

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

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

The meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m. with roll call and pledge to the flag. All Board members were present with the exception of Member Palmer who was on vacation. Also present were Township Manager/Chief Code Enforcement Officer & Zoning Officer Matthew Takita, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer Joe Jones.

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

Ms. Toni Battiste said regarding Elcon, she understands the judge postponed something because we were supposed to get a status update tonight. Chairman Dence said we do not yet have a date for the hearing. The lawyers and engineers are on call They want to hear more testimony from the engineers on both sides regarding the fill. Ms. Battiste asked if there was any information from the DEP from the filing they made with DEP. Chairman Dence said no. Ms. Battiste asked about repair of the curb in front of the Fallsington United Methodist Church. Chairman Dence said it is on the schedule for this year's road program, but everything has been pushed back. We do not have an exact date, but everyone should be notified before work begins.

**ITEM # 2 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – 72 MAIN STREET
TMP # 13-020-259 – PAINTING EXTERIOR OF HOUSE**

Member Galloway moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 72 Main Street, TMP # 13-020-259 to paint the exterior of the house; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

**ITEM # 3 CONSIDER THE 2020-2021 DIESEL AND UNLEADED FUEL BIDS
FOR FALLS TOWNSHIP**

Manager Takita said the board is asked to consider awarding the 2020-2021 Bucks County Consortium Fuel Bid as follows: Unleaded regular to PAPCO Inc. and Ultra low sulfur diesel to Riggins, Inc. Member Galloway moved to accept the 2020-2021 Bucks County

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Consortium Fuel Bid as presented; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 4 CONSIDER RATIFICATION OF DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DATED JUNE 19TH AND JUNE 26, 2020

Member Galloway moved to ratify the declaration of emergency as approved by the Board of Supervisors for the dates of June 19th and June 26, 2020; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT PURSUANT TO THE GREENWAYS, TRAILS AND RECREATION PROGRAM FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY AND DESIGNATING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER AS THE OFFICIAL TO FACILITATE THE GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

Manager Takita said the grant amount is \$138,988.60. Our contribution to match is \$24,527.40. The total estimated cost of the project is \$163,516. Mr. Brian Andrews said we have to go out to bid on the surface work which would be done first. The fence has to come down, then we would call in the company who installs the dasher board. Public Works would do the installation with the supervisor from that company. Member Galloway moved to authorize the Township Manager to execute the grant as presented; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 6 CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH CARFAX

Manager Takita said this is an enrollment for law enforcement to participate in Carfax. Lt. Whitney said Carfax gives the police department several capabilities. It allows residents and citizens to obtain and pay for their police report online. It provides our police department with some great search capabilities and they will also have access to the database which will be helpful in investigations. There is no cost to the police department. Member Galloway moved to enter into the agreement with Carfax and the Falls Township Police Department; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 7 ISSUES RELATED TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Member Rocco said he recently met with Lt. Whitney in reference to some of our policies and procedures as they relate to excessive use of force to make sure that is not happening, the police department is receiving training, and also any research we do to make sure our officers are not racially profiling in any way. They do so much that this should be made public to our citizens. Lt. Whitney said there is a national conversation going on about

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criminal justice reform and the police. We are trying to avoid people being mistreated based on their race or ethnicity. Lt. Whitney provided information on arrests, use of force, and injuries and death of persons during contact with the police. Information on arrest data showed no indication of bias based policing in the Falls Township Police Department. Areas to consider regarding these issues are training, police policies, equipment available to the police, and culture of our organization. Training is something that is continually reinforced. Lt. Whitney said our police department places a high value on human life and they work very hard to save people. Board members thanked Lt. Whitney for sharing this information.

ITEM # 8 MINUTES – JUNE 15, 2020

Member Galloway moved to approve the minutes from June 15, 2020; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 9 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Jones said there were four new earth disturbance applications and one flood plain permit application submitted. Two of these were residential pools and the other two earth disturbances were for Waste Management. One of them is a previous project approved in 2017 that is now coming into construction. It is the Biles Creek wetlands mitigation project. The other one is a compressor building at a facility that exists down by the deep port. The development project updates are identified in red. MLH Explorations received final U&O last month and they are operational. We continue to work with them on the bigger project which is the greenhouse. Air Gas submitted an amended final plan application and will be before the board shortly. For numbers 14-19, (MM Metals, Petrucci, KAF Fairless Hills, Al Rose Steel, Stalwart, and Marquis Construction) they are all in various stages of progress. In terms of earth disturbance applications, all of the applications at the end of the list in red are reviewed and approved. There are several residential pools, there is the stockpile at the Silvi site on Old Rt. 13, and the two that came in from Waste Management. The Dollar General is a previous land development project that came through as earth disturbance due to malfunctioning storm water management basins. The basins have been remediated and are operating and functioning as designed. We will continue to monitor this project over the next six months. The 2019 Road Program is recently completed and is in its punch list stage. We are working with the contractor to fix some of the dead sod. For the 2020 Road Program, some inlets and storm pipes have been delivered to the site. Trees were removed and the project will be under way very soon. We have made good progress on upfront work for the 2021-2023 Road Program. We will start with Elderberry, followed by Pinewood, and then Willow Drive. Member Rocco asked about #25 on the list, a pool project. Mr. Jones said they typically leave the projects on the list until they are done with their inspections. The pool construction usually includes land disturbance. We look to make sure the grading is appropriate, there is good grass growth, and then the project will be considered complete. Member Galloway moved to approve the Engineers Report; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

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ITEM # 10 BILL LIST

Member Galloway moved to approve the bill list in the amount of \$2,447,133.94; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 11 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Clarke said the board met in Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel and potential litigation.

ITEM # 12 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Wilcox provided Chairman Dence with updates as follows:

- A. The police office department staff returned to work on July 6th. We remain in the green phase and continue to follow guidelines and policies in compliance with the Governor's order.
- B. We still receive support from our residents and businesses. We appreciate all of the support and generosity.
- C. There have been multiple complaints about parking on Woolston Drive and Makefield Road. We are aware of concerns and our department is working on a solution that will appease residents and motorists.
- D. The non-emergency police department phone number has been changed to: 215-328-8519.
- E. The public can follow the police department on social media as well as the Crime Watch page where you can report non emergencies.
- F. If you have a ring doorbell or security camera, you may register with the police department. If there is an incident in your area, the police may ask to view your video as part of their investigation.

Member Galloway moved to accept the police report as presented; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 13 MANAGER COMMENT

- A. Member Galloway moved to authorize advertisement for an ordinance to amend provisions of the RD-1 zoning district as part of the Stalwart project. Ms. Gallagher said a draft a text amendment was prepared by the applicant for the 2300 Pennsylvania Avenue project. This would add a permitted use into the district for warehousing. It also has several dimensional provisions that would be amended for such use. Member Galloway moved to authorize advertisement for the RD-1 zoning district; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
- B. Member Galloway moved to waive the permit fees for a new LED sign at St. Francis Cabrini Church; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

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- C. Member Galloway moved to approve the purchase of 12 trees at the cost of \$50 each (\$600 total) as part of the fall bare-root tree program; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
- D. Microtrap Corporation (225 Lincoln Highway) is a new business in the township.

ITEM # 14 BOARD COMMENT

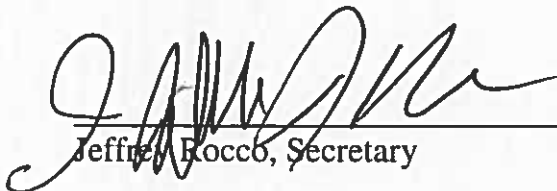
Member Boraski – no comment

Member Rocco – no comment

Member Galloway – no comment

Chairman Dence said we are still having virtual meetings and we had a rough start tonight. It does not look like this will change soon. Chairman Dence said we have had ongoing discussions with Waste Management regarding delays in pickup of trash. They have been very receptive to working with us. They will be updating Manager Takita in real time with any delays or broken-down trucks. There is a phone number to call if you have any problems. It has been posted on social media, but we will also include it on the township website. As a reminder, the new non-emergency police department phone number is 215-328-8519. Following up with the ring doorbell registration, you are not giving anyone access to your camera. It is just a database that if there is an incident, the police may contact you to view your video as opposed to going door to door to see who may have a camera. Chairman Dence hopes everyone can stay cool. The Fire Marshal's office continues to collect food for our food pantries. This program is working out very well. If you have any non-perishable food to donate, please contact the Fire Marshal's office.

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 7:58 p.m.



Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary