

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

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

The meeting commenced at 7:04 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present with the exception of Member Rocco who had a work commitment. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Finance Director Betsey Reukauf, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

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

Mr. Bill Renson (Cable Advisory Board) said they have been getting a number of complaints from residents about billing and service issues dealing with Comcast. Mr. Renson is going to try to set up a meeting in January with Mr. Brian Jeter of Comcast. Mr. Renson requests that if residents have any issues with Comcast, to please make him aware of the issues. In addition, if any residents wish to be appointed to the Cable Advisory Board, to also contact him. Chairman Harvie said they have been getting some complaints from residents about our meeting not being aired. It seems that the residents who are having problems are Comcast customers. Chairman Harvie said the township will air the last meeting as well as tonight's meeting for a couple of weeks. At the January meeting, the board will look at making appointments to the Cable Advisory Board. Mr. Renson said they are often asked why they cannot get Verizon in the mobile home parks. The reason is because it is private property and it is up to the owners to allow us to bring in Verizon.

Ms. Lisa Farrell said she has lived in Falls Township for 25 years. She is very happy with the school district, the programs and services the township offers, and the first responders. Ms. Farrell has an environmental degree and is familiar with soil and water damage and chemical reactions. Ms. Farrell does not stand behind the Elcon hazardous waste plant. She said we have enough going on in Falls Township and does not think this area can stand any further pollution. She believes that Elcon belongs as far away as possible from water and people. No matter how safe they claim it to be, nothing is infallible. Ms. Farrell wants to go on record that she is against the proposed Elcon location here in Falls Township. Ms. Farrell spoke about the Live Here, Spend Here program. She would like to add a "Stay Here" clause at the end of that as long as Falls Township remains a safe place to live. Chairman Harvie said there were some people here two meetings ago and they also made some similar comments about Elcon. Elcon has not submitted anything to the township. They are very early in the DEP process. The preliminary phase 1 study was to make sure

the proposed location is not in a flood zone, which it is not. The phase 2 study looks at air pollution, among other things. His feeling is that it has to be safe. In terms of being downstream, he takes that very seriously.

Ms. Rochelle Costigan also wanted to also speak about Elcon. She is a former Tullytown resident and moved to Falls Township to get away from the stench that hung in the air. She had health problems and moved to Falls Township because she wanted to stay in the Pennsbury School District. Ms. Costigan said this proposed project should be stopped. We have such a beautiful area and she doesn't know why we would risk our lives for this company.

Mr. Doug Marshall (non-resident) also commented on Elcon. He said he is not an expert on this issue, but understands there is a lot of hazardous waste that would be brought into that site. The two components at risk are air quality and water quality. Anywhere up to 30 miles could be affected by air quality. In regard to water quality, you are talking about millions of people who rely on the Delaware River for their water. This company has a location in Haifa and they are now re-locating to the desert. This was no place for that plant, with Haifa being such a highly-populated area. If this project does make it the board and if they could guarantee 110% that it would be safe, that would be something to consider. If it does get to the local level, Mr. Marshall would request that at least a few public hearings be held with experts in the field.

Mr. Steve Cickay (Newtown) said he loves Falls Township. It is historic and a nice place to visit. Mr. Cickay wanted to plant a seed with the township to persuade the Governor to re-enact a green-energy program giving tax credits to those who install solar panels. There was previously a plan in place, but it was discontinued. Member Dence said the township waived permit fees for anyone installing solar panels and energy-efficient installations. Member Dence and Chairman Harvie spoke about another type of incentive program.

ITEM # 2 PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR PISCOPO BROTHERS GARAGE FOR STANDARD TOW TRUCK WRECKER SERVICE FOR THE 2016 CALENDAR YEAR

Member Boraski moved to open the public hearing for Piscopo Brothers Garage; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Mr. Clarke said this is an application for a public hearing for Piscopo Brothers Garage for standard tow truck wrecker service for the 2016 calendar year. The applicant received notice of this hearing. Mr. Clarke entered exhibits for the hearing and Mr. Clarke reviewed conditions of the ordinance. The applicant was found to be in non-compliance of the ordinance and their application is deemed incomplete. Member Galloway moved to deny the application for Piscopo Brothers Garage for standard tow truck wrecker service for the 2016 calendar year; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Galloway moved to close the public hearing for Piscopo Brothers Garage; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 3 PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR FALLS AUTO BODY FOR STANDARD TOW TRUCK WRECKER SERVICE FOR THE 2016 CALENDAR YEAR

Member Dence moved to open the public hearing for Falls Auto Body; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Mr. Clarke said this is an application for a public hearing for Falls Auto Body for standard tow truck wrecker service for the 2016 calendar year. The applicant received notice of this hearing. Mr. Clarke entered exhibits for the hearing and Mr. Clarke reviewed conditions of the ordinance. The applicant was found to be in non-compliance of the ordinance as they must maintain a storage lot within Falls Township. Mr. Ben Backes Jr. was here on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Backes asked if they could be grandfathered back in to the clause of having a yard outside the township. Mr. Clarke said the ordinance, as it is written, is very specific to the requirements as to the grandfathering. Chairman Harvie said the wreckers ordinance has been re-written to protect the township and we try to follow it as close as we can to protect the township. Mr. Backes spoke about a \$500 fine and believes since it was their first offense, it should have been for less money. Chairman Harvie said Ms. Gallagher can look into this for Mr. Backes. Member Galloway moved to deny the application for Falls Auto Body for standard tow truck wrecker service for the 2016 calendar year; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Dence moved to close the public hearing for Falls Auto Body; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 4 PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR JOHN BECK'S AUTO BODY FOR STANDARD TOW TRUCK WRECKER SERVICE FOR THE 2016 CALENDAR YEAR

Mr. Clarke entered two exhibits for John Beck's Auto Body. John Beck's Auto Body sent Manager Gray a letter requesting that the hearing be delayed until the next meeting. The next scheduled meeting for the Board of Supervisors is the re-organization meeting, so the hearing will be scheduled at the next regular meeting which is currently scheduled for January 18, 2016. John Beck's Auto Body has agreed to that date.

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER ADOPTING 2016 BUDGET AND RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MILLAGE RATE FOR YEAR 2016

Member Dence moved to adopt the 2016 Budget; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Dence moved to approve Resolution # 15-31, establishing the millage rate for the year 2016; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 6 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LED STREET LIGHTS

Mr. Joe Arnao has secured two quotes for Wesco Distribution in the amount of \$28,663.60 for additional LED street lights. Member Galloway moved to authorize the purchase of LED lights from Wesco Distribution in the amount of \$28,663.60; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 7 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF TWO DETECTIVE VEHICLES FOR THE FALLS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sgt. Chris Clarke and Chief William Wilcox have secured quotes for the purchase of two detective vehicles for the Falls Township Police Department. Manager Gray provided further information in regard to these quotes. Member Boraski moved to authorize the purchase of two used vehicles from Peruzzi in the amount of \$14,295 for the Falls Township Police Department; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 8 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF CAMERAS FOR THE FALLS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Wilcox provided information about the purchase of cameras for the police department. Lt. Arie has secured a quote in the amount of \$17,040 from Watchguard. This is off of the Co-Stars program. Member Galloway moved to approve the purchase of two camera kits from Watchguard in the amount of \$17,040; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 9 CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR THE PECO GRANT FOR THE FALLS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY GARDEN

Mr. Brian Andrews spoke about the PECO grant and combining it with other grants for the Falls Township community garden project. Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 15-32 for the PECO grant for the Falls Township Community Garden; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 10 CONSIDER AWARDING WORKERS COMPENSATION CONTRACT FOR YEAR 2016

Member Galloway moved to award the Workers Compensation contract for year 2016 to Delaware Valley Workers Compensation Trust (DVIT) and State Workmen's Insurance Fund (SWIF) in the amount of \$457,007; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 11 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Sullivan said the boat ramps will be removed this week. For the road program, Makefield Road has been completed. The project is now in the maintenance portion and will be for the next few years. Member Dence moved to approve the November 2015 Engineers Report dated December 11, 2015; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 12 BILL LIST

Member Galloway moved to approve the December 15, 2015 bill list in the amount of \$2,218,380.78; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 13 MINUTES – DECEMBER 1, 2015

Member Boraski moved to approve the minutes dated December 1, 2015; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 14 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Clarke said after the last meeting on December 1, 2015, the board went into Executive Session and discussed a matter of litigation, a matter of potential litigation, and a personnel matter. Prior to tonight's meeting, the board discussed a matter of litigation and a matter of potential litigation.

ITEM # 15 MANAGER COMMENT

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- B. Member Dence moved to approve the time extension to March 25, 2016 for the waiver of land development project for Pennsbury Manor; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
- C. Member Galloway moved to approve escrow release # 2 for Mar-Mar Builders in the amount of \$195,962.71; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
- D. Manager Gray has ISC Salesmaster mylars ready for signature.

ITEM # 16 BOARD COMMENT

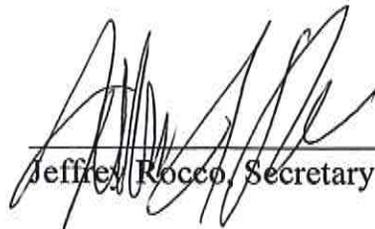
Member Galloway wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Member Boraski – no comment.

Member Dence wishes everyone happy holidays and safe travels.

Chairman Harvie wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He thanked board members for all of the work this past year and said they have had a very productive year. Chairman Harvie said the township has several openings on boards and commissions. If anyone is interested in serving, please take a look on the township website to see what is open and submit a letter of interest to the township. They will be looking at filling some vacancies at the January 4, 2016 meeting.

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 8:24 p.m.



Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary