

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

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

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Police Chief William Wilcox, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

**PRESENTATION TO RICH DIPPOLITO FOR ACHIEVING THE
PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATORS**

Mr. George Wilson, Deputy of Emergency Management of Bucks County, presented Fire Marshal Rich Dippolito with his certification.

GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Chief Wilcox said this the 4th Citizens Police Academy class. Chief Wilcox thanked Corporal Mike Wolverton, Officer John Yeager, Lieutenant Nelson Whitney, and the entire staff at the police department who helped with this program. Officer Yeager spoke about the police academy and the topics they covered in the class. The next Citizens Police Academy class will start on March 30th. Applications can be found on-line or in the police department records office. One of the attendees spoke about the program and said that every township resident should attend this class and every town should offer this type of program. Chief Wilcox thanked the board for their support. Chairman Harvie thanked everyone for participating. He said this is a great program and it really helps give people a better understanding of the difficult job that police officers face every day.

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

Mr. Roland Kenney asked about the Live Here, Spend Here program which showcases businesses. Mr. Kenney introduced Mr. Thomas Hudson from Good Stuff and suggested highlighting his business. Mr. Hudson should send an e-mail to Manager Gray so he can add Good Stuff to the list of businesses.

ITEM # 2 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO FINALIZE THE AWARD FOR THE NEW FALLS ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT

Manager Gray said the board is asked to consider finalizing the New Falls Road sidewalk project award, pending finalization by the solicitor's office and the township engineer's office. Ms. Vanessa Nedrick from Remington Vernick Beach, spoke about some missing information from a sub-contractor. The contractor will hold his price for another 60 days until the township would decide what direction to go in. Member Boraski moved to authorize the township manager to finalize the award for the New Falls Road sidewalk project pending final approval by the township solicitor's office and the township engineer's office; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 3 CONSIDER QUOTES FOR FERTILIZER FOR THE TOWNSHIP FACILITIES

Manager Gray reviewed the quotes for the 2016 fertilization contract as follows: Tru-Green in the amount of \$15,420; Capital Turf Management in the amount of \$16,411; and Excell Maintenance Service in the amount of \$19,215. Member Galloway moved to award the contract for fertilizer for the township facilities to Tru-Green in the amount of \$15,420; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 4 CONSIDER SNOW PLOW PURCHASE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Jason Lawson, from the Public Works Department, has secured a quote for a new snow plow. Mr. Rocco asked about making this purchase at this time of the year. Mr. Lawson said if they wait until next month, there will be a 3 to 5% increase in price. Member Rocco moved to approve the purchase of the HD plow from H.A. DeHart & Son, off the Costars list, in the amount of \$10,375; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 70 COLONIAL STYLE LED STREET LIGHTS FOR FALLS TOWNSHIP

Member Galloway moved to approve the purchase of 70 colonial-style LED street lights from Valley Power, Inc., off the Costars list, in the amount of \$41,562; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 6 CONSIDER THE 2016 SIGN AND POST BID FOR FALLS TOWNSHIP

Member Dence moved to award the consortium bid for signs and posts to Garden State Highway Products, Inc.; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

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ITEM # 7 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM F.X. BROWNE FOR ACT 101 RECYCLING GRANT

Manager Gray said F.X. Browne has submitted a proposal dated February 2, 2016 for completion of the Act 101 recycling report requirements in the \$3,500. The township has used this company on and off since 1999. Chairman Harvie spoke about recycling in Falls Township. The township is awarded grant money based on the tonnage of recycling that gets done in Falls Township. We have single-stream recycling and the more residents recycle, the more money that comes into Falls Township. Member Galloway moved to renew the contract with F.X. Browne, Inc. for the Act 101 Recycling in the amount of \$3,500; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 8 CONSIDER PURCHASING SIX VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Manager Gray said the township received a memo from Lt. Arie regarding the purchase of six new police vehicles from New Holland Ford. The total cost of these vehicles is in the amount of \$245,397. Lt. Ward spoke about the need for these vehicles. Member Boraski moved to open public comment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Edgar Lituma asked about the cost for each vehicle. Chairman Harvie said the Ford Expeditions are \$43,284 each and the other vehicles are \$39,707 each. These are fully outfitted. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Galloway moved to approve the purchase of six vehicles for the police department from New Holland Ford for the total cost of \$245,397; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 9 MINUTES – FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Member Rocco asked to have a comment added to his board comment section. His thanks were specifically to Chairman Harvie. Member Dence moved to approve the amended minutes for February 16, 2016; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 10 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Clarke said prior to tonight's meeting, the board held an Executive Session to discuss a litigation matter and a potential litigation matter. Following the meeting on February 16, 2016, the board held an Executive Session to discuss several personnel matters.

ITEM # 11 MANAGER COMMENT

A. Member Rocco moved to approve the donation of \$6,000 for the Bucks County St. Patrick's Day Parade; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board

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members were in favor with the exception of Member Galloway who abstained from the vote. (4-0-1)

- B. Member Dence moved to approve the extension of the New Falls Road conditional use and land development project to April 30, 2016; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- C. Member Dence moved to approve the time extension for 115 Lincoln Highway to June 1, 2016; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 12 BOARD COMMENT

Member Galloway said last Saturday they had the ball in honor of the Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. It was a wonderful event. This Saturday, March 12th, is the 28th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. It start at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph The Worker toward Conwell-Egan and the Tech School and there will be over 1,000 marchers, including the Pennsbury Marching Band. He looks forward to seeing everyone enjoy this day.


Member Boraski - no comment

Member Dence said Mr. Kenney brought up about the Live Here, Spend Here program. We haven't done much in the past few months, but just this week we had someone go out and interview a few businesses. Member Dence said he is looking forward to the parade and nice weather.

Member Rocco – no comment

Chairman Harvie said the spring yard waste cleanup will be held on April 23rd. There will be a bulk disposal day on April 16th where you can take large items to the landfill. This is free of charge for residents of Falls Township and Tullytown. The township received a letter from the Bucks County Tour of Honor. The Honor Flight is a program that transports WWII Veterans to Washington, D.C. so they can see the WWII Memorial. The trip will be held on September 26th for WWII veterans and Korean War veterans. There will be information on our website to make people aware of this. Chairman Harvie spoke about the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He encourages everyone to come out and enjoy a good time. Chairman Harvie thanked staff and board members for a good meeting.

Member Dence moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary