

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

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 7:06 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.

There was an Executive Session held prior to tonight's meeting. Mr. Clarke said the board discussed a matter of personnel and a matter of collective bargaining.

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

Mr. Roland Kenney wished Member Snipes well, especially since this is his last meeting as a supervisor. Mr. Kenney said Mr. Clarke took on another job and will have Thursday night meetings. Regarding the budget, Mr. Kenney asked at the last meeting how much money was in the bank and was told \$30M. He said the way it looks to him, it will decrease and said our reserve fund has not increased in the last four years. Mr. Kenney spoke about the \$100,000 that Senator McIlhinney and State Representative Galloway brought in and said that should be able to take care of the senior center and the Three Arches and still have money left over. Mr. Kenney said, on behalf of Pennsbury Manor, thank you to all who came out to the Holly Nights event. Mr. Kenney said in the upcoming weeks, they will be losing three people at Pennsbury Manor. Mr. Kenney wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Guido Mariani wished everyone a blessed Christmas and peace on earth. He said he has always supported use of host fees for extraordinary expenditures, major repairs, and replacements; however, he has always said normal operating expenses should be supported solely by taxes and not host fees. Host fees, over time, have become a major source of funding for our budget. Mr. Mariani said he has consistently urged this board to expand our tax base and he believes it is the board's responsibility to start that process. He heard what Chairman Harvie said about the fishing dock and hotel fees. Mr. Mariani passed out information to board members about other possible sources of income. Based on the demographics of our township, these eight sources could result in millions of dollars of income. He would like to see the township remove our reliance on host fees. He believes these sources are available to a Second-Class Township. Mr. Mariani said tonight, while

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you are approving our budget, please take a look at this and act on it. Mr. Mariani wished Member Snipes the very best of everything and that God bless him and his family.

Mr. James Prokopiak wanted to thank Member Snipes for his twelve years of service. He said he has done a great job as supervisor and has accomplished many things. He believes he has changed the direction of Falls Township with some calm leadership and said what he brought to the table was an important thing.

Ms. Judith Franlin said she is here on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Bucks County. Ms. Franlin gave the supervisors a copy of a letter about the proposed project by New Seaview, LLC to install eleven above-ground storage tanks in Falls Township. Their league found out on Friday that the application had been posted and that public comment was due yesterday. Ms. Franlin gave the board a copy of her public comment letter. She expressed the concerns of the League of Women Voters. Since this permit is being considered, she thought there may be some hazardous substances involved. The permit is for eleven above-ground tanks that would store up to two million gallons of substances. They are concerned about what these substances are and where they would come from. The biggest concern of the league is the transparency of the process in that they only found out about it the day before public comment was due. The league urges legislators to extend the public comment period so the public can be informed and have time to make their voices heard. Ms. Franlin said she appreciates the opportunity to speak tonight and hopes that you will look into what she has mentioned in the letter.

Mr. Winfield Tatham said he is a retired financial executive. He is here regarding Lubricycle and wants to know what risks are there. He would like to obtain more information and get some questions answered. Mr. Tatham wanted to know more about the recycling process, get more information on the storage capacity, where the oil will come from and how it is delivered, what experience and assets New Seaview, LLC has, what approvals are needed for this project, and who would be liable for clean up if there is a problem. Mr. Tatham asked if Falls Township has a hazmat team, if an environmental impact analysis were required; and if Falls Township has an emergency plan to deal with emergencies. He also asked what benefits will there be for Falls Township's taxpayers and businesses, and if Falls Township has done a risk benefit analysis. Mr. Tatham said he thinks many people would like to understand this project and look at the potential problems as well as the benefits. He thinks we should be asking for public hearings to air and answer these types of questions. Chairman Harvie said in terms of the process tonight, we are looking at preliminary land development which means Lubricycle will be giving us their plan. This plan has been before our Planning Commission, it has been looked at by our engineers, and it has been looked at by our fire marshal. Our Environmental Advisory Council has looked at this as well. If this is approved tonight, it would be with some suggestions that our applicant would have to comply with and then he would have to come back to the Planning Commission for final land development, and then come back to this board for final approval. The DEP is something we do not have control over. Chairman Harvie said he had some conversations with Ms. Marseglia who also received a copy of this letter. The Falls Township Fire Company covers this area and has specialized equipment and training to deal with this type of industry. This area is heavy industrialized. In terms

of cleanup of the property, it is owned by U.S. Steel. It is U.S. Steel's private property. If the applicant meets all of our codes, there is no ground for the township to turn them down. This is a private business. We might not like it, but there is nothing the township can do as long as they meet the codes and ordinances. Our job is to make sure they do that. We hear about employment opportunities for people. This property is inside the Keystone Opportunity Zone, which started in 2005 for fourteen years and it has a few years left where they are free from state, county, township, and school taxes. They will have to file permit fees so the township will receive some money from that. Hopefully, they will be a success and when the KOIZ ends, they will come on line as a tax rate able property for Falls Township.

ITEM # 2 LUBRICYCLE – PRELIMINARY LAND DEVELOPMENT – 150 SOLAR DRIVE – TMP # 13-51-1-24

Manager Gray said this is preliminary plan of land development for Lubricycle. The applicant is New Seaview, LLC. They are proposing construction of tanks and ancillary structures totaling 54,540 square feet on a site of 32 acres occupied by two existing industrial buildings. The property is located at 150 Solar Drive. Representing the applicant this evening is Mr. Thomas Hecker. Mr. Hecker said this is a recycling application. It involves not only recycling of a good property, but it also involves recycling of oil. You will hear tonight from Mr. Bill Packer who is the Principal of the applicant. He wants to bring this operation to 150 Solar Drive. This property is the former AE Polysilicon, which had closed, and it brings that vacant building back to use. Mr. Packer said he is a resident of Montgomery County and has always wanted to do something like this in Pennsylvania. He has built, owned, and operated two refineries in New Jersey. They operated at over 85,000 barrels per day, which is over thirty times the size of this plant that they are currently proposing. They plan to take used motor oil, collect that material, and rather than burn it as it is done today, they plan to recycle it and put it back into commerce as a base oil for lubricants. Used motor oil is not categorized as a hazardous waste. It is not volatile as there are not a lot of vapors and it is too thick to penetrate into the ground. The existing features of the site were very valuable to them. A lot of these features are assets they would have to duplicate if they did not currently exist. The plan calls for running the plant at approximately 40 million gallons per year, which is about 3,000 barrels a day. They will remove the existing process units that are there now and put their process units in the exact same place. The bulk of their development will be to use A.E. Polysilicon's phase 2 for their storage facility. These storage tanks sit on concrete pads. They have diked walls around them that are capable of containment in case of catastrophic failure. In addition, they have liners that are impermeable so none of the material can seep into the ground. Rain water that falls into the impermeable basin is taken out, tested, treated, and discharged. The existing utilities available to this site are very desirable. The technology they are using has been in use for about 30 years. It is a technology used in other refineries but it is used in a different way. Mr. Packer provided further explanation of their product and the technology they intend to use. Initially, they plan to have 50 jobs. Thirty-six jobs will be in operations and the remainder will be in management, supervision, and care and custody. Mr. Packer said they would like the flexibility to have the product come in by barge, by rail, and by

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truck. If it were to only come in by truck, they would have no more than 25 trucks coming in and no more than 25 trucks going out. They plan to reinstall the rail line which was removed by the former property owner. He would like to have the flexibility to bring stock in by rail and also ship stock out by rail. It is his preference to utilize barge. New Seaview will be purchasing the property from A.E. Polysilicon and will be the owner of the ground. If there is a spill, and under the terms and conditions of the permits, New Seaview is required to post a substantial bond of \$1M to provide for any clean up that would occur. Catastrophic cleanup is also covered by insurance policies which they are required to have. Mr. Hecker asked what re-using this former A.E. Polysilicon facility means in terms of job creation. This refinery business will require about 50 employees, of which 36 people will be in operations and maintenance of the process units. The balance will be management and personnel to maintain the facility. If they expand to compounding and blending, that could be another 20 positions. Mr. Hecker referred to the resolution and the township engineer's review letter dated December 12, 2013. The use is permitted in the Materials Processing and Manufacturing (MPM) District. Waivers include: curbs, street trees, location map showing existing features and surrounding properties, minimum size of 15" for storm pipes, storm water management, and traffic impact study. The applicant is willing to pay a fee in lieu of tree plantings. Mr. Hecker said we all talk about recycling. This is a good opportunity for a top-notch facility that is being proposed in the township. This project will also utilize an empty site. Chairman Harvie provided Mr. Hecker with a copy of the letter from the Bucks County Department of Health. Member Galloway asked about the containment dikes as well as the number and size of storage tanks. Mr. Packer said the tanks all vary in size. They have tanks from 10,000 to 20,000 to hold incoming product while they test and verify that what was represented is true. They would then transfer the product into one of two 1.2M gallon tanks. The storage tanks for finished products vary in size from 45,000 gallons each for the blending tanks up to 875,000 gallons. If something is off spec or contaminated, they don't want to add it to the rest of their stock. They may need to treat it differently. There are very stringent regulations. Their process has the ability to take some of the solvents and recycle them if they choose to do so. When the samples arrive, they screen and test the material that comes in. That is required under their permit. If product comes in by rail, it is certified by another collector as a waste derived fuel but it is still tested to make sure that certification is correct. Member Snipes asked what happens to the waste products when they do the cleaning and remove solvents. Mr. Packer said all of the products are recycled. If any material is burned, it is put through a scrubber. Member Snipes asked about the product coming in by barge and what environmental protections there are in case of a spill. He asked how that acts in water. Mr. Packer said motor oil floats and that is why it does not seep into the ground water. This product comes in now by barge from New York Harbor, into Philadelphia. The typical protection that you have when you offload these products from a barge is that you use a boom so that if there is a spill, the protections are already in place and then they use a vacuum truck to collect it. The ingress and egress of products, in petroleum sense, is quite small. The infrastructure to handle that exists today and the fashion they handle it is exactly how it is handled elsewhere. Member Dence asked about the size of the drums or containers. Mr. Packer said they typically ship in 20,000 to 25,000 barrels per barge load. Member Dence asked how they get it from the barge to the plant. Mr. Packer said they have terminal operations available to them in

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Philadelphia as well as other offers and they go from the barge to the truck, then to the plant. Member Snipes asked about possible contamination of rain water. Mr. Packer said if there is contamination, the oil sheen can be vacuumed off. The oil goes back into the feed system. The water can go into the containment pond where you test it to see its characteristics. You can either treat it or haul it off-site to be treated and disposed of. Mr. Henry Alexander from Conestoga said they are preparing the permits for the New Seaview operation. The permits they will apply for is the storm water permit or the NPDES permit. This permit requires that you test and collect all water in contact with any industrial operation to make sure it is clean before you discharge it to the storm water. This is a system which is used throughout the industry. Mr. Packer said he believes there are two other businesses currently running this type of operation in the area. Member Dence asked Mr. Sullivan about the waiver for the 15" storm pipe under storm water management. Mr. Sullivan said you are allowed to use smaller than 15" in certain areas of the site. It is not a problem. Member Rocco asked about the construction jobs that go along with this project. Mr. Packer said this facility is complex. His experience in the past is that building these units is 200 to 300 construction jobs. It is their plan to use as much local contracting as they can. They believe the EPC contractor will be from this area. It is Hudson Engineering and they did most of the civil work. His current timing estimate, assuming he can get everything by March, is that he would like to start construction in June or July. It takes about a year to put up the initial operation and he would love to have commercial product here by June or July of 2015. Their current construction cost estimate is \$65M in overall construction costs. Member Rocco asked about the dimensions of the tank. Mr. Packer said none of them is in excess of 78 feet in diameter. They made the width to spread out the load and go with lower side walls. This is a single purpose LLC. It was done that way for ease of project financing. The lender wishes to have one entity. If they were to default on the loan, they could come in and operate that facility. They have raised approximately \$12.5M for the permitting and initial capitalization and they have a loan pledged for \$50M from several groups. Chairman Harvie asked about the product moving from tank to tank. Mr. Packer said all of underground pipes that are currently in the facility are the ones by U.S. Steel and A.E. Polysilicon. It is easier for visual inspection to have above-the-ground pipes. Mr. Sullivan said we don't want them to infiltrate any water on the site due to possible contamination. Chairman Harvie asked Mr. Sullivan about the waiver for street trees since this had been waived when A.E. Polysilicon came in. Mr. Sullivan said there are no existing waivers since this is a new project. It is cleaner to give a waiver instead of assuming that the old waiver carries over. Chairman Harvie said they will add Section 191-48 as a waiver. Member Snipes asked about the waiver request for location map drawn to scale. Mr. Sullivan said they drew it to a different scale because of the size of the U.S. Steel complex. Member Snipes said he appreciates the offer of the fee in lieu of street trees. Mr. Clarke asked Mr. Hecker if he could speak to the board regarding bonding and insurance requirements that are required by his company, as mandated by DEP, and what would happen if they go belly up and the site needs to be cleaned up or remediated. Mr. Alexander said under the residual waste regulations, you are required to have a bond to set aside money for the possibility that you will be unable to continue at some point and the DEP may have to step in and eliminate all of the materials you have there, sell off anything, and get rid of the hazardous waste and anything else that is there. You go through a process of bonding

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steps in which you determine the cost of each of the aspects plus the follow on costs of anything else and you come up with a number. He believes it was about \$700,000 plus change and that is what would be required for the bond. Member Galloway moved to open public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Ms. Judith Franlin said the folks at New Seaview were well prepared. She said it is refreshing to see the board's concern for safety and the environment. Ms. Franlin said she still has some questions about what this will do for the people of Falls Township and what risks there are. She is concerned about the size of the facility. She would like to know how much bigger it could grow on these 32 acres. Ms. Franlin asked about air contamination and also what happens when there is a fire or a bad storm. She urges the board to take her comments under consideration because they are important. Chairman Harvie said in terms of job opportunities that is a huge plus for us. While there are no taxes right now, there will be \$65M in construction costs and that will generate permit fees which can be gathered by the township. They hope this facility will be there when the tax abatement system ends in 2019. Chairman Harvie said in terms of zoning, this facility is not near any residential area. This operation is perfect for the location in terms of zoning. Mr. Packer said the air emissions from this facility are deemed to be a minor source under the regulations of the EAP. They treat the minimum emissions to the highest level they are capable of. The towers are designed to go well in excess of the wind forces of the standards set by the American Petroleum Institute. This is designed to accommodate 7-1/2" of rain in 24 hours. It would be able to handle substantially more because the height of the tank dikes allow for a release of the largest tank plus 125%. Mr. Roland Kenney said he thinks there has been enough discussion and wants this to get passed. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Chairman Harvie said the applicant will need to return to the Planning Commission and then come back to this board. The waivers are listed in Section E plus Section 191-48. Member Dence moved to approve Resolution # 13-37 for preliminary land development for New Seaview, LLC located at 150 Solar Drive; TMP # 13-51-1-24; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 3 CONSIDER ADOPTING 2014 BUDGET AND RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MILLAGE RATE FOR YEAR 2014

Manager Gray said at the November 19, 2013 Board of Supervisors meeting, the board authorized advertisement of the proposed 2014 Budget. The budget has been displayed and made available for inspection. Chairman Harvie said there were a few minor changes to the budget and some adjusting of the numbers. Manager Gray said there were six accounts that were changed. Salary for Park Security changed from \$150,000 to \$100,000; Park and Rec FICA changed from \$36,360 to \$32,535; Park and Rec medical benefits changed from \$135,938 to \$150,961. In addition, in the host community fees fund, there were three changes. Recreation improvements for the community park changed from \$12,000 to \$72,000; the New Falls Road sidewalk program changed from \$238,000 to \$175,738, and Pinewood Pool purchases changed from \$4,000 to \$29,000. Manager Gray said for the Pinewood Pool, there is a tile project they are working on and there is a minor leak they are addressing in the baby pool. This was included in the 2013 Budget and they are transferring it to 2014. Member Snipes said we are not starting a 2014 Road Program. There will be a

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road improvement going on, but it will be from the 2013 Road Program. We are doing what we are financially able to do. Member Dence said even though some of these numbers may seem high, they will still trim down some of the numbers. Board members thanked the administration for their hard work. Chairman Harvie said in terms of not making as much money, there is a lot of money in bonds, but bonds don't generate a lot of money. In addition, we do bring in money through real estate taxes. With the recession and the lingering effects of that recession, real estate taxes are down and homes are selling for a lot less money so the transfer tax is a lot less than what it used to be. As the economy gets better, we hope this will improve. They are consistently looking at ways to try to save money. Member Snipes moved to approve Resolution # 13-38, establishing the millage rate for year 2014; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to adopt the 2014 Budget; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 4 CONSIDER AWARDING WORKERS COMPENSATION CONTRACT FOR YEAR 2014

Manager Gray introduced this item. The township received renewal quotes for Falls Township's current workers compensation contract. The net cost for the period January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015 is \$413,263. This year's premium is a decrease of \$7,215 over last year's renewal premium. Vaughn Insurance solicited quotes from five workers compensation insurance carriers. They are: American Health Insurance Company in the amount of \$557,502, Housing and Redevelopment Insurance Exchange (HARIE) ranged from \$500,000 to \$525,000, Travelers and Penn Prime declined. It is recommended to award this year's workers compensation contract to Delaware Valley Workers Insurance Trust (DVIT) and Swift in the amount of \$413,263. Member Dence moved to award the Workers Compensation quote for the year 2014 to DVIT and Swift in the amount of \$413,263; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER APPROVING COMPUTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR DYNAMATRIX

Mr. John Strazzeri from Dynamatrix has provided a quote for the township's computer maintenance contract for a two-, three-, four-, and five-year option. In 2011, the board approved a two-year agreement for \$91,562. The price of a five-year agreement is \$85,662. Chairman Harvie asked about tango. Mr. Strazzeri said it is a series of products that their company developed for law enforcement. It allows the police to take their environment with them. This service has been expanded to the administration side. Member Galloway moved to enter into a five-year computer maintenance contract with Dynamatrix in the amount of \$85,662, subject to final term changes between the solicitor's office and Mr. Strazzeri; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 6 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF A K9 DOG FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Lt. Hank Ward provided information regarding purchase of a K9 dog for the police department. This dog will replace Jesse. Baden K9 is providing the township with a \$9,500

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discount. Officer Langdon has up to \$4,500 to help with the cost of the dog. The police department currently has two drug dogs and one bomb dog. Member Rocco asked about training between the dog and the handler. Lt. Ward explained how Baden trains their dogs beforehand and then they wait for the handler. They train the handler to the dog. This saves about 24 weeks of training. Then they bond the dog to the handler. Chairman Harvie asked how they determine who will be the handler. Lt. Ward said they have an in-house process they follow and they screen officers to make sure they understand the commitment. It is a lot of responsibility and work on their part after they leave work at the end of each day. Member Galloway moved to approve the purchase of a K9 dog for the police department in the amount of \$15,750 from Baden K9; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 7 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF PORTABLE RADIOS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Member Snipes moved to approve the purchase of portable radios for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$14,766.75 from Kenwood U.S.A. Corporation; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 8 MINUTES – NOVEMBER 19, 2013

Member Snipes moved to approve the minutes from November 19, 2013; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 9 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Sullivan provided an update on the 2013 Road Program. He said that James D. Morrissey has demobilized from the site due to the recent weather we have had. They will return when the weather is desirable. There was a pre-construction meeting with Mercer Court. Member Rocco asked about the Trenton Avenue study. Chairman Harvie said that has been several years in the process. It came about when Lower Makefield was looking to close traffic during several hours of the day and it would negatively impact Falls Township residents. We think the problem with a lot of the issues stemmed from the Trenton Avenue intersection down to the bridge. There are street lights that are not properly synchronized. Falls Township, along with Lower Makefield and Morrisville, applied for a PENNDOT grant to see what we can do to improve the flow of traffic that would help all three municipalities. The process for the past few years has been following through with the grant procedures. The grant was for about \$100K for the study to be done. There will be a public meeting in early January. Member Dence spoke about the condition of the work area where James D. Morrissey was working. He also indicated another such area on Bernard Drive. Mr. Sullivan said they will keep after the contractor to keep these areas clean. Chairman Harvie said the former Alvino's Restaurant on New Falls Road is being renovated into a Pat's Pizza chain restaurant. Member Snipes moved to approve the November Engineer's Report dated December 13, 2013; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

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ITEM # 10 BILL LIST

Member Snipes moved to approve the December 17, 2013 bill list in the amount of \$2,437,616.86; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 11 EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board held Executive Session prior to the start of this meeting. (Mr. Clarke said the board discussed a matter of personnel and a matter of collective bargaining.)

ITEM # 12 MANAGER COMMENT

- A. On Tuesday morning, December 10, 2013, Manager Gray declared a state of emergency until Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. Member Galloway moved to ratify the Falls Township state of emergency from 8:30 a.m. on December 10, 2013 until 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2013; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- B. Member Dence moved to approve the escrow release for Hunter Ryan LLC, located at 323 Lincoln Highway, in the amount of \$118.28; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- C. Member Galloway moved to approve the 60-day extension for the Penske Truck Leasing project located at 225 New Bold Road; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- D. Member Dence moved to accept the resignation from Mr. John Riba from the Board of Auditors for Falls Township; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 13 BOARD COMMENT

Member Dence said it was good to hear from Lubricycle and their proposed project. They are bringing a lot of business to the people of Falls Township. Member Dence said in regard to traffic calming, they had a presentation and meetings. The board discussed forming a committee and at this time, Member Dence would suggest moving forward with the committee. Member Dence moved to form a Falls Township Traffic Committee; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence said if any of the public wishes to be on this committee or any other committee, please let the township know. Member Dence said after twelve years on the board, tonight is the last meeting for Member Snipes. He said Member Snipes has put in a lot of work and Falls Township is a better place because of him. Member Dence wished Member Snipes well and said he is happy to call him his friend.

Member Galloway wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Member Galloway echoes Member Dence's sentiments to Member Snipes. He remembers watching Member Snipes at his first meeting where he was made Chairman that night. He handled it well and made a great impression on everyone. Member Galloway thanked Member Snipes and said he will be missed.

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Member Rocco wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He thanked Member Snipes for his time as supervisor. Member Rocco said he is proud to have served on the board with him.

Chairman Harvie also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He said very soon Member Snipes will not be up here for the first time in twelve years. On his very first night, he was made chairman. He brought to this board and this township a level of dignity and a level of respect that was sorely needed. Chairman Harvie said he is very proud to call him his friend. Member Snipes was presented with a plaque of recognition and appreciation for his years on the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Clarke said his firm came in at the same time that Member Snipes joined the board. When a couple of board members had mentioned about making Member Snipes the Chairman that first night, the theory was to throw Member Snipes into something he couldn't handle. During those first two years, Member Snipes handled his job with intelligence, good humor, and even greater integrity and the plan backfired. Mr. Clarke said during his 12 years here working with Member Snipes, he doesn't think he has met a more honest and genuine man than him. Mr. Clarke said it has been his pleasure working with him as a supervisor and solicitor, it has been his privilege to call him Chairman, and his tremendous good fortune to call Member Snipes and his wife Melanie his dear friends. He is grateful for that.

Member Snipes thanked everyone for their comments this evening. He really appreciates their kind words. He thought of this night many times. He said it has been an awesome experience in many ways. The changes in the township have been very dramatic. Member Snipes thanked board members for being cooperative. He thanked the professionals and employees of the township who have sat through many meetings. He feels good about the people he has worked with and their commitment when things are difficult. Member Snipes said the public that attend these meetings also bring a certain tenure and a certain environment. There is no longer the attacking and name calling that there used to be. He appreciates the experience and looks forward to seeing what the board does. Member Snipes said he wishes to stay involved.

Member Snipes moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary