plan indicating a slight change in the material plan for his client. Some of the tanks have been moved indoor. Exhibit A3 is a group of aerial photos of the subject property. Mr. Torrente said his client is a fourth-generation meat processor. They currently have a facility in Bristol Borough. This property is an existing building in the PIP zoning district. The Conditional Use application is to permit food distribution and storage of prepared foods, associated offices, and operation of a water bath cooking system. Mr. Torrente said there is no grinding or processing of meat on site. They anticipate about two to five truck inbound/outbound deliveries on site. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and there will be about 10 employees at this site. The meats will already be packaged when delivered. The applicant will be storing dry goods on pallets. There will be freezer space. There are no planned additions to the existing facility. Mr. John Passanante was sworn in. He agreed with the summary from Mr. Torrente. Mr. Passanante reviewed Exhibit A3, the Google Earth map. He said they would like to utilize the offices as soon as possible while they finish their planning. Mr. Passanante spoke about parking. He said there is existing lighting (6 fixtures total). You will notice that the tanks are now in the building versus outside of the building. They have to put the glycol chilling system outside on a concrete pad and will have screening around it. There is an existing dock door which will be abandoned and there will be three or four new dock doors installed. They do direct to consumer business, door to door, and they sell business to business, direct consumables like Hello Fresh or Blue Apron. They are the type of company contracted to cut the proteins for those companies. Being able to bring fully-cooked products to the marketplace is their attempt to stay one step ahead. This facility would need to be USDA inspected. They are subject to third-party audits and they pride themselves on a very clean operation. All product coming in is sealed and all product going out is sealed. This facility is in an industrial facility with no close-by residences. Member Palmer asked about EDUs for the tanks as well as the grease trap ordinance. Mr. Passanante said for the EDUs they have been in contact with the water authority and they have applied for additional EDUs. The system is a closed system. The water is recycled and the EDUs aren't as high as you might expect. We have holding tanks and there is a filtration system that the water goes through. The water goes through microbial testing and that is how they determine if the water is clean. It is recommended by the manufacturer to change the water every six months. It was previously brought up about the water temperature. The very hot water is 185 degrees but there is also a mixing valve that goes on and mixes with cold water so that it doesn't go into the sewage system extremely hot. For cleaning, they use soap and water. There are no harsh chemicals, or anything used in the cleaning process. Exhibits A1, A2, and A3 have been entered into the record. Member Galloway moved to close the Conditional Use Hearing; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Ms. Donna Ahrens repeated that when cleaning the tanks, no harsh chemicals are being used, only soap and water. Member Galloway moved to approve the Conditional Use for Home Food Services of PA, Inc., D/B/A Agostino Foods, 12 Headley Place, TMP # 13-032-089-002; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 3 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM F.X. BROWNE FOR ACT 101 RECYCLING GRANT

F.X. Browne has provided a proposal in the amount of \$4,800 for the ACT 101 recycling grant. This service includes obtaining documentation on tonnages, preparing the paperwork for Bucks County, and filing of the grant application. This brings in revenue every year for the recycling grant and is based on tonnage. Last year we received \$68,503. Member Galloway moved to approve the proposal from F.X. Browne for the ACT 101 Recycling Grant in the amount of \$4,800; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 4 CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL OF TREE SERVICES IN FALLS TOWNSHIP

Member Palmer asked if we still use Public Works for some of this work. Mr. Takita said yes but in this case, it is a job too large for them to handle. Member Galloway moved to authorize advertisement for tree trimming and removal of tree services in Falls Township; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Boraski who voted no. (3-1)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER QUOTES FOR FERTILIZER FOR TOWNSHIP FACILITIES

The township has received quotes for fertilizer for township facilities as follows: Tru-Green in the amount of \$18,707.85; Capital Turf Management in the amount of \$22,585; and Total Lawn Care & Landscaping LLC in the amount of \$24,528. Member Boraski moved to approve the contract for fertilizer for township facilities to Tru-Green in the amount of \$18,707.85; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 6 CONSIDER QUOTE FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION FOR A NEW PLAYGROUND AT KIRBY PARK

Mr. Brian Andrews said they are starting to look at playground replacements so they can come up to compliance and make them safer. MRC Inc. has provided a quote in the amount of \$99,921.18 for a new playground at Kirby Park. The cost for installation is being donated. Kirby Park is in Vermillion Hills. Member Galloway moved to approve the purchase of a new playground in the amount of \$99,921.18 from MRC Inc., for Kirby Park; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

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**ITEM # 7 CONSIDER BUS QUOTES FOR THE 2020 FALLS TOWNSHIP
SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM**

Mr. Andrews said they attempted to solicit three quotes for buses for the summer camp program. David Thomas Transportation, the company used last year, provided a quote in the amount of \$6,496. Member Palmer would like to see a quote from Pennsbury School District. Member Palmer moved to table this item until we get a price from Pennsbury; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

**ITEM # 8 APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COUNCILS,
COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS**

There was no action on this agenda item.

ITEM # 9 MINUTES – JANUARY 20, 2020

Member Boraski moved to approve the minutes from January 20, 2020; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 10 ENGINEERS REPORT

There was no action on this agenda item.

ITEM # 11 BILL LIST

Member Galloway moved to approve the bill list for February 18, 2020 in the amount of \$1,933,712.12; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 12 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Clarke said that while in Executive Session, the board spoke about various personnel matters and a matter of potential litigation.

ITEM # 13 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Wilcox reported on the following:

- A. Chief Wilcox said Coffee with a Cop will be held in March, date TBD.
- B. The Chief for the Day program continues. We finished at Fallsington Elementary School and are presently at Penn Valley Elementary School.
- C. We received vehicle code revenue in the amount of \$127,873.43. This is revenue derived as result of traffic enforcement. Out of this money comes all of the overtime for traffic details and attending the Judge's court. We do not do this for revenue; we do this for traffic enforcement.
- D. Our total calls for service in 2019 were 19,725, a little lower than the year before.

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April through June was the busiest quarter, totaling 5,081 calls. We had 1,804 calls in July. There were 2,422 medical emergencies. There were 1,081 accidents and out of that 311 were non-reportable and 770 were reportable. There were 51 DUI arrests (5 down from the previous year). There were 14 struck pedestrians and 4 fatalities.

- E. Chairman Dence asked if traffic has improved since they did the improvements on Rt. 1 at the split. Chief Wilcox said yes and he also credits that to traffic enforcement.
- F. Member Palmer asked Chief Wilcox if he anticipates less overtime this year with the hiring of five additional officers. Chief Wilcox said it depends. We have one officer out on disability and one out on sickness. We have two other officers who are injured so there we are down four officers at this time. Six months from now he hopes he can say we are not backfilling anymore.

ITEM # 14 MANAGER COMMENT

- A. Member Galloway moved to approve escrow releases as follows: Premium Excavating, LLC (\$282,842.45); Britton Industries (\$83,167.20); and residence of Kevin Metz (\$805); Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
- B. Member Galloway moved to approve a \$6,000 donation to the American Legion Post for the Memorial Day Parade; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
- C. Member Galloway moved to approve a \$6,000 donation to the Bucks County St. Patrick's Day Parade; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
- D. Member Galloway moved to approve a \$6,000 donation to the Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans for their flag memorial; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
- E. Member Galloway moved to approve a \$6,000 donation to the Fairless Hills Athletic Association; member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
- F. Member Galloway moved to approve a \$6,000 donation to the Falls Soccer Club; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
- G. Member Galloway moved to approve work for Levittown Continental Little League as described in their request (up to \$6,000 in costs); Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Boraski asked Mr. Takita to please request copies of the 501-C-3 forms for all of these organizations.
- H. There were proceeds in the amount of \$1,275.50 from last year's 1,000 Lights Lantern Festival. Member Palmer moved to split the proceeds between the United Methodist Church of Fairless Hills and the Restoration Church in Pinewood for their Shared Meal/Food Pantry Programs; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

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- I. Mr. Takita announced the following new businesses: First Call Towing & Recovery, Law Offices of Wayne Ely, and Tower Health Urgent Care
- J. The 2020 Spring Yard Waste Clean Up and 2020 Bulk Disposal Day will take place on Saturday, April 18th. The Household Waste Collection event will take place on various dates. There will be further information on these events as well as the dates for the 2020 Street sweeping schedule posted on the township website.

ITEM # 15 BOARD COMMENT

Member Palmer – no comment

Member Galloway – no comment.

Member Boraski asked Lt. Whitney for an update on the new police hires. Lt. Whitney provided background on the new police officers as well as their proposed training and time it will take to get them integrated into the process. Lt Whitney appreciates the board's approval for hiring of these officers. It is important to hire ahead of D.R.O.P.

Chairman Dence said he received several e-mails about solicitors knocking on doors. If this happens, residents need to call the non-emergency police number to report them, while they are still in the area. The police will come out if they are able to. Calling the next day or complaining on Facebook is not going to do much.

Member Galloway moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Boraski seconded the motion all board members were in favor. (4-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.



Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary