

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>ROBERT HARVIE, JR., CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>JEFFRY DENCE, VICE-CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>JEFFREY ROCCO, SECRETARY-TREASURER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>BRIAN GALLOWAY, SUPERVISOR</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>JEFF BORASKI, SUPERVISOR</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>

The meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m. with roll call and salute 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. Chairman Harvie said there was a mistake made by the township in regard to the Conditional Use. It was not advertised as it should have been, so items 4 and 5 will need to be tabled. Member Dence moved to table items 4 and 5; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**PRESENTATION FOR THE AED GRANT THROUGH SAFE KIDS BUCKS COUNTY**

With the help of Safe Kids Bucks County, the township has received two AEDs from the St. Mary Medical Center Trauma Department. The AEDs will be utilized at the Falls Township Community Park and the Quaker Penn Park. Ms. Debbie Lamona, Vice Chairperson, of Safe Kids Bucks County spoke about program which is aimed at keeping kids safe. They fund AEDs to go toward youth sports organizations throughout Bucks County. Safe Kids conducts free car-seat safety checks and they have safety workshops as well as sports clinics that help parents and caregivers prevent childhood injuries. Chairman Harvie thanked Member Boraski for spear heading this. These AEDs are devices that are very easy to use and can be utilized to keep a person's heart beating until medical personnel arrive.

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

Mr. Guido Mariani spoke about the Falls Township landfill expansion. Mr. Mariani said after 30 years, he believes Falls Township has taken in enough garbage. He said Waste Management has been fined millions of dollars until a system to handle the leachate was finished. He doesn't think it has yet been finished. Mr. Mariani further spoke about the leachate and the fines. He said leachate is a liquid form of precipitation that has permeated through the solid waste and it has to be treated. It is highly toxic and can pollute land, ground water, and waterways. The two main environmental problems that we face are the result of landfills. The air pollution and the ground water pollution is what Waste Management was fined for in our area and surrounding areas. There are over ten toxic gases

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released from landfills and the most serious one is methane. Studies show that people who live close to these landfills, suffer more from lung and heart disease due to these toxic gases. Although the landfills may not receive hazardous waste, the leachate that is produced is just as harmful. The leachate collection system clogs after ten years. The current landfills have proven to be a nuisance and, in addition, dangerous to health. Mr. Mariano wonders why we would take a hazardous gamble to expand beyond our current landfill and create health, safety, and environmental problems. Mr. Mariani said to look at your children and your families and think about what is an acceptable host fee income that would allow you to take this gamble.

Ms. Madeline Jones said she wanted to speak about items 4 and 5. She said everyone still has concerns about the proposed WAWA project. Ms. Jones said this morning there was a tractor trailer that ran the stop sign on Tyburn Road and she believes driver must have been going 60 mph. She would like to see the police department continue to address the issues of speeding and motorists not stopping at stop signs. Ms. Jones asked about the township meetings not being aired on the township channel. She said not everyone has internet or uses a computer. Ms. Jones said every resident should have access to township information. There was also a Parks and Rec announcement which stated, “for more information, go to their website.” Chairman Harvie said they have had a lot of problems with the cable channel and the way they record meetings has changed. More recently, the problems they have been having have to do with the machinery in our building. Chairman Harvie said he can get the video of the meeting, but there is no audio. He apologizes for any issues. They do have Comcast coming out tomorrow. Chairman Harvie said the next publication of the township newsletter will be this fall.

Mr. Roland Kenney hopes they will have the meetings up and running soon. Mr. Kenney said most of the seniors don't know what is going on in the township unless they can view this meeting. They count on the airing of the meeting to keep them informed. Mr. Kenney referenced the Earned Income Tax (EIT) and said the school board wants more money. The \$4M we can get, would give the school district \$2M and that would leave us with \$2M as well.

Ms. Nina Chrzanawski wanted to express thanks to the township for running the Citizens Youth Police Academy program. She said her son participated in the program and the experience will stay him. Ms. Chrzanawski thanked Officer Yeager, Officer Caesar, Officer Fisher, Officer Callahan, Lieutenant Whitney, and Corporal Wolverton. She hopes this academy continues so that more children can benefit from this program.

### **ITEM # 2 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – 21 YARDLEY AVENUE – TMP # 13-020-286 – RE-SIDE RESIDENCE WITH HARDIE PLANK SIDING, PAINT FRONT DOOR AND TRIM**

This project has been approved by the Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB). Member Rocco moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 21 Yardley Avenue

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to re-side the residence with hardie plank siding and paint the front door and trim; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 3 ISC SALESMASTER CORPORATION – WAIVER OF LAND DEVELOPMENT – 87 TOWPATH ROAD – TMP # 13-047-165**

Manager Gray said this is waiver of land development for ISC Salesmaster Corporation, 87 Towpath Road, TMP # 13-047-165. The applicant's proposed project involves improvements consisting of construction of a 5,083 sq. ft. building addition and expanding the size of the existing underground recharge facility. The applicant is represented by Mr. Larry Young from Tri-State. Mr. Young provided information for this project. The current use of this facility is warehousing. ISC Salesmaster is a distributor of packaging supplies. This site is serviced by TOFA and Morrisville Sewer and Treatment. They will comply with comments in the review letters from the fire marshal, the Shade Tree Commission, the traffic engineer, the township engineer. There is one waiver which deals with showing all features within 200 ft. Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 15-18 for ISC Salesmaster Corporation, waiver of land development, TMP # 13-047-165; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 4 AMERICAN STORES COMPANY, LLC – CONDITIONAL USE, 550 W. TRENTON ROAD – TMP # 13-028-028**

This item was tabled at the beginning of the meeting.

**ITEM # 5 AMERICAN STORES COMPANY, LLC - PRELIMINARY LAND DEVELOPMENT – 550 W. TRENTON ROAD – TMP # 13-028-028**

This item was tabled at the beginning of the meeting.

**ITEM # 6 CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR ABINGTON RELDAN METALS, LLC, SEWAGE FACILITIES PLANNING MODULE**

Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 15-19 for the Abington Reldan Metals, LLC sewage facilities planning module; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 7 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD BID FOR THE 2015 FALLS TOWNSHIP ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Manager Gray said the township received one bid, opened on August 14, 2015, for the 2015 Falls Township Road Improvement Program. The bidder is General Asphalt Paving Company, Inc. and is in the amount of \$258,679.65 for the base bid and \$77,001.75 as alternate #1. It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors authorize the township engineer's office to issue a notice of intent to award to General Asphalt Paving Company,

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Inc. for the total bid cost of \$335,681.40 for the base bid plus alternate #1. Member Rocco asked about the difference in the budgeted and bid amounts and where the additional money would come from. Mr. Sullivan explained the difference in the bids. The base bid is for mill and overlay of several township streets. The alternate is for stream bank stabilization. Manager Gray said the township could utilize funds from the host community fees fund. Member Dence asked about stream bank stabilization and where it was located. Mr. Sullivan said it is behind Floral. Member Galloway moved to authorize the township engineer's office to issue a notice of intent to award the bid for the 2015 Falls Township Road Improvement Program to General Asphalt Paving Company, Inc. for the total bid cost of \$335,681.40; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 8    CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 206 – WRECKERS – SECTION 5 – APPLICATION FOR LICENSE; ELIGIBILITY; DENIAL AND EXPIRATION; SUBSECTION A – APPLICATION; AND SECTION 13 – PENALTIES AND OFFENSES – SUBSECTION C – PENALTY GUIDELINES**

Chairman Harvie introduced this item. He said this was advertised last month. Whenever there is a violation or if something goes wrong, there is a hearing that is held with the wreckers, attorney, and police. If the wrecker is found to be in violation, they are fined and potentially, they could be cut off. This is changing so the wreckers themselves have to cover any township costs. The other thing they are doing is cleaning up some language. Member Dence moved to open public comment; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Kevin Wilson (Rob's Automotive) asked if the wreckers would be responsible for legal fees if they are found not guilty of a violation. Mr. Clarke said no. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to adopt Ordinance # 15-05 for amendment to Chapter 206 – Wreckers – Section 5 – Application for License; Eligibility; Denial and Expiration; Subsection A – Application; and Section 13 – Penalties and Offenses – Subsection C – Penalty Guidelines; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 9    CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE FOR AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF FALLS TOWNSHIP IN THE PSATS UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION GROUP TRUST PURSUANT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION LAW**

Member Dence moved to approve Ordinance # 15-06 authorizing the participation of Falls Township in the PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust pursuant to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Law; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

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**ITEM # 10 MINUTES – JULY 21, 2015**

Member Dence moved to approve the minutes from July 21, 2015; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 11 ENGINEERS REPORT**

Mr. Sullivan said the 2013 Road Program is substantially complete. The contractor will be back after Labor Day to do the grass work and address minor problems. For the boat ramp, they spoke about dredging and pile replacement. They may hold off on the pile replacement until early March and do the dredging at the same time. Member Dence asked if the driveways have been repaired from the last road program. Mr. Sullivan said no, not until after Labor Day. Member Galloway moved to approve the July, 2015 Engineers Report dated August 14, 2015; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 12 BILL LIST**

Member Galloway moved to approve the August 18, 2015 bill list in the amount of \$1,523,536.95; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 13 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board had an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss a personnel matter and a matter of potential litigation.

**ITEM # 14 MANAGER COMMENT**

- A. Member Rocco moved to approve the time extension for the Buckingham Retail Rite Aid project to September 30, 2015; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- B. There was a request to approve the time extension for the Buckingham WAWA project. Mr. Clarke explained what could occur if they did not approve this request. There was a suggestion to grant the extension and list this as an agenda item for a future meeting. Member Rocco moved to approve the time extension for the Buckingham WAWA project to September 30, 2015; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- C. Member Dence moved to approve the time extension for the New Seaview/Lubricycle project to September 30, 2015; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- D. Member Rocco moved to approve escrow release #1 for Mar-Mar Builders in the amount of \$247,634.17; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

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- E. Member Dence moved to approve the escrow release to Jennifer Sabol (1 Amesbury Road) in the amount of \$1,122; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- F. Manager Gray said there will be a Hazardous Waste Collection on August 22, 2015 at the Bucks County Technical High School.
- G. There will be a Veteran's Expo and Open House on August 29, 2015 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 300 Yardley Avenue in Fallsington.

**ITEM # 16 BOARD COMMENT**

Member Rocco – no comment.

Member Dence said the township received a thank-you letter from Joe Brooks of the U.S.O. thanking us for contributions over the years. Member Dence said the latest Traffic Advisory Council quarterly report is on the website.

Member Boraski thanked everyone for their help with the AED project.

Member Galloway wishes for everyone to enjoy the last bit of summer.

Chairman Harvie thanked the professionals and staff for all of their work. Chairman Harvie reminded everyone to please keep an eye on the elderly, especially with the heat wave we have been having.

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 8:06 p.m.



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Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary