

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

JEFFRY E. DENCE, CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JEFF BORASKI, VICE-CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
BRIAN M. GALLOWAY, SECRETARY	PRESENT
JOHN PALMER, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT
ERIN MULLEN	APPOINTED, PRESENT

The meeting commenced at 6:31 p.m. with roll call and pledge to the flag. All Board members were present. 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 APPOINTMENT TO SUPERVISOR VACANCY

Chairman Dence moved to appoint Ms. Erin Mullen to fill Mr. Rocco's term as Township Supervisor; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Boraski who voted no. (3-1) Member Mullen was sworn in by Judge Jan Vislosky.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:36 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 6:48 p.m. Mr. Clarke said the Board met on October 12th to discuss personnel matters and the board held an Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss matters relating to a Collective Bargaining Agreement. The Board just held an Executive Session to review the agenda with the new supervisor, Ms. Mullen. No decisions were made and no deliberations took place.

ITEM # 2 SECRETARY/TREASURER APPOINTMENT

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

**ITEM # 3 PUBLIC COMMENT – FIVE MINUTE LIMIT PER PERSON
FORTY-FIVE MINUTE MAXIMUM**

Ms. Joan Graves referenced Exelon leaving Falls Township and asked if there were supposed to be several flares to be put on the landfill. She asked about the status of the flares and if they been implemented. Now that Exelon is gone, what will happen with the methane gas if the flares have not been placed on the landfill? Chairman Dence said no, not yet but there is talk of someone moving in and rehabbing that whole facility. That was the

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plan. The flares were just a temporary fix. Ms. Graves asked if the methane gas is going into the atmosphere. Chairman Dence will find out and have it posted on the website.

**ITEM # 4 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – 335 TRENTON ROAD
TMP # 13-006-124 – REPLACE ROOF WITH CEDAR WOOD SHAKE**

Member Galloway moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 335 Trenton Road, TMP # 13-006-124, to replace roof with cedar wood shake; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 5 NP FALLS TOWNSHIP INDUSTRIAL, LLC – MINOR SUBDIVISION
300 RIVER ROAD – TMP # 13-051-001**

Mr. Allen Toadvine (Begley Carlin) and Mr. Greg Glitzer (Gilmore and Associates) were present this evening. This is a Resolution approving the subdivision of a lot about 77 acres in size. The Resolution has been reviewed and we have consented to all of the conditions and comments as set forth in the proposed Resolution. Mr. Jones was satisfied with this plan. Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 2021- for NP Falls Township Industrial, LLC, minor subdivision, 300 River Road, TMP # 13-051-001; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 6 LEVITTOWN CAR WASH, LLC – PRELIMINARY/FINAL LAND
DEVELOPMENT – 8601 NEW FALLS ROAD – TMP # 13-018-003-004**

Ms. Melanie Lacey (Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg) represents the applicant, Levittown Car Wash, LLC. She is here with Ms. Kristin Holmes (Project Engineer, Holmes Cunningham Engineering) as well as representative for the LLC, Mr. Imran Malik. The applicant is seeking both preliminary and final land development approval. This proposal is for an automated car wash. The applicant is proposing removal of the gas pumps. The convenience store will be remodeled into an employee office. There is no retail space at this facility. Mr. Jones said the project is straight-forward and they are proposing less impervious surface than what was there previously. They will have to obtain Highway Occupancy Permits (HOP) from PennDOT. Member Boraski asked about the flow of traffic. They had a traffic assessment performed and during peak hours, they would not be able to turn left out of the site. Member Palmer asked if the Pennsbury High School crossing guard would be able to continue to park in their parking lot. The applicant did not have any issue with this. Member Palmer's other concern was the traffic, but Mr. Jones addressed this. Member Galloway said he is happy to see something positive done with the property. Member Galloway moved to approve the Levittown Car Wash, LLC, preliminary/final and development, 8601 New Falls Road, TMP # 13-018-003-004; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 7 B&J WAREHOUSE – SKETCH PLAN PRESENTATION – 1001 NEW FORD MILL ROAD – TMP # 13-051-001-001

Ms. Kim Freimuth (Fox Rothschild LLP) represents the applicant, YOOKEL Inc. She is here with Mr. Wayne Kiefer (Showalter & Associates). YOOKEL is the owner of the property at 1001 New Ford Mill Road. This property is zoned Heavy Industrial (HI) and is currently operated by B&J Group, an industrial warehousing and distribution facility. The existing building is approximately 178,000 sq. ft. The applicant is proposing three separate additions to the building, one of which will have a green roof in order to accommodate the additional impervious surface. They have to go to the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance on the increase in impervious surface. They are here tonight to obtain some feedback from you before their next step. They met with the Planning Commission a couple of weeks ago and they did not express any concerns to them. They will comply with the letters from Mr. Jones as well as the Bucks County Planning Commission. There will be hazardous materials on site, and we will comply with code with regard to those materials. Mr. Wayne Kiefer explained how they will separate the flammable and non-flammable materials. He spoke about storm water and said no new sanitary facilities are proposed so there is no increase in water usage or sanitary flow. They will request a variance for increase in impervious surface. They will request waivers for the 100-ft. wetlands margin, a traffic study, and street trees. There will be no changes to the entrance and exit and very little changes to the traffic. They have been operating since about 2008. This was formerly the old American Can building. Member Palmer asked about the waiver for street trees and in lieu of those, would the applicant be willing make a donation to the Shade Tree Commission? The applicant does not see that as an issue. Member Palmer said we are getting a lot of industrial building going on and every building is bringing in warehouse employees. Mr. Keifert said there would be no significant change in the number of employees. It is strictly warehousing so we can keep more materials on site. Member Palmer asked about the type of hazardous materials. Ms. Freimuth said there are a variety of flammable and non-flammable materials down there. We had previously gone back and forth with the fire marshal and provided the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS). We would be open to doing that again. Member Palmer asked if there have been any violations at this facility. Mr. Dippolito said none to speak of. Member Palmer asked about the green roof and if they were getting credits from the government for going green. Mr. Keifert said there is a thin layer of soil on the roof and plantings on top of that. It will suck up the rainfall on the roof, go through filtering, and then discharge into the wetlands. There was no further action on this agenda item.

ITEM # 8 CONSIDER FINALIZING THE AWARD BID FOR THE HISTORICAL THREE ARCHES ROOF REPLACEMENT

Manager Takita said the 30-day Responsible Contractor review period for the Historical Three Arches roof replacement will be completed prior to the next Board of Supervisors meeting. Member Galloway moved to approve allowing the Township Manager to finalize the award bid for the Historical Three Arches Roof Replacement contingent upon successful

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outcome of the Responsible Contractor review; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 9 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM JONES ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE RICE DRIVE CULVERT

Chairman Dence said the Rice Drive culvert has been washed out for several months now. Mr. Jones said we had to come up with a solution to replace that culvert and due to the recent storms, there is a significant sinkhole. This proposal is to do the design, bid administration and construction oversight for the project. This should be under construction in June or July with the road closure expected to be about three months. Member Galloway moved to approve the proposal from Jones Engineering Associates for the removal and replacement of the Rice Drive culvert; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 10 CONSIDER SANITARY SEWER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GSP MANAGEMENT AND FALLS TOWNSHIP

Chairman Dence moved to table this agenda item; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 11 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 169 – PAWNBROKERS AND DEALERS IN PRECIOUS METALS AND SECONDHAND GOODS

Chairman Dence said there is a lot of crime involving theft of catalytic convertors. Ms. Gallagher said we are updating a couple of the definitions and have also updated the definition of a precious metal dealer. Member Galloway moved to authorize advertisement of Ordinance amending Chapter 169 – Pawnbrokers and Dealers in Precious Metals and Secondhand Goods; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 12 CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR THE BUCKS COUNTY 2021 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Dippolito said the County compiled this Hazard Mitigation Plan update. They asked for information from municipalities before they put this plan together. We are adopting this in its final form. Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 2021-34 for the Bucks County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 13 CONSIDER RATIFYING AGREEMENT WITH CAPITAL HEALTH SYSTEM TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL AMBULANCE SERVICES TO PORTIONS OF FALLS TOWNSHIP

Mr. Dippolito said the Capital Health System agreement has expired and they are looking for approval to ratify their agreement. Ms. Gallagher said we are waiting for a draft of the agreement from Capital Health and we should have it in the next couple of weeks. Member Palmer asked if this has any barring or say on what they charge. Mr. Dippolito said we do not set any fees for any of the squads; whatever they charge, they charge. They are no different than any of the other squads that provide service. Member Galloway moved to ratify the agreement with Capital Health System to provide emergency medical ambulance services to portions of Falls Township; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Palmer who voted no. (4-1)

ITEM # 14 CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 206 – WRECKERS IN ITS ENTIRETY

Ms. Gallagher said this is a comprehensive re-write of the township's towing Ordinance. This will authorize the board to go out for a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the year and will allow the board to select a heavy-duty tower and a backup and a light-duty tower and a backup rather than the current system where any number of companies can come in and apply. Chairman Dence said in the past we have had a duty-tow list and we will change to one tower. Ms. Gallagher said the Ordinance allows us to go a couple of different ways and the RFP does give the township some discretion when the proposals come in. The RFP is done in conjunction with the Ordinance, and once it is authorized, we will send it out to the existing duty towers, advertise it, post it on the township website, and the response date is November 19th for any company interested in responding to the RFP. There is one portion of the Ordinance, and an update is to require a master towing license which is issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We are not sure what the timeframe is for that so we will include in the RFP that they would have to obtain that license during the 2022 year. Member Boraski asked when the backup tower would be used. Ms. Gallagher said a backup tower would be needed if there is a catastrophic accident requiring multiple vehicles and they run out of vehicles or if the main tower was not available and we were required to call the backup. That would be a police decision if additional services were needed. Member Boraski asked if the backup tower would have to match the prices of the primary tower. Ms. Gallagher said the RFP will be written so they will have to disclose their prices so we could select based on the prices in the RFP. Member Palmer asked how it works with the police out in the field and if it takes a lot of time going through the list. Chief Whitney said the police request a tow truck and the county radio makes the call to dispatch a tow truck to the scene. Member Palmer asked how it has been a headache to go from the process that we had into this new process. Ms. Gallagher said the Ordinance, as it currently stands, calls for compliance with the township's fee schedule. If the fee schedule shows violations, it would trigger a hearing with the township manager to determine if there was a violation. We have had several hearings over the years regarding various violations, with the fee schedule being the primary violation. Member Boraski asked how long this would be good for. Ms.

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Gallagher said the way the Ordinance and the RFP is set up is for one year with the option for the board to go three years. Mr. Clarke said the Ordinance stays in place until amended or repealed. Public comment: Mr. Joseph Warner (Emilie Towing) asked what kind of tow license would be required and if it is WreckMasters. Ms. Gallagher believes it is a master tow license. Mr. Warner asked if it is WreckMasters, 1-5 is for light duty and then 5-8 for heavy duty. Chairman Dence asked about WreckMasters. Mr. Warner said WreckMasters is a school that trains tow companies and is something that you buy or if you want to brush up on your skills, you take a course. Chairman Dence said we discussed that it might not be required. Mr. Clarke said the idea is that the board will put in the RFP that the successful company will have through 2022 to obtain these certifications. If the board determines that it might not be necessary, the Ordinance can be amended during 2022. He does not recommend making that amendment tonight. If you make that amendment tonight that would be considered a substantial change that would require re-advertising. We can deal with this down the road. Chairman Dence asked who issues this license. Mr. Warner said it is not a license; it is a certification from WreckMasters. When you choose the tow company are they going to go by the policemen we work with out in the field or do a recommendation, or just go by who is qualified and who has everything in place? Mr. Clarke said it will be a decision by the Board of Supervisors. As with all decisions, they take into consideration the advice by professionals and staff. Mr. John Beck Jr. (John's Auto Body) said he has been to these meetings too many times and it seems like we are always fighting for our jobs. A couple years ago we went through this process, and something happened with paperwork, and it went down to one tower. Two years ago, he purchased a property in Falls and went through the process to get put back on. It is a lot of money to invest in all of this. You talk about backups. You will award one person the tow and one person the backup. He thinks you will run into problems with the backup keeping a full-time employee waiting for the backup tow call. That is one thing to consider. At a previous meeting you were trying to cap the towers. Chairman Dence said they have had issues with the towers complaining and raving on each other. This wastes the police time, our legal fees and legal time. We are not in the tow business. We are not penalizing anyone. We are making it easier for the township. Mr. Beck said he just spent \$300,000 on a property to get put back on three years ago; how is that not penalizing him? Chairman Dence said we are not in the tow business. We had one tower five years and we had no problems all year, no legal fees, and no issues calling a tower. Mr. Beck said about 12 years ago, they were told that as long as you have everything in the Ordinance, you can't stop anyone from applying. If four of them all have what is required, why did that change and who changed it? Chairman Dence said we are getting rid of the duty tow. The duty tow is what we couldn't cap. We are getting rid of the list and having one tower. That is the difference. Mr. Beck said if you did something wrong, you were supposed to be penalized, fined, or suspended. Chairman Dence said he has been here for twelve years and this has been a problem since then. Mr. Beck asked if anyone has been suspended. Mr. Clarke said not this year, but we have had problems in the past. Chairman Dence said the problems are ongoing and cost time and money. Mr. Beck asked why they don't get rid of the people causing the problems. Chairman Dence said we don't have justification to get rid of someone just because we don't like them. Mr. Beck said in the Ordinance it says after the third time you get

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suspended but you didn't get rid of anyone. If there is a problem the radio room handles the list but you are saying it takes up the time of the police. Mr. Beck thinks you should take into consideration the towers that have been doing this for years. Chairman Dence understands what Mr. Beck is saying but we are not in the tow business. Why should the residents of Falls Township have to foot the bill dealing with this and paying the salaries of the police every time there is a complaint? They have had several complaints this year and it is costing money for the taxpayers. Every time there is a complaint, we have to address it. Chairman Dence asked Chief Whitney how many complaints we have had this year. Chief Whitney said about four or five. We have to pay legal fees and the police salaries and they are also not out on the streets because they are dealing with these issues. He thinks you should think this through. In Bristol Township they have had the same five towers and there are no problems. Member Palmer said a lot of people complaining didn't even come forward. It is costing the taxpayers money. We want to go in a different direction and simplify it. Mr. Beck doesn't think it is fair and eventually he will have to cut employees. Mr. Warner said the police department knows who is on time and performs clean ups and is responsible. Chairman Dence said the police think this is a great idea because when we had one tower, there were no problems. Member Boraski said if we remove the Ordinance, what happens if the RFP goes bad? Mr. Clarke said if we go out for RFP and don't like the responses, we have several options to us at that point in time. We select a tower and go out for RFP again. We would be at the beginning of January. We could select a tower while we are waiting to go through the RFP process again. Mr. Beck said he thinks only one tower will meet this. Mr. Beck said this Ordinance for light duty, says you have to have a truck for 3,000 lbs. and have a 20-ton lift. The light duty, according to the Ordinance, has to be a heavy-duty truck. Right now, there is probably only one company that can do this without someone investing money into getting a truck. Member Boraski asked Mr. Beck to explain a light-duty truck and what would be the requirements. Mr. Richard Hackett (Hacketts Towing and Recovery) said a regular flatbed is going to be a 19,500 GVW - 26,000 GVW and what they are proposing in this Ordinance is that we have a 50-ton wrecker and it is a \$500,000 truck. Mr. Clarke said what this Ordinance reads is that the contractor shall have one 20-ton wrecker with a chassis GVW of 33,000 lbs and additionally, the contractor shall have available one 30-ton wrecker with a chassis GVW of 50,000 lbs. Chairman Dence said we are going to change the Ordinance to have two different requirements, so we have one regular wrecker and one heavy-duty wrecker. Mr. Hackett said we just got this today and it is the first we are looking at it. Member Boraski said you should email Manager Takita. Mr. Hackett said we are looking at 4-6 drivers on the payroll in order to be a backup with no guarantees. Member Boraski asked if they were the full-time tower, do they have enough employees? Mr. Hackett said yes. Those guys need to be in their trucks ready to go with a 15-minutes response time. Mr. Hackett does not believe the three of them here tonight are the problem. If we have a policy in place to discipline these towing companies, let's discipline them. Member Boraski said he thinks the suspension is small. Ms. Gallagher said we have done suspensions and we have done fines. The Ordinance does provide for a second offense within six months for up to sixty days of suspension and a subsequent offense for up to 120 days of suspension, but it also allows the board to deviate from those numbers depending on the circumstances. Mr. Hackett asked who the backup tower was during those suspensions. Ms. Gallagher said it just went to the next person on the list; they

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were removed from the roster. Mr. Hackett said the year they had one tower, it was Superior Motor Service. If it weren't for the fact they had a five-acre property, they wouldn't have been able to keep all those vehicles in there. Any of the vehicles that do not have insurance or the owners are not coming back for them, have to sit in his yard for thirty to sixty days before he can apply for salvage in order to move it. Member Boraski said regarding this Ordinance, he thinks he is uncomfortable if you think about some of these situations. Mr. Hackett said this is our business and our livelihood. Some of them have made mistakes but they want to take care of the township. He doesn't think any of them have been unfair. He thinks they should have had this to review months ago. Member Boraski said he understands their points and said we are not prepared for this meeting. Mr. Clarke said the notification to the towers was done as a courtesy. There has been a lengthy discussion about changing this. There are other municipalities that use one tower. The model ordinance in front of you was taken from another municipality that we represent (Plymouth Township in Montgomery County). It was shared with staff and members of the police department. There were some changes made and this was the Ordinance that we agreed we were comfortable with advertising. It was advertised consistent with the advertising requirements and is ready for adoption this evening. Mr. Hackett asked how many accidents Plymouth Township has. Mr. Clarke said he does not know. Abington Township also uses one tower. They are a township of 56,000 people. Plymouth Township is a very active municipality. Mr. Hackett said he would like to see the numbers. The board went into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. along with Lt. Ward and Chief Whitney. The meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Clarke said the board held an Executive Session to consult with Chief Whitney and Lt. Ward and to discuss a matter of potential litigation. Chairman Dence said Lt. Ward spends too much time dealing with this. Unfortunately, we cannot cap the number of towers so we are staying the course. Member Galloway moved to approve Ordinance # 2021-13, adopting Ordinance Chapter 206 Wreckers In Its Entirety; Member Palmer seconded the motion. Mr. Clarke said we are going to amend paragraph R to say the contractor shall have one 20-ton wrecker with a chassis GVW of 19,500 lbs; it originally said 33,000 lbs. That is not a substantial change that would require re-advertising so the board can vote on that this evening. The rest of that paragraph is being removed. Chairman Dence asked Lt. Ward to get with the towers and find out exactly what size truck we are talking about so we are all on the same page. Mr. Clarke said you are adopting this ordinance if the vote is in favor of it. You can amend the RFP but then we would have to amend the Ordinance to be consistent. Based on what you want to do, I would suggest that Section R be changed to state that the contractor shall have equipment as determined by the township as necessary to carry out the duties of this Ordinance. Then the RFP will be amended accordingly to listing the exact type of equipment that we want them to have. Chairman Dence said there is some language that needed to be changed. A motion has been made and seconded; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Mullen who voted no. (4-1)

**ITEM # 15 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR TOWING SERVICES CONTRACT**

Mr. Clarke said the RFP can be adjusted before it goes out after conversations with Lt. Ward. Member Boraski said in the RFP we are talking about a full-time tower for heavy duty and back-up tower for heavy duty and a full-time tower for light duty and a back-up tower for light duty. It doesn't mean there is going to be one tower. Member Galloway moved to authorize the Request For Proposals for towing services contract; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Mullen who voted no. (4-1)

**ITEM # 16 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM GENERAL CODE FOR
CODIFICATION SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S ONLINE CODE**

Manager Takita outlined the proposal from General Code. Member Galloway moved to award the proposal to General Code for Codification Services for the Township's Online Code in the amount of \$14,995; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 17 CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 21
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Manager Takita said instead of the Economic Development Commission, we will create an Economic Development Corporation. Member Galloway moved to adopt Ordinance # 2021-14, repealing Chapter 21 Community and Economic Development Commission; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 18 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
FALLS TOWNSHIP AND LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGARDING ELBOW LANE AND WALNUT LANE**

Chairman Dence said half of the Elbow Lane is in Falls Township and half is in Lower Makefield Township. It is included in this year's township road program. Member Palmer said we have met in many work sessions. Everyone is happy about this proposal and it is doing the right thing. Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 2021-35 for the agreement between Falls Township and Lower Makefield Township regarding Elbow Lane and Walnut Lane; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 19 CONSIDER ESCROW RELEASES

Member Galloway moved to approve escrow releases as follows: AirGas USA escrow release # 1 in the amount of \$1,693,000; LTL Color Compounders escrow release # 3 in the amount of \$54,771.80; Morrisville Commons LP escrow release # 15 in the amount of \$254,842.74; and Metals USA in the amount of \$1,664.14; Member Boraski seconded the

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motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 20 MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

Member Galloway moved to approve the minutes from September 20, 2021; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Chairman Dence and Member Mullen who both abstained. (3-0-2)

ITEM # 21 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Jones said there were three new land developments submitted and one residential earth disturbance application. Two of the land developments were discussed tonight. One was the minor subdivision for NorthPoint and the other was the BJ's Warehouse sketch plan. The other one is for the NorthPoint minor subdivision that will be before the Planning Commission next week. For other updates, MM Metals is nearing completion. Both buildings are under a TCO. The Bumm Holdings project, Lincoln Storage project, NorthPoint Phase 1 Building 3 project, and Raising Cane's are all nearing construction. The Grand Party Affairs project will be before the board next month. For township projects, the Quaker Penn Park boat ramps will be removed very soon. The 2020 Road Program is substantially complete and we are happy with the outcome. For the 2021 and 2023 Road Programs, Elderberry Drive is underway with storm sewer improvements. That is on schedule. Pinewood Drive will be constructed next year. Member Galloway moved to approve the Engineers Report; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 22 BILL LIST

Member Galloway moved to approve the bill list for October 18, 2021 in the amount of \$2,245,682; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Mullen who voted no. (4-1)

ITEM # 23 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Please refer to Executive Session notes under agenda items # 1 and # 14.

ITEM # 24 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Whitney provided the following updates taken from his report.

- A. There were 1,725 calls for service in the month of September with 15,214 year to date. Of those, there were 97 car crashes; 830 year to date and 6 overdoses bringing us to 62 for the year.
- B. We have had numerous pursuits. Wreckless driving continues to be an issue. On October 15th there was a pursuit from Oxford Valley Road onto U.S. Rt. 1, terminated by police. The dashcam footage allowed us to identify the operator who

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is facing charges. On September 25th there was a pursuit from Rt. 13 onto Rt. 1 northbound which was terminated by police. On September 24th there was a pursuit on Rt. 13 which led to an arrest of the driver. These pursuits are often terminated because the driving behavior of the individual becomes too risky.

- C. Chief Whitney spoke about the mental health Co-Responder Program which we will be starting in a few months. This is a grant pursued by the county for us and Middletown to bring on board two county employees who will have workspace in our headquarters and Middletown. They will work on and follow up on calls for service involving some kind of mental health component. We are very excited to have this program on board. Bensalem has been doing this for about a year.
- D. There are some slides at the end of his report that cover some traffic incident management training.
- E. Chief Whitney said they changed some things they currently do to keep up to date with current technology and service and we try to keep everyone as safe as we can.

ITEM # 25 MANAGER COMMENT

- A. The dates of the 2021 Falls Township Leaf Collection will be held on the following Saturdays: October 23rd and November 6th and 20th.
- B. The Great Shredder Event will be held on Saturday, October 23rd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a limit of 6 bags or boxes per person. No businesses.
- C. The Bucks County Medication Disposal Program will also take place on Saturday, October 23rd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information on these events will be posted on social media and the township website.

ITEM # 26 BOARD COMMENT

Member Mullen thanked fellow board members and residents of the township. She said she will do her very best to fulfill the duties of this position. Ms. Mullen also thanked her husband and her family for their support. She said she has some very big shoes to fill and looks forward to working with everyone.

Member Galloway congratulated Member Mullen on her appointment. He wishes everyone a good night.

Member Palmer welcomed Member Mullen aboard.

Member Boraski said he looks forward to working with Member Mullen. Congratulations on your appointment. Member Boraski said he wants to give his remaining time to County Commissioner Robert Harvie. Commissioner Harvie welcomed Supervisor Mullen and said she is a great choice for this position. Commissioner Harvie gave updates on County issues. The Co-Responder Program is something Commissioner Marseglia has been trying to implement in Bucks County for about a decade. Bensalem has seen a dramatic impact on the calls that police officers respond to. These co-responders are social workers who help with families and work with people who have mental health and substance abuse issues. A

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lot of the calls they get are usually connected to those two things. These co-responders work with the school district and they get to know who the people are who are having challenges. We are very appreciative of Falls Township and Middletown to take this on. The grant is for two years. It is great that you are doing this. The County is going to be launching a county-wide registry which will include all vacant storefronts in Bucks County. If anyone is looking for commercial space, you will be able to go to the county website and pull up this information. We will rely on townships and boroughs to keep us updated. You should be hearing about this soon. Commissioner Harvie thanked the board for everything they are doing. Commissioner Harvie wished Mr. Rocco well and the best of luck.

Chairman Dence welcomed Member Mullen. He is sure she will be a great supervisor. With regard to the towing issue, this is not something they decided last month. It has been several years now that we have been talking about doing this. This is the best route we can go - using one tower. We spend way too much time and energy on this issue. The Ordinance is a good Ordinance.

Member Galloway moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Brian Galloway, Secretary