

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>JEFFRY E. DENCE, CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>ERIN M. MULLEN, VICE-CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>BRIAN M. GALLOWAY, SECRETARY</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>JEFFREY M. BORASKI, SUPERVISOR</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>JOHN W. PALMER, SUPERVISOR</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>

The meeting commenced at 5:30 p.m. with roll call and pledge to the flag. All Board members were present with the exception of Member Boraski and Member Galloway. 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**

No one signed in for public comment.

**ITEM # 2 FSI INDUSTRIES – SKETCH PLAN – 981 LINCOLN HIGHWAY  
TMP # 13-028-034 – DISCUSSION ONLY**

The Board had a discussion about the proposed project for FSI Industries. The property is currently a used car dealership/junkyard. The owner plans to demolish the existing building, remove all of the junk vehicles and replace it with a 10,000 sq. ft. building with a single story in the front and two stories in the back. The proposed use is a filter fabrication facility - a small manufacturing facility with a retail component up front. There are no hazardous materials involved through the process. This project would clean up this property. Member Mullen asked if they need variances. Manager Takita said they will need some zoning and dimensional variances. There was no action on this agenda item.

**ITEM # 3 CONSIDERATION OF VEHICLE PURCHASE FOR THE PUBLIC  
WORKS DEPARTMENT – ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Jason Lawon spoke about this vehicle purchase in the amount of \$58,500. This is a 2024 F-250 4 x 4 truck with an 8-ft. box. Member Palmer asked why they were not going with a utility body. Mr. Lawson said it will be used to carry tools and transport equipment. This item has been budgeted. Member Palmer moved to approve the vehicle purchase for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$58,500; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

**ITEM # 4 PROPOSAL TO INSTALL TWO BAIT & TACKLE VENDING MACHINES AT THE FALLS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK – ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Brian Andrews said the township has a proposal to install bait and tackle vending machines at the park. They will be located near the guard shack by the boat parking lot. Member Mullen said she spoke with Mr. Andrews about this and the community wants this. Chairman Dence moved to approve two bait and tackle vending machines at the Falls Township Community Park; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

**ITEM # 5 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR FORWARD PLANNING FOR REGIONAL TRUCK STOP – ACTION ITEM**

Chairman Dence said at some point, Falls Township is not going to be able to rely on a landfill to support us. Manager Takita has been looking for ways to generate revenue for Falls Township. This will not happen any time soon but a need has been expressed. Manager Takita said before the Board is a proposal from Forward Planning for a 24-hour Freight Village facility. This facility is a truck stop where long-haul truckers can park their vehicles and sleep overnight. Amenities may include banking, medical, retail, truck repair, weigh station and police substation for security purposes. Chairman Dence said this is nowhere near residential areas. We are talking about the end of Tyburn Road somewhere near the old Steel Mill/NorthPoint. The study will focus on whether the truck stop would generate enough revenue to subsidize portions of the township budget. The total cost to provide these services is in the amount of \$30,000. Member Palmer said we have been having a huge problem with trash. He thinks this would be a good resource for truckers to pull over, rest and get rid of their trash. Is there anyone else who would be partnered with us on this or any grant opportunities? Manager Takita said we can get with our grant writer and there should be great interest in this from a variety of different levels of government to be involved in this. Member Mullen asked Manager Takita to walk through phase 3, the municipal authority structure. Manager Takita said in order to make this project work, we would create a Transportation Authority. It would include management of the Freight Village with support services and we are looking at the port as well. Chairman Dence said hopefully we will find an ideal location. Member Palmer asked how many trucks go up and down Tyburn Road. Manager Takita said he can review the numbers from the State. Member Mullen moved to approve the proposal in the amount of \$30,000 for forward planning for Regional Truck Stop; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all were in favor. (3-0)

**ITEM # 6 OTHER TOWNSHIP BUSINESS AS NEEDED**

There was no action on this agenda item.

**ITEM # 7 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Ms. Gallagher said the Board met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss matters of potential litigation and personnel.

**ITEM # 8 MANAGER COMMENT**

There was no action on this agenda item.

**ITEM # 9 BOARD COMMENT**

Member Palmer – no comment.

Member Mullen said today there was a Special Election. There is still time to vote in today's election.

Chairman Dence – no comment.

Member Mullen moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Palmer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



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Brian Galloway, Secretary

