

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

ROLL CALL:

ROBERT HARVIE, JR., CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JONATHAN SNIPES, VICE-CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JEFFRY DENCE, SECRETARY-TREASURER	PRESENT
PHILIP SZUPKA, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT
DOROTHY VISLOSKY, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT

TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE – JOHN RYBA – AS AUDITOR

**TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE – KIMBERLY SCARPIELLO –
AS TAX COLLECTOR**

TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE – JEFFRY E. DENCE – AS SUPERVISOR

TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE – ROBERT J. HARVIE – AS SUPERVISOR

Mr. John Ryba, Mrs. Kimberly Scarpiello, Mr. Jeffry Dence, and Mr. Robert Harvie were sworn in by Judge Jan Vislosky.

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TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN PRESIDING**

The meeting commenced at 7:10 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Ed Rudolph, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

Member Snipes moved to appoint Member Harvie as Temporary Chairman; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Vislosky who voted no. (4-1)

ITEM # 1 CHAIRMAN APPOINTMENT

Member Snipes moved to appoint Member Harvie as Chairman. Member Vislosky moved to appoint Member Dence as Chairman; Member Szupka seconded the motion. Member Dence declined the nomination. Member Dence seconded Member Snipes' motion. A vote was taken on Member Snipes' motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Szupka and Member Vislosky who both voted no. (3-2)

ITEM # 2 VICE-CHAIRMAN APPOINTMENT

Member Dence moved to appoint Member Snipes as Vice Chairman; Chairman Harvie seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Szupka and Member Vislosky who both voted no. (3-2)

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ITEM # 3 SECRETARY – TREASURER APPOINTMENT

Member Snipes moved to appoint Member Dence as Secretary-Treasurer; Chairman Harvie seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 4 ASSISTANT SECRETARY – TREASURER APPOINTMENT

Member Snipes moved to appoint Mr. Peter Gray as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 5 ESTABLISH MEETING DATES AND TIME FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Member Vislosky moved to set the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. for the regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors; Member Szupka seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 6 APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR/SPECIAL COUNSEL – SET COMPENSATION FEES

Member Dence moved to appoint Flager and Yockey as zoning and land development counsel at a rate of \$160/hr. for the township and \$315/hr. for developers; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Szupka and Member Vislosky who both voted no. (3-2) Member Dence moved to appoint Mr. Jordan Yeager from Curtin & Heefner as labor counsel at the rate of \$140/hr. for general representation and \$170/hr. for arbitration and litigation; Member Snipes seconded the motion. Member Vislosky moved to table this appointment; Member Szupka seconded the motion. Member Szupka and Member Vislosky voted yes on Member Vislosky's motion; Member Dence, Member Snipes, and Chairman Harvie voted no on Member Vislosky's motion. The vote did not pass. (2-3) A vote was taken on Member Dence's motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Szupka and Member Vislosky who both voted no. (3-2) Member Dence moved to table the appointment of general counsel; Member Vislosky seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Chairman Harvie said the current counsel will continue in this role until future action is taken by the board. Member Vislosky said the professionals serve at will and they can be dismissed by three votes of this board at any time. Member Vislosky spoke of what happened when Mr. Bergman and Mr. Harkins left the township.

ITEM # 7 APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP ENGINEER AND TRAFFIC ENGINEER – SET COMPENSATION FEES

Member Snipes moved to appoint Traffic Planning and Design as the traffic engineer at a rate of \$95/hr.; Member Dence seconded the motion. Member Vislosky moved to table this appointment; Member Szupka seconded the motion. A vote was taken on Member Vislosky's motion. Member Szupka and Member Vislosky voted yes on Member Vislosky's motion; Member Dence, Member Snipes, and Chairman Harvie voted no on Member Vislosky's motion. The vote did not pass. (2-3) A vote was taken on Member Snipes' motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Szupka who voted no and Member Vislosky who voted no. (3-2) Member Snipes moved to appoint

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CMX as the township engineer at the rate of \$95/hr. for principal; Chairman Harvie seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Vislosky who voted no. (4-1)

ITEM # 8 APPOINTMENT OF VACANCY BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman Harvie explained the need for this position. Member Vislosky said there is no vacancy board. She said there is only one individual who breaks the tie if this board votes two to two. Member Snipes moved to appoint Arlene Goulding as the Vacancy Board Chairman; Chairman Harvie seconded the motion. Member Vislosky said she would like to see Jack Deithorn in this position. A vote was taken on Member Snipes' motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Vislosky who voted no. (4-1)

ITEM # 9 APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COUNCILS AND COMMISSIONS

Member Dence moved to re-appoint Mr. Robert Hedden to the Board of Appeals; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Vislosky moved to appoint Quinn Kelly to the Parks and Rec Board for the position ending in 2011; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Snipes moved to appoint Lindsey Martier-Kelly to the Parks and Rec Board for the position ending in 2010; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Snipes moved to appoint Ralph Asplen to a 5-yr. term on the Parks and Rec Board; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Snipes moved to appoint Debbie Martier to a 5-yr. position on the Parks and Rec Board; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Vislosky moved to appoint Member Szupka as the board representative to the Police Pension Committee; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Szupka moved to appoint Mr. Henry Conroy to the Police Pension Committee; Member Vislosky seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to appoint Mr. James Goodwin to a 5-yr. term on the Water and Sewer Authority; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Vislosky who abstained from the vote. (4-0-1) Member Vislosky moved to approve Resolution # 10-01 to appoint Mr. Scott Milliken as a full member of the Zoning Hearing Board; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Snipes moved to approve Resolution # 10-02 to appoint Mr. Bill Kiernan as an alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Szupka and Member Vislosky who both voted no. (3-2) Member Vislosky said the reason she did not approve is because Mr. Kiernan has no knowledge of zoning and she has a great deal of knowledge of him. She said Mr. Kiernan has absconded with the Republican parties' balance and checks a few elections ago and she doesn't want a person of that caliber serving on the Zoning Hearing Board. Member Vislosky said this is a paid position and there is too much opportunity to do the wrong thing. Chairman Harvie said Member Vislosky is accusing him of theft and if that were true, she should bring him up on charges.

ITEM # 10 PUBLIC COMMENT – FIVE MINUTES PER PERSON – FORTY-FIVE MINUTES MAXIMUM

Mrs. Dorothy Vislosky spoke about the public comment policy. She said at the last meeting Mr. Kenney and Mr. Mariani approached the microphone and Mr. Mariani screamed at her. Mrs. Vislosky said she will answer things that happen at these meetings on her website. Mrs. Vislosky said she was told by Mr. Mariani that she has absolutely no friends. Mrs. Vislosky said everything that was said about her was not true. Mrs. Vislosky said she had flowers sent to her as well as over 300 cards and letters. Mrs. Vislosky said there isn't anything that will make her angry at any one of these meetings. Mrs. Vislosky said she went to the Calvary Church on Sunday and attended the inspiring sermon by Pastor Farina. Member Vislosky thanked Pastor Farina for being gracious to a friend of hers. Chairman Harvie apologized to Member Vislosky for the comments that were made at the last meeting.

ITEM # 11 CONSIDER TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S AGREEMENT

Member Vislosky said the township manager's serves at will. She said she doesn't see this as an urgent agenda item and thinks this can be addressed at another time. Member Snipes moved to ratify the agreement for the township manager; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Vislosky who voted no. (4-1)

ITEM # 12 APPOINTMENT OF DEPOSITORIES BY RESOLUTION

Member Dence moved to approve Resolution # 10-03 for the appointment of depositories; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 13 RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF AUDITORS TO SET THE TREASURER'S BOND AT \$2,000,000.00

Member Snipes moved to set the treasurer's bond at \$2M; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 14 NOMINATE DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION'S 88TH ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW – APRIL 18-21, 2010, HERSHEY, PA

Member Vislosky said she has attended this meeting and did not submit any expenses to the township. She said whoever does attend should give a report as to what they have learned. This item will be re-visited at a future meeting.

ITEM # 15 MINUTES – DECEMBER 15, 2009

Member Snipes moved to approve the minutes from December 15, 2009; Chairman Harvie seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Vislosky who voted no and Member Dence who abstained from the vote. (3-1-1)

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Member Vislosky said she would like an Executive Session before the next meeting to discuss the more sensitive things that go on. Chairman Harvie said they could meet for Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. before the next meeting to discuss Member Vislosky's concerns.

ITEM # 16 EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no Executive Session held.

ITEM # 17 MANAGER COMMENT – None.

ITEM # 18 BOARD COMMENT

Member Szupka welcomed Member Dence to the board. Member Szupka said he knows Member Dence has been talking with people and looking at projects within the township. Member Szupka looks forward to a good 2010.

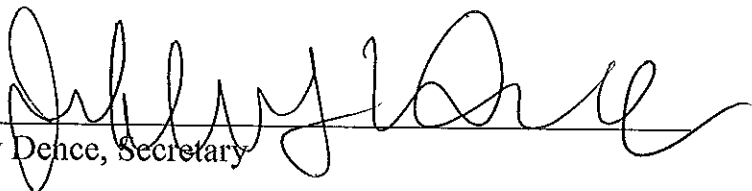
Member Vislosky also welcomed Member Dence to the board. She said he has a lot to learn. Member Vislosky believes any change to this board would have been an improvement.

Member Dence thanked the people of Falls Township for electing him to this position and said he looks forward to serving them for the next six years.

Member Snipes welcomed Member Dence and looks forward to working with him. Member Snipes said he is interested in continuing to look at some things that have been started. Member Snipes said Falls Township is in excellent financial position. He would like to look at business development and services for the residents and looks forward to 2010. Member Snipes said he hopes the board can work cooperatively with each other.

Chairman Harvie thanked the public for attending tonight's meeting. He thanked Judge Vislosky for swearing in the elected officials. Chairman Harvie welcomed Member Dence to the board and said he knows Member Dence will do a good job. Chairman Harvie announced the winning houses for the House Decorating Contest. The addresses are: 438 Lakeside Drive, 9 Franklin Street, 35 Yardley Avenue, 213 Austin Drive, and 210 Austin Drive.

Member Snipes moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Dence seconded the motion; all Board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.


Jeffrey Dence, Secretary