

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

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

The meeting commenced at 7:03 p.m. with roll call and pledge to the flag. All Board members were present. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher and Township Engineer Joe Jones.

**EXTREME FITNESS TO PRESENT A DONATION TO THE FALLS TOWNSHIP
YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY**

Mr. Marty McLoughlin of Extreme Fitness Personal Training presented a check in the amount of \$5,370 to Falls Township Police Department for the Youth Police Academy. The next session starts on July 17th. Over the past three years, they have raised approximately \$16,270 for this program. Mr. McLoughlin said he is honored to help with this program. Officer John Yeager spoke about the Youth Police Academy program. They do allow repeat attendees and those youth wear a yellow shirt. Each year the program is changed by about sixty percent.

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

Mrs. Toni Battiste asked about a public meeting for the sewer laterals. Ms. Gallagher said there is an informational session this coming Monday evening to discuss a draft ordinance that has been prepared. The board has not yet authorized to advertise this, as it is in draft form. People can attend and ask questions. Ms. Battiste asked if there would be anything available for them to review prior to the meeting, especially for those who cannot attend. Chairman Harvie said at the next meeting they may authorize advertisement which would start the process. People will have multiple chances to ask questions before any of this gets approved. Mrs. Battiste asked if there is any news on Elcon. Chairman Harvie said no.

**ITEM # 2 CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR INTER-MUNICIPAL TRANSFER
OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE**

Member Galloway moved to open the hearing for the inter-municipal transfer of liquor license for Outback Steakhouse; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Ms. Gallagher said this is a public hearing for a liquor license transfer

application, # R-6252, from Warrington Township, Bucks County, into Falls Township. The applicant is Outback Steakhouse of Florida, LLC. Ms. Gallagher reviewed the rules for transfer of a liquor license. Act 141 requires the applicant to obtain from the receiving municipality a resolution approving the inter-municipal transfer of the liquor license prior to the applicant's submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. Ms. Gallagher said they have reviewed the application and found it to be substantially complete. Falls Township has in excess of one license per 3,000 residents. The Liquor Code requires that prior to adoption of a resolution by the receiving municipality, at least one hearing be held for the purpose of permitting individuals residing within the municipality to make comments and recommendations regarding the applicant's intent to transfer a liquor license into the receiving municipality. This has been advertised on July 2, 2019 and July 19, 2019, according to the Liquor Code. Ms. Ellen Freeman, Esq. (Flaherty & O'Hara) represents the applicant. Ms. Freeman said the property is located at 650 Commerce Boulevard. This is a stand-alone business. Outback Steakhouse restaurants are owned by Bloomin' Brands. If approved, this would be the twenty-fifth Outback Steakhouse in Pennsylvania. It will be 6,620 sq. ft. and will have seating for about 200 people. There will be an outdoor covered area for patrons waiting to be seated. The food to alcohol ratio is 70% food to 30% alcohol. All of the alcohol servers will go through the standard responsible alcohol management program as well as Outback Steakhouse's internal safety training and policies that they have in their stores. Member Galloway asked how many liquor licenses are currently in Falls Township. Ms. Freeman said there are 25 liquor licenses in Falls Township. The quota is presently around 12 or 13. Member Rocco asked how they go about finding a liquor license. Ms. Freeman said their firm only handles liquor licenses. The ideal scenario would be to find one in Falls Township. Finding a liquor license typically starts six to nine months before this hearing. Once you secure one, you have to negotiate a purchase agreement. A Falls Township liquor license may be available now, but it may not have been available nine months ago. Chairman Harvie asked if there were a separate bar area. Ms. Freeman said there will be a bar area much like Bonfish Grill. There will be a stand-alone bar in their waiting area after you walk in their doors. Member Boraski asked what happens to the liquor license if Outback Steakhouse were to close. Ms. Freeman said with that location, it is more likely another chain restaurant would move in and buy the license. Member Galloway moved to close the hearing for the inter-municipal transfer of liquor license for Outback Steakhouse; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to approve Resolution # 19-16 to approve the application for inter-municipal transfer of liquor license for Outback Steakhouse; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 3 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN FALLS FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 AND VOLUNTEER'S FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. TO FINANCE EQUIPMENT

Member Galloway moved to open the public hearing to consider approval of the agreement between Falls Fire Company No. 1 and Volunteer's Financial Services, Inc. to finance equipment; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. Ms.

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Gallagher said this is a public hearing required under applicable federal law regarding a financing agreement between the Falls Fire Company No. 1 and Volunteer's Financial Services, Inc. to finance the purchase of a used firetruck vehicle. The only signatures on the agreement are from the fire company and the financing company. Member Dence moved to close the public hearing to consider approval of agreement between Falls Fire Company No. 1 and Volunteer's Financial Services, Inc. to finance equipment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to approve the agreement between the Falls Township Fire Company No. 1 and the Volunteer's Financial Services, Inc. to finance the purchase of fire equipment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 4 CONSIDER THE 2019-2020 DIESEL AND UNLEADED FUEL BIDS FOR FALLS TOWNSHIP

Manager Gray said the Bucks County Consortium Fuel Bid was opened by Upper Southampton Township and the results were forwarded to Falls Township. The pricing is as follows: Unleaded regular 6000 gallons or greater delivery @ -\$0.0109 (PAPCO Inc.) and Ultra low sulfur diesel 5,999 gallons or less delivery @ \$0.2134 (East River Energy). Mr. Jason Lawson provided additional information to the board. Member Galloway moved to accept the diesel and unleaded fuel bids from the Bucks County Consortium as presented; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE 2019 FALLS TOWNSHIP ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Manager Gray said the 2019 Road Program will consist of a full-depth road reconstruction of Rice Drive, Fletcher Drive, and Lions Drive. Member Dence moved to authorize advertisement for the 2019 Falls Township Road Improvement Program; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 6 CONSIDER QUOTE FOR RESURFACING THE BASKETBALL COURTS AT THE FALLS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK

Mr. Brian Andrews has secured a quote from Seal Master in the amount of \$11,145.42 for resurfacing the basketball courts at the Falls Township Community Park. Member Boraski asked how everything else is at the basketball court. Mr. Andrews said everything else is okay. This will take one to two days and our Public Works crew will do a lot of the work. Member Boraski moved to accept the quote from Seal Master, off of the Co-Stars list, in the amount of \$11,145.42 to resurface the basketball courts at the Falls Township Community Park; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 7 MINUTES – JUNE 18, 2019

Member Dence moved to approve the minutes from June 18, 2019; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Rocco who abstained from the vote. (4-0-1)

ITEM # 8 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Jones said we have added one new flood plain permit application, two general cell tower alteration applications, and four new earth disturbance application submissions. There are sixteen ongoing land development projects. AAA is finished and open to the public. Construction continues at St. Josephs Court; they still have to begin construction of the clubhouse. They anticipate being finished by the end of this year. There are twenty-nine earth disturbance projects. For the South Olds Boulevard culvert, we are still working with PEMA to do the E-Grant process. The 2018 Road Program will be substantially complete by the end of this week. The 2019 Road Program has been authorized for advertisement. We will split the project into two sections. We will go out to bid on half of the scope and will be finalizing the design and go out to bid early so construction for the 2020 scope will begin in mid-March. If we do it that way, we can combine both landscape packages into one package and we think we can get a good price on that. There will be a resident meeting on Wednesday, July 31st at 6:30 p.m. We will invite the folks who will be affected by the first half of this project. Member Dence moved to accept the June Engineers Report as presented; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 9 BILL LIST

Member Rocco moved to approve the bill list for July 16, 2019 in the amount of \$2,138,799.64; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 10 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Gallagher said prior to tonight's meeting, the board met to discuss personnel matters and a collective bargaining matter. Chairman Harvie said the board also met on July 2nd to discuss a personnel matter.

ITEM # 11 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Wilcox reported on the following:

- A. The Safety Net tracking system is up and available. This program is designed for our residents with cognitive disability, Alzheimer's, autism, and under 24-hour care who do not drive.
- B. Sgt. Clark and his crew did a great job in helping a little girl celebrate her birthday.
- C. We were very aggressive this year with fireworks. We issued twelve citations. It is hard catching these folks in the act, but residents should call the police to report any offenders. One person who set off fireworks threw them in the trash and his home caught on fire. Chairman Harvie said they do rely on people calling the police. People should make the phone call. Our police need that information to go out and

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- find the people who are doing this.
- D. July 17th is the first day of the Youth Police Academy. Officer Yeager and the rest of the department, Mr. McLoughlin, and the volunteers really step up to help and do a great job with this great program.
 - E. If residents have a security system or camera outside of their home, they can register with the police department. If an incident occurs and the police need to see surveillance, they can request this from the residents.
 - F. If any residents have firearms that they no longer want, please contact the police department. They will destroy them for you.

Member Rocco left the meeting at 7:50 p.m. to catch a flight.

ITEM # 12 MANAGER COMMENT

- A. Member Galloway moved to approve the police department General Order DNA Policy; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
- B. Member Galloway moved to approve change order # 1 in the amount of \$1,435, for electric work at the Quaker Penn Park; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
- C. Member Dence moved to approve the donation of two used Ford Crown Victoria vehicles from the police department to the Pennsbury School District; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
- D. There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the township building this Friday, July 19th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.
- E. Manager Gray announced the following new businesses: Young Nail & Facial, Inc., Genesa Home Health Care, Artistic Nails Plus, and Zimora's Beauty Boutique.
- F. Manager Gray said mylars are ready for MLH.

ITEM # 13 BOARD COMMENT

Member Dence – no comment.

Member Boraski – no comment.

Member Galloway – no comment.

Chairman Harvie said this coming Monday, there will be a meeting at 7 p.m. regarding sewer laterals. When selling property, this would require property owners to have their lateral sewer line video inspected to make sure there are no breakages. This will protect the interest of the new buyer and cut down on inflow and infiltration which is water that seeps into the sewer lines and causes overflow to sewage treatment plants and other problems down the line. We will be looking at passing an actual ordinance in the fall. There was a conflict with two board members for the August meeting. It was agreed to move the August

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meeting to Thursday, August 22nd. Chairman Harvie provided information about a request from a doctor about PA American Water not having fluoride in their water. In order to add the fluoride, PA American Water needs a request from all of the municipalities they currently serve. Member Dence moved to approve sending a letter to PA American Water asking for fluoride to be added to their water; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

Member Dence moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Galloway seconded the motion all board members were in favor. (4-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary

Peter Gino, ASSISTANT SECRETARY