

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

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| ROBERT HARVIE, JR., CHAIRMAN | PRESENT |
| JEFFRY DENCE, VICE-CHAIRMAN | PRESENT |
| JEFFREY ROCCO, SECRETARY | PRESENT |
| JONATHAN SNIPES, SUPERVISOR | PRESENT |
| BRIAN M. GALLOWAY, SUPERVISOR | PRESENT |

The meeting commenced at 7:07 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 that board members are wearing pink this evening in support of breast cancer awareness. As a reminder to the women in the community and the women in our lives, please remember to get a mammogram. Chairman Harvie thanked Member Rocco for the suggestion of wearing pink.

Mr. Clarke said the board held an Executive Session at the conclusion of the October 1, 2013 meeting. The board discussed potential litigation and the negotiation of a Collective Bargaining Agreement. Earlier this evening, the board held an Executive Session to discuss negotiation on a Collective Bargaining Agreement.

**PRESENTATION BY CECELIA MURPHY REGARDING THE FALLS
TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER**

Ms. Katherine Crawford, Chairperson of the Falls Township Senior Center, said she is here along with other members from the senior center. Ms. Crawford thanked the township for the new addition to the senior center building. She said they are already using the new rooms and have been expanding their programs. Ms. Crawford said the designated age to be considered a senior citizen is fifty six. They had a year of construction, but they managed and they appreciate their new addition. Ms. Crawford said the senior center members invite the public to visit their facility. They will have an Open House on Thursday, October 24th from 1-4 p.m. There will be a flag-raising ceremony at 3 p.m. Ms. Cecelia Murphy said tonight the senior center members are here to thank the Board of Supervisors and the folks in Falls Township. Their members have already started using the new rooms. They have a sun room across the front of the building, a learning center, a computer center, a financial information center, a meeting room, and an exercise room. The forth room is a new thrift shop and is open every Wednesday. Ms. Murphy said that Ms. Crawford is the travel director and runs some terrific trips. These trips are open to the public. Ms. Murphy said they invite everyone to attend their open house next Thursday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Radio station WCBW will be there from 12 to 1 p.m. holding their “Speak Your Piece” program.

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There will be food and refreshments. The flag-raising ceremony will be done by an Honor Guard from the Washington Crossing Cemetery. Ms. Murphy thanked everyone involved in the project, including Falls Township staff, T&M Associates, Spiezel Architectural Group, and Craftsource General Contractors. They were all professional and very helpful. Chairman Harvie thanked Mrs. Murphy and her staff for all of the efforts they have put in. He hopes the township has met all of the requests from the senior center members. He said there is an issue with the area in the front, but they are working with Mr. Sullivan to make that a little easier.

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

Mr. Roland Kenney reminded township residents to vote on Election Day. Mr. Kenney said he supports our Tax Collector, Kimberly Scarpiello. He said if you have any questions and you have to contact her, she is very helpful. Mr. Kenney understands the point Mr. Clarke made at the last meeting about putting an item on the ballot. He suggested that the township take an opinion poll.

Ms. Madeleine Jones said she wanted to speak about the proposed walkway along New Falls Road. She sees people of all ages walking and sometimes trees are in their path. It is very narrow in some areas. She is one who would like to see safety on that road, wants to know how much it will cost, and wants to see township money spent wisely. Ms. Jones said at the intersection at the Ed's Auto and the Shell Station, she watched an elderly gentleman trying to cross the street. There is a lot of uneven surface in that area and she thinks all four walkways need to be looked at. She said the walkways also need to be painted. In regard to voting, Ms. Jones said it is important for everyone who is eligible to vote to please come out, but as in any election, don't just vote for your party – know each candidate, ask questions, and vote for the person who is strongest. Ms. Jones said there is a Zoning Hearing Board meeting on November 12th. There is a proposed propane tank project on the agenda for that meeting. Ms. Jones urges the residents of Pennwood Crossing to come to that meeting, ask questions, and voice their opinions about that proposed project.

Mr. Andy Dell mentioned the Three Arches celebration this weekend. He said he did a little volunteer work out there and noticed there is still some disrepair with the building. Mr. Dell asked about the status of the contractor who will replace the shutters along with some other work. Chairman Harvie said they went out to bid. The first time they got unfavorable numbers and the second time, with removing the shutters from the scope of work, they got better numbers but they couldn't get the contractor to start the work right away. The cost of getting the shutters into the shape to match everything is very expensive. Mr. Sullivan and Chairman Harvie said the millwork is custom and that is where a lot of the expense comes in. Mr. Dell suggested going with a simpler design for the shutters. Mr. Dell asked where they stand with regard to the New Falls Road sidewalk. Chairman Harvie said they have a meeting set up for next week with the three businesses that will be affected. They have a sketch plan, but at this point, don't have any concept in terms of dollars. Member Dence said none of them are losing a big amount of their parking lot. The three businesses that

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will be affected should now gain foot traffic and it may be more beneficial to them to have the sidewalk.

Ms. Lois Lambing is the Secretary of the Parks and Rec Board. She is here with Mr. Edgar Lituma who is also a member of the Parks and Rec Board. Ms. Lambing said they are here again this evening in regard to a community center. They are very limited in the number of activities their board can provide due to lack of space, especially when they are huddled underneath a tent at the Three Arches. They are again asking for help from the Board of Supervisors. They had the public attend their last meeting. Their next meeting will be held on Monday, November 4th at 7 p.m. and would like to again ask Member Dence to attend their meeting. Ms. Lambing invites the public to attend the 300th Anniversary of the Three Arches to be held on October 19th. The following Saturday will be the Children's Halloween Party. Member Dence said Manager Gray has a meeting scheduled with Mr. Sherwood Taylor about utilizing some space at the Village Park Elementary School and it turns out they may be able to use that space. Ms. Lambing said it is very frustrating to have to keep reminding everyone about their request and to also attend their meeting. Ms. Lambing and Mr. Lituma said they have been in other areas where they have community centers.

Mr. Edgar Lituma said, as a reminder, please remember to think about renovating additional soccer fields. The contractor was supposed to come back and fix around fields three and five. It doesn't look like they did that work. Mr. Sullivan said they will do this work. They are at the Quaker Penn Park Babe Ruth Baseball Field and then they will come over to the community park. Mr. Lituma also reminded the board about the sidewalk along South Olds Boulevard. Chairman Harvie said they are beginning to look at next year's budget now and will keep it in mind.

ITEM # 2 CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS – CONDITIONAL USE – 8900 BRISTOL PIKE – TMP # 13-040-045-001

Member Dence moved to open the Conditional Use Hearing for Cellco Partnership doing business as Verizon Wireless at 8900 Bristol Pike; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Clarke said this is a Conditional Use Hearing. The applicant is Cellco Partnership doing business as Verizon Wireless. The property is tax map parcel number 13-040-045-001, located in the Township of Falls, Bucks County, PA. This is an application requesting conditional use to extend the existing monopole tower, co-locate twelve panel-style antennas on the tower extension, and install radio equipment cabinets on a 12 foot by 30 foot concrete pad at the base of the tower within the existing equipment compound with an equipment canopy over the radio cabinets for weather protection, located at 8900 Bristol Pike. The applicant is represented by Mr. Christopher Schubert, Esq. Mr. Clark reviewed the format for the Conditional Use Hearing. Mr. Schubert said his applicant was granted permission to extend the existing cell tower which is located in the Light Industrial (LI) district. Mr. Schubert said his witnesses are: Mr. Brian Gravis, RF Engineer; Mr. Jim Rodgers, Site Acquisition Consultant; and Mr. Petros Tsoukalas, P.E., Civil Engineer. All of the witnesses were sworn in. Mr. Schubert

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presented an overview of this project. The property is owned by Atlantic Precast Industries. The owner of the property entered into a ground lease with a company called American Cellular Network Corp. in 1999 for the construction and leasing of a cell tower on that property. That lease was assigned to a company called American Tower Corporation Cellco Partnership, also known as Verizon Wireless, who is looking to co-locate on that tower. Mr. Schubert said there are no existing tall structures within ¼ mile of the property. In the event that there is no need for the antenna, then Verizon would have the antenna removed from the site within six months of that event. The applicant will meet all of the requirements of the FCC. There is an existing gap in this area in Falls Township and this site would help fill in that gap. In terms of extending the height of the tower, the only other available height is 95 feet. If you drop the height down, even to 105 feet, there would be less coverage from the site as opposed to putting the antenna at 160 feet on the existing pole. Lapse in coverage would open up as you lower the antenna. The minimum height would be to extend the height of the tower 12 feet and then put the antenna at a center line height of 160 feet on that tower. There is no need to light this tower. There will be some additional landscaping around the compound. The applicant's exhibits include: A-1, Zoning Hearing Board application of applicant; A-2, Affidavit of service of notice; A-3, Deed to subject property; A-4, Ground lease with property owner; A-5, Letter of authorization of tower owner; A-6, Affidavit of No Alternate Structures; A-7, Certificate of Insurance; A-8, Licenses issued by FCC to Cellco Partnership doing business as Verizon Wireless; A-9, RF Engineer report; A-10, Propagation plan with antennas at 105 feet AGL; A-11, EMF report; A-12, Non-interference report; A-13, FAA report; A-14, PA Bureau of Aviation report; A-15, Site plan of proposed tower extension – Maser Consulting Engineers, P.A.; A-16, Modification drawings; A-17, Structural report; A-18, Review letter of Township Engineer, 8/20/13; A-19, CV of RF Engineer; A-20, CV of Petros Tsoukalas, P.E. All three witnesses agreed with testimony of Mr. Shubert. Member Rocco asked if this is the highest antenna in the township at 160 feet. Mr. Sullivan said it is one of the larger towers. Member Snipes asked about lighting of the tower. Mr. Shubert said there are no lights on the tower itself. There is no need for that with this proposal. Mr. Sullivan asked about an earth disturbance permit. Mr. Shubert said Verizon will move forward with submitting a permit and a structural design. If there is a requirement for an earth disturbance permit they will submit that as well. Member Galloway moved to close the Conditional Use Hearing; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to approve Resolution # 13-31, granting the Conditional Use for Cellco Partnership doing business as Verizon Wireless at 8900 Bristol Pike, TMP # 13-040-045-001; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 3 INTERNATIONAL SALT – WAIVER OF LAND DEVELOPMENT – 12 ROEBLING ROAD – TMP # 13-51-001

Manager Gray said this is a waiver of land development for International Salt, tax map parcel 13-51-001. They are proposing construction of a travel way, truck ramp, and tank pad totaling 1,123 square feet. The location is 12 Roebbling Road. Representing International Salt is Mr. Stephen Benben. This project involves the expansion into an existing building and the land disturbance associated with that. The existing facility is

located at 12 Roebling Road and is within the KIPC Complex. They have been operating at this location since 2004. It includes the existing 150,000 square feet processing facility and impervious outside of that is used for final storage. They are negotiating to acquire an additional seven acres of adjacent outdoor space. Mr. Benben explained the need to increase capacity of their processing operations. In order to do that, they need to install new equipment inside of the adjacent building and then connect to the two buildings. It is a little over a 1,200 square foot project. It includes a concrete crossover that will be used by fork lifts to move finished product. There will be a concrete through ramp that they will be constructing. At some future point, they will also request a small concrete pad outside the building to hold the tanks. There are other improvements to the interior of the building. Facility services will be upgraded. They will apply for those permits at that time. They will be adding about twenty-five new employees so they will have to upgrade parking facilities, including restriping. They are not changing the amount of impervious area on the site and erosion control is very minor for the area they are disturbing. They are requesting waivers and they will comply with the conditions for approval as noted by Mr. Sullivan's office. They have received a letter from the fire marshal and will comply with all of his comments. Chairman Harvie said the waivers include raised planting beds in parking lot areas, trees in the parking lot areas, street trees along side streets, and curbs along the frontage of the buildings. These are waivers that are usually waived in this area. Member Galloway and Member Dence are glad to hear about the twenty-five new jobs. Member Snipes asked about the blending of salt. Mr. Jim McCormick said what they blend with salt is a magnesium and molasses blend additive that creates a product called Blizzard Wizard. The effect of the blending is to lower the melting point which makes the salt effective to below zero. Traditional rock salt is effective to 12 degrees above zero and Blizzard Wizard's low range is 6 degrees below zero. It is a minimal amount of liquid that would be added. At this time they do not plan on doing that, but it could be an item for them to consider in the future. Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 13-31, waiver of land development for International Salt, 12 Roebling Road, TMP # 13-51-001; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 4 CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR
CHAPTER 209, ZONING DISTRICT MAP, SECTION 209-7,
REZONING CERTAIN LANDS IDENTIFIED AT BUCKS COUNTY
TAX MAP PARCEL # 13-003-005 FROM NCR TO PIP**

Member Snipes moved to open the hearing for adoption of Ordinance amendment for Chapter 209, Zoning District Map, Section 209-7, rezoning certain lands identified at Bucks County Tax Map Parcel # 13-003-005 from NCR to PIP; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Clarke said this is an ordinance amendment to the Zoning Code, amending Chapter 209, change to the zoning map 209-7 rezoning tax map parcel 13-003-005 from Neighborhood Conservation Residential (NCR) to Planned Industrial Park (PIP). The applicant is represented this evening by Mr. Thomas Hecker. Mr. Rick Holman is the owner of 131 Old Oxford Valley Road. There were three properties along that frontage that are in the NCR district. His property is adjacent to the hotel. Mr. Holman said he purchased one of the properties along with the residence. He

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applied for, and received, permits to construct a large garage and renovate the existing building, a former house. He received township approval to move his business from his prior location into Falls Township. He is in the business of assembling docks and aluminum gangways. The existing NCR zoning is really an island with PIP all around. They will extend the PIP zoning line where it stops at the hotel property over to Mr. Coleman's business. It doesn't involve the remaining two properties on Old Oxford Valley Road. Mr. Clarke said Mr. Hecker explained quite clearly what they intend to do. It doesn't make sense to have your one NCR surrounded by PIP. He does not think township staff has any objections or concerns with this rezoning. Chairman Harvie asked how many employees work at this business. Mr. Coleman said he has four full-time employees and two part-time employees. Member Dence moved to close the hearing; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to open public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Ryan Andre' and Mrs. Kim Andre' spoke about these plans. Mr. Andre said they live in the adjacent property, at number 133. He would like to thank the township for deliberating to come up with restrictions for Mr. Coleman's variance. Since Mr. Coleman has been granted his variance, Mr. Andre' said he has not abided by those restrictions. Zoning Hearing restrictions included: hours of operation from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday with no business on Saturday and Sunday, there shall be no more than two business vehicles - a 35-foot trailer and a 19-foot trailer being stored on the property and both should be parked on the hotel side of the property when not in use, there shall be no outdoor storage of any kind on the property, no retail sales, no customers are permitted to visit the property, there shall be a maximum of five employees on the property, including the applicant, there shall be no parking of vehicles (including employee vehicles) between the garage and the property boundary line with the Andre' property, the applicant shall install a complete visual barrier between the property and the Andre' property consisting of evergreens. Mr. Andre' said number eight was the only thing Mr. Coleman abided by. Mr. Andre' handed out pictures. He used a game camera which only takes pictures when there is movement. The camera was filled in a day and a half. On a Sunday night at 10 p.m. the street was entirely blocked with a tractor trailer for about four or five hours. The other pictures are existing pictures he took today. Since then, he has been continually trying to clear out the property, but it has been difficult because everything was pushed into a pile. Mr. Gerard Lykon said he is Mr. Coleman's friend. He said Mr. Coleman's building is absolutely beautiful. Anytime there is a question about safety or maintenance he addresses it. Everything he does is very good. Member Galloway moved to close public comment; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Hecker presented pictures to the board of the surrounding property. He said if there is screening that needs to be done it should be done by the adjacent property owners, not Mr. Coleman. Member Dence asked what happens if someone violates the zoning code. Mr. Clarke said if you are violating the zoning code, normally what would happen is the township Code Department and the Chief Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer, Mr. Bennett, would give the applicant time to correct the problem. If they don't correct the problem, then a notice of violation would be issued and they would end up in front of the local District Judge. Mr. Clarke said some of these issues were addressed with Mr. Coleman and with Mr. Hecker. We had a meeting with Mr. Hecker and Mr. Coleman and that was the beginning of

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some parts of the discussion of changing the zoning which made more sense for this neighborhood and made sense for this business. The business that Mr. Coleman operates is consistent with most of the area around him. The restrictions that were placed were for NCR, but would not apply for PIP. No violation notices were ever issued and no one went in front of District Justice Vislosky. Mr. Galloway understood that with the change to PIP, everything that was brought forward would not apply. Mr. Clarke said that is correct. All of the original conditions that were from the Zoning Hearing Board do not apply to PIP. He doesn't believe any township staff had any indication that Mr. Coleman was violating parking of trucks or the hours of operation. It had more to do with the screening and some of the other ancillary issues. Mr. Coleman said he stops at his office about three or four times a day. He goes there every Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Coleman said they may load a truck on a Sunday evening and leave at 3 a.m. to get a head start on a long trip but it is rare that they work on a Saturday or Sunday. As far as traffic going up and down the street, Mr. Coleman said they get more traffic from Bucks County International. They have a stack of directions on their counter to give to truck drivers who are going to Bucks County International, but end up in front of his business. Mr. Coleman said his staff often has to back the trucks out of the area. They also deal with people going to Bounce U. Mr. Coleman said he took care of the blacktop and the parking lot. They are working on the issue of loading and unloading in back of his business, but it will take a little bit more time due to finances. Chairman Harvie asked Mr. Coleman when he purchased the property and turned it into a business. Mr. Coleman said he purchased the property two years ago and the business has been in operation for about a year. The area was covered with a bunch of debris when they purchased the property. He cleared up the property for the Red Roof Inn and said they were very happy. Member Snipes asked about the issue of things getting bulldozed. Mr. Coleman said when he purchased the property they were trying to work with the neighbor and after a year he said if it wasn't cleaned up, it would be bulldozed over to their side. Member Galloway moved to approve Ordinance 13-07 for amendment to Chapter 209, Zoning District Map, Section 209-7, Rezoning Certain Lands Identified at Bucks County Tax Map Parcel # 13-003-005 from NCR to PIP; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD BID FOR A FISHING PIER AT THE FALLS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK LAKE

Member Dence moved to table item number five; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 6 DISCUSSION ON TRAFFIC CALMING IN FALLS TOWNSHIP

Chairman Harvie introduced this agenda item. He said they are here to discuss ways to address the issue of speeding. Member Dence said something they discussed was putting a committee together to discuss go over some of these issues. Mr. Joe Arnao was asked if they decide to paint chevrons or paint stripes in the street can Public Works do this work. Mr. Arnao said yes. They did the speed humps at the Falls Township Community Park for

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fire trucks and school buses to test. Mr. Arnao said it would be a major problem with speed bumps in the streets. Chairman Harvie asked how long painting would last. Mr. Arnao said if you paint, it should last a couple of years. If you use thermoplast or epoxy, it may last about five years. Township staff can do small areas, but another company also does work for the township. Chairman Harvie asked if thermoplast would be an issue when it comes to plowing. Mr. Arnao said if it is applied correctly, the plows won't harm this. It embeds into the blacktop. Thermoplast is thicker than paint. It is about ¼" thick and then it melts down. Chairman Harvie asked if people have the capability to report speeders on the website. Manager Gray said yes, they do have that capability. Lt. Ward said they mostly get complaints on e-mails. They put out the speed spy and then the speed machine. Chairman Harvie asked about the striping on New Falls Road and Hood Boulevard since these are state roads. Mr. Arnao said they are limited as to what they can do with striping. He said as long as the engineer is involved, they could get approvals and Public Works could either do the work or get vendors to do this work. Member Galloway said there are over one hundred families living on Trenton Road. Member Rocco said whatever they do, he would like to get a baseline of how fast people are driving. Member Dence said when they put out the speed spy and share the results with the residents, the residents do not believe the speed spy works. When you pull the speeders over, it is often people who live on that particular street. Member Galloway said he heard something about a child getting hit by a car in front of the Oxford Valley Elementary School. Chairman Harvie asked if they would want someone from the police department on the committee or if they would want a committee of just professionals to get together a few times a year and listen to input from the residents. Lt. Ward said Chief Wilcox had an idea to have an open meeting night once a month to have residents come in and voice their opinion on any issue. Member Dence asked about painting chevrons and who would paint those lines. Mr. Arnao said if you are going to think of doing something, the first thing to do is to educate people and the second thing they recommend is enforcement. If that fails, then they can go the engineering route. Mr. Arnao said you are talking about a lot of money because everyone will want something. Member Rocco asked Lt. Ward about the speed spy. Lt. Ward said it is very accurate. Lt. Ward said they do have some other ideas that will also slow people down and he will talk with Mr. Arnao about this. Chairman Harvie said they have heard good information from Lt. Ward and Mr. Arnao. He would like board members and township personnel to possibly take a couple of roads to do the speed spy, do some painting, and then check maybe five months later see if it seems to be working. Member Dence said there are also some people who don't want the striping done on their roads. He likes the idea Chief Wilcox came up with about having a public meeting once a month. The board thanked Lt. Ward and Mr. Arnao for attending tonight's meeting.

ITEM # 7 CONSIDER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OTIS ELEVATOR AND FALLS TOWNSHIP

Manager Gray said the warranty period for the township elevator is coming to an end. The township secured a quote for a maintenance agreement from the Otis Elevator Company for three years at the cost of \$170 per month for the total of \$6,120 for thirty-six months. The agreement would commence on November 1, 2013. Member Rocco asked if there is a way

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to opt out of the agreement. Ms. Gallagher said if they want to opt out of this, they would need to give the vendor 90 days' notice. Member Dence asked how often the elevator breaks down. Manager Gray said it happens periodically. The elevator stops and Otis would need to make a maintenance call. Member Dence suggested shopping around for an agreement with other elevator companies. Manager Gray said we currently have a warranty with Otis and we also have to have inspections done by the state. They do maintenance during regular hours and there is a list of various duties they would perform. Chairman Harvie would like to know how much service calls would cost if they did not have the contract. Manager Gray said we have another company that services the other elevator, but we don't have a contract for that elevator. The board would like to see if more research can be done on this before taking any action. There was no action taken on this agenda item at this time.

ITEM # 8 MINUTES – OCTOBER 1, 2013

Member Snipes moved to approve the minutes from October 1, 2013; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 9 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Sullivan said at the senior center, the PECO transformer has been re-located and now the contractor can finish the paving and landscaping. Mr. Sullivan said in regard to the 2012 Road Program, all roads in the reconstruction area have been completed. The contractor will come back to do some landscaping and rework. They are still waiting for a storm water structure for Fallsington. Once installed, they can finish milling and paving the remaining streets in Fallsington. For the 2013 Road Program, Valley Road is almost 100% complete. It should be paved Thursday of this week. The next roads to be worked on are Kirby and Peaceful Drives. Member Dence moved to approve the September, 2013 Engineers Report dated October 11, 2013; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 10 BILL LIST

Member Snipes moved to approve the October 15, 2013 bill list in the amount of \$2,040,666.16; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 11 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was held prior to this meeting.

ITEM # 12 MANAGER COMMENT

- A. Member Snipes moved to authorize Innovative Marine Solutions to remove and repair the Quaker Penn Park boat dock in the amount of \$7,355; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- B. The township received a quote from A. Brooks Construction regarding construction of the two 45 foot by 8 foot baseball dug outs at the Quaker Penn Park Babe Ruth Baseball Field. There is a ten-year warranty for this project. The total cost is \$8,200. They will build some mound areas across the street for the pitchers to warm up. They will replace some sod and make some grass improvements. They have hired a separate contractor to do this and will deduct this from the bill of the first contractor. Member Snipes moved to approve the dugouts for the Quaker Penn Park Babe Ruth Baseball Field in the amount of \$8,200; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- C. The roof at the Gamble House in Historic Fallsington needs to be replaced. This project is being funded by two grants from the Bucks Conference and Visitors Bureau and the Bucks County Foundation. Member Dence moved to waive the permit fees for a wooden shingle roof at the Gamble House located at 3 South Main Street in Fallsington; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 13 BOARD COMMENT

Member Galloway – no comment.

Member Rocco – no comment.

Member Snipes said as they spoke about traffic calming and New Falls Road, he said he always sees people walking or biking along New Falls Road. The other day he saw a man in a wheelchair who was trying to navigate New Falls Road. It makes him think about what sidewalks will bring to that area in terms of safety.


Member Dence – no comment.

Chairman Harvie said the next meeting is scheduled for Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th. All board members agreed to change the meeting to Wednesday, November 6th. Chairman Harvie spoke about the importance of people locking their vehicle doors and not leaving valuables in sight. Chairman Harvie said unfortunately, Officer Taylor was injured while apprehending an alleged thief. He will be going into retirement a few months early. His Achilles was torn in three places. Thankfully, he made an arrest, but he is laid up for a little while. Chairman Harvie said they all wish Officer Taylor a speedy recovery. Chairman Harvie said in addition to Breast Cancer Awareness month, it is also Fire Prevention month. Everyone should check their smoke detectors to make sure they are operating correctly and also reminded everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors. If you cannot do this yourself, please call your local fire department or call the

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Fire Marshal's Office. Also, check to make sure extension cords are being properly used and not stretched across areas or linked with other extension cords. Chairman Harvie said Election Day is approaching. We have an important race for township supervisor, tax collector, and school board positions. One of the issues about voting is that someone recently spoke about the board voting five to zero on everything and it is interesting when, just a few years ago, people complained when most votes were three to two. There are things they disagree on, but some of the issues they disagree on they speak to each other in between meetings. If it is not something they are in agreement with, an item may not necessarily make it to the meeting. They have had a difference of opinion on some things such as New Falls Road – should they do it or not or just do one side of the road or two. The issue of a community center has been raised again tonight. There is always discussion on topics such as this. Coming up this weekend is the gun buy-back program. That is an issue that Member Snipes and he discussed for a long time. There wasn't a unanimous decision about that, but certainly the shootings in Newtown, CT last year started everyone thinking about guns and gun safety. Closer at home was the tragedy at Dick's Sporting Goods. The Board of Supervisors decided that this is certainly something they can do. Some people want to get guns out of their homes and this is one less thing our police officers will have to worry about. Chairman Harvie said you wonder in terms of expense, if you can save one life, how much money is that life worth. They budgeted \$25,000, but they may not spend that much money, depending on how many people show up. Whatever the cost, it gives peace of mind to know that some guns may be removed and not cause any tragedy. Keep in mind the gun buy-back program and also the Three Arches 300th Celebration are both being held on October 19th. Chairman Harvie thanked his neighbor who asked him to mention a program called Honor Flight. It is a local non-profit organization that pays for WWII Veterans to travel to see the WWII Memorial and gives them an escort as well. It is a wonderful opportunity and operates out of Philadelphia. The next one will be held on November 2nd. Contact info for this program will be posted on the township website. Chairman Harvie thanked everyone for all of their time to make this a successful meeting.

Member Galloway moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary