

**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 7:08 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

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

Mr. Roland Kenney thanked the workers and volunteers at Pennsbury Manor. He said almost 1,000 people attended the Halloween event on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kenney said that Waste Management took the seniors on a tour of the landfill today and then visited Pennsbury Manor. He said his wife also went on the tour and enjoyed it very much. Mr. Kenney thanked Waste Management for the \$30,000 donation to Pennsbury Manor. Mr. Kenney spoke about the Earned Income Tax (EIT). He said the board moved forward with phase 1 of 3 phases. He hopes the board will support the EIT.

Mr. Guido Mariani would like the township to look at leaf management alternatives. He said the township's population is getting older and it is very hard for seniors to pick up leaves so they have to pay a landscaper upwards of \$200 to do this task. Mr. Mariani spoke about having curbside collection, including use of a vacuum truck, where all you need to do is to rake the leaves to the curbside or use the biodegradable bags which we participate in now. Mr. Mariani said the vacuum truck does not necessarily have to be provided by our township personnel. He thinks the township should explore an inter-municipality agreement and believes other areas would be interested in this type of arrangement. Mr. Mariani said Bristol Township has recently closed six elementary schools. They will be replaced with three mega schools and those new schools will all use geo-thermal technology.

Member Dence said he would not be opposed to finding out how much it would cost to hire a contractor for leaf clean up.

Mr. Gerard Lykon (non resident and business owner) belongs to the Bristol Borough Business Association. They are having a car giveaway. The car will be given to a needy individual or family. This year the panel of judges will include a local Judge, a church Pastor, and the Bristol Township Fire Marshal. A person can enter the contest or nominate someone else. Mr. Lykon will leave some applications with Manager Gray. The deadline for entering the contest is December 11<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. The drawing will take place on



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December 24<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has questions, Mr. Lykon can be reached at 215-788-6018 or his cell at 267-312-5453.

**ITEM # 2 DISCUSSION ON RESULTS FROM ECONSULT SOLUTIONS FOR THE EARNED INCOME TAX STUDY**

Mr. Peter Angelides from Econsult Solutions provided information from the Earned Income Tax (EIT) study. They asked the tax collectors from Bucks County and Montgomery County how much they collect from Falls Township residents. For those two counties, it is about \$1M. The second thing they did is to do an analysis that looked at where people work (in Pennsylvania or elsewhere), where they live, what their incomes are, is there an EIT where they work, and they use that to construct a matrix of all people who live in Falls Township. One exercise looks at dollars and cents and the other is an analysis. The percentage of Falls Township residents already paying an EIT is 48%. Of that, 9% is to Philadelphia. You cannot capture the EIT that goes to Philadelphia. About 39% of your residents pay EIT to another jurisdiction that is not Philadelphia. Almost 30% of your workers work out of state, mostly in New Jersey. Almost 14% work in a non-EIT jurisdiction in Pennsylvania. There are 9% of your residents who work in Falls Township. It is about \$2M that you could recapture if you impose an EIT. Member Boraski asked if the figures are based on 2013 or 2014. Mr. Angelides said both of these years. Member Galloway asked if this would be a difference to the people who work in Philadelphia. Mr. Angelides said no. Chairman Harvie said if the township were to pass its own EIT, it would be a tax increase for about 52% of the people in Falls Township. The board will not take any action this evening. Board members said it was good to get the results of the study.

**ITEM # 3 CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 209, SECTION 7, BY REZONING CERTAIN LANDS IDENTIFIED AT BUCKS COUNTY TMP # 13-018-002 AND 13-018-001-002 FROM NCR – NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION RESIDENTIAL TO NC – NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL**

Mr. Thomas Profy represents the applicant. Ms. Gallagher said this has been advertised, the property has been posted, and the surrounding property owners have been given notice. Mr. Profy said this property is the former bicycle shop near the Burger King on New Falls Road along with the adjacent wooded lot next to the bicycle shop. The Fairless Hills Credit Union will relocate to this location. They hope to appear before this board in December for approval of the credit union's new headquarters, a 5,600 sq. ft, 2-story building. Member Dence moved to approve Ordinance # 14-12, amending the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 209, Section 7, by rezoning certain lands identified at Bucks County TMP # 13-018-002 and 13-018-001-002 from NCR – Neighborhood Conservation Residential to NC – Neighborhood Commercial; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor.  
(5-0)



**ITEM # 4 CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE GREEN BELT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR VERMILLION HILLS**

Manager Gray said the board is asked to consider authorization to advertise for the Vermillion Hills drainage project. Member Galloway moved to authorize advertisement for the Green Belt Drainage Improvement project for Vermillion Hills; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 5 CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

Manager Gray said the township has nine vehicles available for auction. Manager Gray provided information on these vehicles. Member Dence moved to approve Resolution # 14-32 for the sale of surplus equipment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 6 CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR AUDIT OF THE 2014 FINANCIAL RECORDS**

Manager Gray asked the board to consider authorization to advertise for appointing a certified public accountant or firm for the 2014 financial audit. Major and Mastro performed this work for the last two years and this year will be the final year of a three-year agreement. Member Dence moved to authorize advertisement for audit of the 2014 financial records; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 7 CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE REVISING CHAPTER 120, SECTION 7 – VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

Ms. Gallagher said the change in this ordinance involves increasing the maximum fine of \$500 to \$1,000. Member Dence moved to approve Ordinance # 14-13, revising Chapter 120, Section 7 – Violations and Penalties; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 8 MINUTES – OCTOBER 21, 2014**

Member Dence moved to approve the October 21, 2014 minutes; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 9 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Gallagher said the board held an Executive Session prior to the meeting. They met with representatives from Premiere Technology Solutions to discuss the township's information technology needs. No deliberations or actions were taken. The board discussed two matters of potential litigation as well as several personnel matters.



**ITEM # 10 MANAGER COMMENT**

- A. Member Rocco moved to approve the donation of a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria vehicle to the Emergency Services Program at Bucks County Technical High School; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 11 BOARD COMMENT**

Member Rocco said he knows the board was split on whether or not to do the EIT study. He is glad they did. The numbers were that 48% of our residents are paying the EIT whether they pay in Philadelphia or another municipality. It is \$2M, but for him, he doesn't think the scales are tipped enough to have further conversation about this.

Member Galloway said he is also glad they had the conversation about the EIT. The point Chairman Harvie brought forward that it would be a new tax for 52% of the residents is a lot to consider. It is good to have this information and was good to have this discussion.

Member Boraski – no comment.

Member Dence spoke about the Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Council. He said an area they targeted was Austin Drive which is one of the worst streets in the township for speeding. They have been doing enforcement at Queen Anne and Austin Drive. Another spot is on Olds Boulevard in front of the high school where the speed is 25 mph. A resident, Marianne Presser, expressed interest in joining that board. Member Dence moved to appoint Marianne Presser to the Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Council to the next longest term; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

Member Dence would be interested in having a conversation about the possibility of a contractor coming into the township to perform leaf collection.

Chairman Harvie said there will be leaf collection on November 15<sup>th</sup> and November 29<sup>th</sup>. Leaves need to be in 30-gallon trash containers without lids or the biodegradable paper bags. Chairman Harvie encourages that if anyone lives near elderly residents that they be a good neighbor and help them with their leaf pick up. Manager Gray and Chairman Harvie are trying to reach out to Waste Management on this topic. Chairman Harvie said tomorrow is Election Day. He encourages everyone to vote. Next week on November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day. Chairman Harvie said we owe a lot to our veterans for all of the sacrifices they have made and continue to make to make our country what it is today.

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 7:50 p.m.

  
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Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary

