

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

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| JEFFRY E. DENCE, CHAIRMAN | PRESENT |
| JEFFREY M. BORASKI, VICE-CHAIRMAN | PRESENT |
| BRIAN M. GALLOWAY, SECRETARY | ABSENT |
| JOHN W. PALMER, SUPERVISOR | PRESENT |
| ERIN M. MULLEN, SUPERVISOR | PRESENT |

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with roll call and pledge to the flag. All Board members were present with the exception of Member Galloway who had a family commitment this evening. Also present were Township Manager/Chief Code Enforcement Officer & Zoning Officer Matthew Takita, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher and Township Engineer Joe Jones.

**RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE MARK MCBRYAR
RETIRING AFTER 47 YEARS OF SERVICE**

**PRESENTATION FROM LEVITTOWN FIRE COMPANY #1 RECOGNIZING
MEMBERS MARTIN GALLAGHER FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE AND
GERTRUDE DELANO FOR 60 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Levittown Fire Co. No. 1 lifetime member Martin Gallagher was recognized for 50 years of volunteer service. Levittown Fire Co. No. 1 Auxiliary lifetime member Gertrude Delano was recognized for 60 years of volunteer service.

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

There was no public comment.

**ITEM # 2 CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 209 –
ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FALLS –
SECTION 209-7 – BY REZONING CERTAIN LANDS IDENTIFIED AT
BUCKS COUNTY TAX MAP PARCEL #13-047-088 FROM RD-3 –
RIVERFRONT DISTRICT 3 TO HI – HEAVY INDUSTRIAL**

Ms. Gallagher said this is a proposed ordinance change amending Chapter 209 – Zoning District from Riverfront District 3 to Heavy Industrial. The applicant is represented by Mr. Mike Meginniss (Begley Carlin). This has been advertised in the Bucks County Courier Times. Also present were Mr. Jeremy Michael (NorthPoint) via on-line, Mr. Peyton Harrison (NorthPoint), Mr. Fred Heekin (NorthPoint), and Mr. Eric Clase (Gilmore & Associates). Mr. Meginniss said this is a rezoning request for tax map parcel 13-047-088.

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They have on display an aerial depiction of the site. The parcel is presently zoned RD-3 and they propose rezoning to Heavy Industrial (HI). There are about five parcels in the township which are zoned RD3. This is an 18.6-acre irregularly shaped parcel. Mr. Meginniss said they believe it is in the best interest of the township, the residents, as well as NorthPoint to have this rezoned as Heavy Industrial. Most of NorthPoint's parcels are located within the gates of the KTC. NorthPoint has been developing the KTC in multiple phases. NorthPoint has a number of tenants still in the KTC and in order to effectuate phase 3, Harsco is going to need to be relocated. Mr. Meginniss said it is their intent to be transparent with the township. This is a NorthPoint application and the end user is envisioned as Harsco. Harsco utilizes recyclable materials for sandblasting and abrasive. This is a rezoning petition not a land development application. If Harsco does submit an application, they will have to go through the normal land development process. This is a first step to rezone the site to make it be meaningful in a usable way. The two issues regarding the rezoning petition are: Is this legal? Is this a spot zoning application or is this being zoned in conformance with Falls Township's ordinance? If you look at the maps, the substantial portion of the southeast area of this site is already zoned heavy industrial. You have a portion that is RD3, some which is HIA and the majority of the parcels to the southeast are HI. They believe this should be rezoned as it is in keeping with the subject area. If you look at the RD3 zoning district, the riverfront district is broken up into three sections. The permitted uses for Sector 1 and Sector 2 are voluminous in terms of what they allow. The permitted uses for Sector 3 are open space, single-family detached dwelling and family daycare home. NorthPoint is unique as a landowner in the township. They are not going to be developing single-family detached dwellings at this property and they will not be able to have much success in selling the property to commercial developers when the zoning is very restrictive. If the property is going to be meaningfully developed, it will need to be rezoned. Harsco's initial phase is going to be limited and modest in terms of structures. If Harsco's use expands to outdoor storage of material, this will look different than what is inside the gates of the KTC. This is a Harsco use but the effect of this rezoning is not limited to the subject parcel. NorthPoint is seeking to relocate Harsco to facilitate their development inside the gates of the KTC. Phase 3 is pending in front of the board. Failure to relocate Harsco is going to prevent approximately 1.6M sq. ft. of development. If we cannot relocate Harsco or if we cannot move them to a different location because this is denied, we are either forced to build around their current operations due to their lease rights which isn't feasible or desirable, or we have to attempt to move them elsewhere in the KTC which will cause a substantial delay in future development. Mr. Heekin reiterated what Mr. Meginniss presented. He displayed various photos of what Harsco's operation would look like. Mr. Michael said they have looked at alternate locations within the KTC site trying to maintain their operation and this option allowed them to repurpose this site. They will have to go through land development approval and the DEP permitting process. This would free up the phase 3 area which impacts buildings 7 and 9 and makes up about 1.6M sq. ft. Harsco's current lease runs through May 2028. Waiting out the term is an option but losing a few years on timing of the development along with capital improvements, jobs and tax base would be a real detriment. Member Boraski asked how long it would take if Harsco were to move. Mr. Michael said the NPDES permitting process would take roughly five

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months from today to complete. Their operation is pretty modular in terms of their components. From approval time, six months of permitting as well as DEP approval and the modular structures, Mr. Meginniss thinks it would be about a year. Member Boraski said he appreciates the transparency but he doesn't know if it would matter if you did this months ago or today. Member Boraski said he would feel more comfortable rezoning the area knowing more about the business going in. He does not see heavy industrial when he drives down Pennsylvania Avenue. He sees more commercial regardless of what it is zoned as. Mr. Michael said they are familiar and have a good understanding of Harsco's operation. Member Mullen said she was wondering if you could elaborate on when you indicated that a situation developed which caused the need for moving of Harsco. Mr. Meginniss said they are finalizing which phase NorthPoint is developing in the KTC and when. If what they are labeling phase 3 ended up being a 2027 development plan, then the need to relocate Harsco would not be nearly as pressing. Mr. Michael said the current term of their lease when they acquired this site, expired in 2023. They had a fixed five-year option and that is what changed their term to 2028. We were aware of the possibility that they would extend. Phase 3 in its totality, four buildings, is a little over 3M sq. ft. Harsco's current layout impacts buildings 7 and 9 which are on the north end of Phase 3. Member Mullen asked about the entire square footage of the developable area inside the gated lot. Mr. Michael did not know the exact number. His guess of the developable area is still a couple hundred acres. Member Mullen asked why this is in the residents' best interest in NorthPoint's view? Mr. Michael said they feel like the impact to residents is pretty negligible. It is not a very residential area. We have been working with Morrisville. The traffic on Pennsylvania Avenue has been a concern since we acquired the site. We have been going through an effort with Google to try to reroute traffic away from the site by taking Rt. 13 to Tyburn Road. Harsco would make left turn out of the site to direct truck traffic toward Tyburn Road. Mr. Meginniss said when we look at the future, part of the argument with the KOZ is there is a benefit the township receives with a couple different properties, Waste Management and NorthPoint and they coincide pretty well with the burn off on Waste Management's end and NorthPoint coming online with the KOZ expiration. His argument from a township-wide standpoint, both from jobs and revenue, is that NorthPoint's development will be critical in revitalizing and being a needed shot in the arm to Falls Township and Lower Bucks on a whole as well as facilitating another two buildings and 1,000 to 2,000 employees. He thinks there is a lot of positive for the township and the residents on a whole. Member Palmer said he did not see how close the river was on some of your renderings. He believes it is on the other side of the trees. Mr. Meginniss said the rear of the site is at the creek and the creek goes into the river. Member Palmer said this almost looks like a black site when you look at Google images. How can you make sure this does not happen to this site. If you go to the left, not even a ¼ mile down the road, there are houses; people who live there. Mr. Michael said the black that you see is the material that they process. Mr. Michael said there is a minimum 100 ft. buffer set back from the creek that they have to maintain and he thinks they exceed 200 ft. set back. We are almost double what the required setback is. Member Palmer asked if they are aware of the recommendation from the Planning Commission? Mr. Michael said yes. Chairman Dence asked if we knew when we changed the zoning to RD3? Ms. Gallagher said she will check.

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There are three RD sectors. This property is in the third sector which gives them the limited use. Mr. Jones believes the RD3 has been in existence well over 16 years.

Public Comment: Mr. Frederick Warren, 1610 S. Pennsylvania Ave is zoned riverfront. You won't see his residence on any of these pictures. His property is 100 sq. ft. frontage and goes back about 300 sq. ft. A little less than an acre. He believes the property in question became zoned riverfront in December of 2005. If you look at this picture, it doesn't show north. The land is fairly flat and then it goes down to Biles Creek. Mr. Warren heard the company going in will be a stone crushing company. The truck traffic and noise is unbelievable and this will add to it. There are plans to widen Pennsylvania Avenue to four lanes. Mr. Warren said he is strongly opposed to the increased traffic and noise that will be created. When they went to riverfront, he was against it because he feels it decreased his property value. Riverfront permitted uses are medical office, regular office, restaurant, outdoor dining areas, healthclub, marina and the list goes on and on. He cannot see heavy industrial. Ms. Toni Battiste said RD3 on the map she has for Falls Township is adjacent on one small side to heavy industrial and one side to the left part she is not sure what that is but it is near RD2 and RD1 so it is not entirely surrounded by heavy industrial. There are a lot of other heavy industrial areas that are already zoned heavy industrial, mostly at the southern end of the township. There are plenty of other places that are more suitable than here. Heavy industrial does not usually mean anything environmentally pleasant for residents of the township. If you try to upgrade a heavy industrial area to something nice, you will have a lot of issues doing so because there may be a lot of environmental issues. We also don't know what will be in the ground. Biles Creek is right there and the river is on the other side. That is where we and all of the towns south of us get our drinking water. Mr. Colin Henderson said this is simple to him since they created their own hardship. NorthPoint purchased over 2,000 acres of property. They have an 18-acre property on their current spot that conflicts with phase 3. They also have another property they cannot use and they want us to solve their problem for them. How can you purchase over 2,000+ acres and there is an 18-acre parcel that you cannot put somewhere else in there? Harsco pulverizes coal and copper shale into dust to be recycled. That business should not be on the front of Pennsylvania Avenue. They should be in the middle of an industrial park where it is currently located. NorthPoint has created their own hardship that they want the Board of Supervisors to solve. RD3 is extremely restrictive but if you make it 1 or 2 which allows restaurants or convenience stores, they would love to have a property next to 10,000 people predicted to work there. Member Boraski said he is in a situation where it feels like land development but it is rezoning of a piece of property. He is not in a position where he feels like he is able to approve anything. Member Boraski made a motion to table this agenda item. There was no second to the motion. Member Palmer made a motion to deny adopting the Ordinance amending Chapter 209 – Zoning District Map of the Township of Falls – Section 209-7 – By Rezoning Certain Lands Identified at Bucks County Tax Map Parcel # 13-047-088 from RD-3 -Riverfront District 3 to HI – Heavy Industrial; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Chairman Dence who voted no. (3-1)

There was a break in the meeting at 8:08 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

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ITEM # 3 PENNSBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT – PRELIMINARY/FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT – 608 S OLDS BOULEVARD – TMP # 13-015-175, 13-015-175-001, 13-018-003, 13-018-003-001, 13-018-003-003, 13-018-003-005, 13-018-007, 13-018-022 AND 13-018-025

Mr. Jamie Lynch (Dewey Engineering) is the project manager and was present along with Mr. Chip Taylor (School Board Member), Dr. Thomas Smith (School Superintendent), Mr. George Steill (Director of Facilities) and Mr. Justin Massey (Civil Engineer). Mr. Lynch said they are here seeking conditional final approval of their development plan. Mr. Lynch presented the plan which includes replacement of the track, installation of the synthetic turf, concessions and restrooms. In the future, there are potential plans for a second synthetic field, new restrooms, concessions buildings and team rooms. This summer they will start on replacement of the track and conversion to the synthetic turf. There is some associated work with fencing, paving and sidewalks. The existing stadium lights will be replaced with new LED fixtures on the existing poles. We have reduced the light trespass off their site to zero. The NPDES permit is in hand. Mr. Lynch spoke about their future master plan. The applicant will comply with the March 14, 2023 Jones Engineering letter as well as the Fire Marshal and Remington & Vernick Traffic Engineer letters. They will also comply with the Bucks County Planning Commission letter. Member Boraski commented on their presentation which was very clear. He was happy to see you take care of the lighting. Member Boraski had safety concerns about night games and the restrooms being in the dark. Mr. Lynch said as part of the lighting package there is also bleacher and practice field lighting so the portable restrooms will have additional lighting. Member Mullen said she appreciates Mr. Taylor and Dr. Smith being in attendance this evening. Member Palmer asked if they will be playing at the stadium this year. Yes, they expect to break ground in April. Public Comment: Ms. Toni Battiste said this looks really nice with the exception of the artificial turf. Ms. Battiste said last week the Philadelphia Inquirer published an article of athletes dying of brain cancer from the chemicals in the artificial turf. Conservation Turf is a turf recycler who is moving into Pennsylvania and they are getting hit with all kinds of violations because when removing the turf, it is full of all kinds of chemicals. In the summer heat, the chemicals are being inhaled by the people who are using the fields. Ms. Battiste asked if it is prudent to have artificial fields. Member Boraski moved to approve Resolution # 2023-13, preliminary and final land development for the Pennsbury School District, 608 S. Olds Boulevard – TMP # 13-015-175, 13-015-175-001, 13-018-003, 13-018-003-001, 13-018-003-003, 13-018-003-005, 13-018-007, 13-018-022 and 13-018-025; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

**ITEM # 4 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – 16 YARDLEY AVENUE
TMP # 13-020-293 – RAISING THE ROOF OF AN EXISTING
GARAGE**

Member Boraski moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 16 Yardley Avenue, TMP # 13-020-293, for raising the roof of an existing garage; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 5 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – 64 OLD LOCUST AVENUE – TMP # 13-032-048 – INSTALL A 12 FT BY 20 FT BY 16 FT HIGH SHED

Member Boraski moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 64 Old Locust Avenue, TMP # 13-032-048, to install a 12 ft. by 20 ft. by 16 ft. high shed; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 6 CONSIDER CONTRACT BETWEEN FALLS TOWNSHIP AND CORT BUSINESS SERVICES CORPORATION FOR RENTAL OF FURNITURE FOR TEMPORARY OFFICE

Manager Takita said the board is being asked to consider the contract with CORT Business Services Corporation for office furniture in their temporary location, the Social Security building on Lincoln Highway. This is in the amount of \$94,277.19. In the event the construction extends beyond 14 months, the township will revert to a month-to-month lease. Member Boraski moved to approve the contract in the amount of \$94,277.19 between Falls Township and CORT Business Services Corporation for rental of furniture for temporary office; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 7 CONSIDER RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION TO PENNSYLVANIA REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR SNIPES FARM & EDUCATION COMMUNITY CENTER

Ms. Gallagher said the township is serving as the grant sponsor but the actual grant funds will go to the applicant. Member Palmer moved to approve Resolution # 2023-14, approving the application to Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program for Snipes Farm & Education Community Center; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 8 CONSIDER RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RECOGNIZING APRIL 2023 AS PENNSYLVANIA SAFE DIGGING MONTH

Member Mullen moved to approve Resolution # 2023-15, establishing recognizing April 2023 as Pennsylvania Safe Digging Month; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 9 CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM THE POLICE PENSION COMMITTEE FOR SERVICE-RELATED DISABILITY PENSION FOR DETECTIVE CATHERINE COFFMAN

There was no action on this agenda item.

ITEM # 10 CONSIDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN MILLENNIUM STRATEGIES AND FALLS TOWNSHIP

Manager Takita said this is a proposal for grant consulting services with Millennium Strategies. Over the time they have been here, they have helped secure \$937,110 in grant funding. This current proposal is the same as last year. They propose four different services packages. Proposed services number 1 is to create a strategic plan. Proposed services number 2 is to research available grant opportunities. Proposed services number 3 is project-based grant writing. Proposed services number 4 is monthly reporting for services 1, 2 and 4. The monthly retainer fee is \$1,500 per month, NTE \$18,000. For proposed service number 3, it would be hourly based at a rate of \$130 per hour. Member Boraski moved to approve the agreement between Millennium Strategies and Falls Township as outlined in their proposal; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 11 CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA LLC

Ms. Gallagher said this Ordinance has been advertised as required by law. Cohen Law Group negotiated this agreement. Member Boraski moved to adopt Ordinance # 2023-2, authorizing execution of a Cable Franchise Agreement between the Township and Verizon Pennsylvania LLC; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 12 CONSIDER BIDS FOR SALE OF TOWNSHIP SURPLUS VEHICLES

Chairman Dence said there were errors made when these vehicles were listed for sale so they will need to re-advertise. Member Mullen moved to reject the bids for sale of township surplus vehicles; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 13 CONSIDER THE 2023-2024 STONE AND ASPHALT BIDS FOR FALLS TOWNSHIP

Manager Takita said the board is being asked to consider Eureka Stone Quarry Inc. for the stone and aggregate bid and blacktop and binder material. Stone is \$22 per ton and blacktop and binder material is \$62.93 per ton. Member Palmer moved to approve the stone and asphalt bids for Falls Township; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

**ITEM # 14 CONSIDER BUS QUOTES FOR THE 2023 FALLS TOWNSHIP
SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM**

Mr. Andrews said three quotes were received. He recommended denying the lowest bid as there were concerns with their safety ratings. His recommendation is to go with David Thomas Transportation who we have used the last two years for summer camp. There is one addendum to cap the surcharge of 5% on fuel and to give us the opportunity to cancel trips four weeks in advance. Member Boraski asked if they use natural gas buses or diesel fuel. Mr. Andrews believes they are diesel but he would have to check. Member Boraski moved to award the bus quote for the 2023 Falls Township Summer Camp Program to David Thomas Transportation in the amount of \$10,628, subject to final approval from the Solicitor's office; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

**ITEM # 15 CONSIDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEXIPOL AND THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

Chief Whitney said Lexipol is an internationally recognized company that deals in risk-management policies and training for the law enforcement community and the fire service. This is a budgeted item to bring Lexipol on board as a partner in updating our policy book and providing a platform that documents training for all of our officers. Member Palmer said this is a new line item and asked if we have the budget for this. Chief Whitney said yes, we budgeted for it intending to bring them on board this year. Member Palmer asked if they had a grant for this. Chief Whitney said they did not have a grant opportunity that would be applicable for this. Member Mullen moved to approve the agreement between the township and Lexipol; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

**ITEM # 16 CONSIDER POLICY ADOPTION FOR USE OF FORCE FOR THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Member Mullen asked Chief Whitney what he based these policies on. Chief Whitney said they had a policy committee in 2020 that started to make recommended changes to their Use of Force Policy. We used neighboring policies as a template and they bring agencies that were PLEAC- and CALEA-accredited as well as the Bucks County Police Chiefs' Association and the Bucks County District Attorney's office. There was a project where there were recommended changes to each of the 39 police departments in Bucks County to adopt these recommended changes. It coincided with President Trump's Executive Order requiring police departments to adopt certain changes. From all of those sources came the Use of Force Policy that is before you this evening. Member Mullen moved to approve the policy adoption for Use of Force for the Police Department, pending review from the Solicitor's Office; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

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ITEM # 17 CONSIDER POLICY ADOPTION FOR OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Member Mullen moved to approve the policy adoption for outside employment for the Police Department, pending review from the Solicitor's Office; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 18 CONSIDER POLICY ADOPTION FOR WEAPONS, ARMORY AND SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Member Boraski asked about the words listed on the policies about an accreditation standard. Chief Whitney said that is a block that indicates these policies have the PA Accreditation Standards attached to them. Member Boraski asked if we have accreditation now. Chief Whitney said we do not. Member Mullen moved to approve the policy adoption for weapons, armory and special equipment for the Police Department, pending review from the Solicitor's Office; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 19 CONSIDER ESCROW RELEASE REQUESTS

Member Boraski moved to approve escrow requests for Lincoln Storage in the amount of \$217,901.25 and Levittown Car Wash in the amount of \$71,318.25; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 20 APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Member Boraski moved to approve Resolution 2023-16 to appoint Paul Hartzell to an alternate position on the Planning Commission; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 21 MINUTES – FEBRUARY 27, 2023

Member Boraski moved to approve the minutes from February 27, 2023; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 22 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Jones said there were three new land development submissions, one new earth disturbance submission and three flood plain permit application submissions. For the KA at Fairless Hills (WAWA), they have plans to open soon. Lincoln Storage is nearing completion and they are under a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy. The LPC Morrisville project received preliminary approval and will be before the Planning Commission next month for consideration of final approval. Morton Salt is nearing construction. The project was approved by the board and we are in the final stages of developer's agreements.

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Pennsbury Plaza, Britton Realty and Geleste will all be on the Planning Commission tomorrow. SIV Ambulance will be before the Planning Commission in April. For township projects, no notable updates except that for Martin's Creek in Vermillion Hills, the board approved last month for us to get started. We are collecting preliminary data, reviewing flows and storm-water management considerations and surveying.

ITEM # 23 BILL LIST

Member Mullen moved to approve the March 27, 2023 bill list in the amount of \$2,548,593.10; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 24 ENGINEERING BILL LIST

Member Palmer moved to approve the March 27, 2023 Engineering bill list in the amount of \$365,037.005; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Chairman Dence who abstained. (3-0-1)

ITEM # 25 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Gallagher said the board met in Executive Session on March 14, 2023 to discuss matters of potential litigation and personnel and an Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss matters of litigation and personnel.

ITEM # 26 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Nelson Whitney provided the following update:

- There were 1,375 calls for service in the month of February which included 96 accidents and 2 overdoses.
- We promoted Chris Iocona to detective to fill a vacancy due to a retirement.
- We participated in a recruitment effort at the Bucks County Consortium Test on March 18th. We received the test results today and are proceeding with the hiring process to fill open vacancies in the Police Department.
- We participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- Chief Whitney said he will be attending an event with the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce, expanding our community policing footprint into working with the Chamber of Commerce here in the township.

Member Mullen asked if this will be our final Consortium test. Chief Whitney said he is hoping they will run another one in October. They usually do one in the spring and one in the fall but this has not yet been discussed. Member Palmer asked about the commercial inspections. Chief Whitney said we have an officer trained in motor carrier enforcement and we're looking to expand that program to train additional officers. Over the next three months, we will be holding scheduled inspection detail, having officers assist our trained officer. To be certified you have to be trained to meet certain requirements and conduct a

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set number of inspection every year to maintain your certification. Member Boraski said this is one of those issues we get firsthand. We have spoken for months about trucks and re-routing them through Morrisville. We are fully committed to this program and the resources you need to keep it under control. Once word is out, it helps.

ITEM # 27 MANAGER COMMENT

There will be a Shredder Event and Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Additional information is posted on the township website and social media.

ITEM # 28 BOARD COMMENT


Member Boraski said these events are great for the township. It would be good to hold another E-recycling event. Manager Takita said we are in the process of putting that on the schedule.

Member Mullen – no comment.

Member Palmer said he has been getting a lot inquiries from residents. We will be working on state, county and township areas on concerns about litter or traffic conditions. Please give your concerns to Falls Township and we will do our best to get it addressed. It doesn't mean we will be able to do anything hands-on wise, but we will reach out to all of the necessary officials to make it our business to take care of this township.

Chairman Dence – no comment.

Member Mullen moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Palmer seconded the motion all board members were in favor. (4-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



Brian Galloway, Secretary