

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

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

The meeting commenced at 7:35 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present with the exception of Member Dence and Member Vislosky. Member Vislosky joined the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Barbara Kirk, Township Finance Director Betsy Reukauf, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

**ITEM # 1 KINDER MORGAN – PRELIMINARY LAND DEVELOPMENT –
KEYSTONE INDUSTRIAL PORT COMPLEX – TPN 13-047-034-004**

This project is for construction and installation of a modular office building. The applicant is represented by Mr. Doug Maloney. Mr. Maloney said the applicant plans to replace a demolished office building. It will be 3,100 sq. ft. in size. Mr. Maloney said each of the comments in the October 25, 2010 letter from T&M are included in the proposed Resolution. The comments from the Planning Commission are all will comply. The one exception is #B-41 which deals with the tree requirements for the parking area. The applicant proposes to make a donation to the township tree fund in lieu of planting trees. The amount they calculated is \$1,800. It was determined and stated by Mr. Dell that it is not feasible to plant trees in this area. Member Vislosky suggested that instead of a donation to the tree fund, they should consider making their donation to the Fairless Hills Athletic Association. Member Vislosky said the applicant has agreed to do this. Chairman Harvie said it is probably best to stick with the current township policy which is to make the donation to the tree fund. Member Vislosky moved to designate that instead of donation to the township tree fund, that Kinder Morgan make their donation to the Fairless Hills Athletic Association; Member Szupka seconded the motion. Member Szupka and Member Vislosky were in favor; Member Snipes and Chairman Harvie voted no. The vote did not pass. (2-2) Member Szupka said he is very pleased there are no waivers. The only question or comment he has is the location of the building in respect to the gasoline storage tank. Mr. Maloney said that tank will be removed. They will add a visitor parking lot with nine parking spaces. The asphalt is already there. They will only need to stripe the area. Member Szupka moved to approve Resolution # 2010-24 for Kinder Morgan, TPN 13-047-034-004; Member Snipes seconded the motion. Member Szupka amended his motion to include the contribution of \$1,800 in lieu of planting trees to be paid to the township's tree

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fund; Member Snipes seconded the amendment. A vote was taken; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 2 2011 BUDGET PRESENTATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE

Ms. Reukauf gave a presentation on the proposed 2011 budget. The tax millage rate for Falls Township would remain at 7.22. The total tax fund is \$17,814,254. The total non-tax fund is \$68,151,413. The total 2011 budget is \$85,965,667. The budgeted spending is projected to be \$29,135,512. The 2011 budget will be on display at the Levittown Library, on the township website, and in the township building. It will not be available at the Fallsington Library due to the library being closed for renovations. Member Snipes said he is very interested in hearing input from residents before they adopt the 2011 budget. Member Snipes asked how many years were left in the road program. Mr. Sullivan said at this point there are probably four or five years left in the road program, depending on the budget. The board thanked Mrs. Reukauf for her work. Member Szupka moved to open public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Mr. Andy Dell asked for more specific information on some of the equipment purchases for the Public Works Department. Manager Gray will have a discussion with the individual department heads to try to obtain this information. Member Szupka said they may have to purchase their equipment under the state bid list. Mr. Dell asked where the generator would be located. Mr. Sullivan said it would be right outside of the building, near the equipment room. There will be some cabling required in order to install the generator. Mr. Jim Birk said he lives just off of Makefield Road, near Gaslight Village. He said he is a biker and rides his bike around the area as well as through the Woolston Drive tunnel. Mr. Birk said he cannot walk from his home to the Fallsington Library, which is less than a mile in distance, without the risk of taking his life. He said the Makefield Library is three miles away from his home and he is able to safely walk there. Mr. Birk said West Trenton Avenue has terrible sidewalks. One cannot walk to the post office because there are no sidewalks. He would like to see the township more bicycle and pedestrian friendly. Mr. Gallus Obert said he picked up the budget packet from the back of the room, but it was different than the presentation. Mr. Obert said there are not enough members at the senior center to justify spending \$1.2M on a building addition. Mr. Guido Mariani said in these tough times with unemployment and foreclosures, he does not know why they would be spending so much money on the senior center project. He said it will become a future burden. Mr. Mariani said this item should be removed from the budget. Mr. Roland Kenney congratulated Ms. Reukauf and Manager Gray for their work on the budget. Member Snipes moved to close public comment; Member Szupka seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Szupka suggested eliminating the senior center from the budget and putting that money towards pedestrian paths and bike trails. He said it would serve more people than the senior center would serve. Member Vislosky suggested supporting the pedestrian and bike paths for Woolston Drive and the tunnel. She would like to see the costs for this by the next meeting. She would rather see that instead of the senior center renovations. She will not vote to advertise this tonight. Member Vislosky moved to not authorize advertisement of the 2011 budget until they straighten it out;

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Member Szupka seconded the motion. Member Szupka and Member Vislosky voted yes; Member Snipes and Chairman Harvie voted no. The vote did not pass. (2-2) Chairman Harvie said the board members to his right have been very vocal about not providing a sidewalk along New Falls Road. Now that a member of the public has brought this up, he said they now want to install sidewalks. Chairman Harvie did not think all of the preliminary work to do a cost estimate would be able to be done in the next two weeks before the next meeting. Chairman Harvie suggested having the Parks and Rec Board take a look at this and see if they have recommendations on where it would be feasible to put sidewalks and/or pedestrian paths. Member Snipes moved to authorize advertisement of the 2011 budget; Chairman Harvie seconded the motion. Member Snipes and Chairman Harvie voted yes; Member Szupka and Member Vislosky voted no. The vote did not pass. (2-2) Member Vislosky suggested that the proposed day-care facility on New Falls Road rent or lease space from the closed St. Joseph The Worker Church/School. Member Vislosky said it is do-able to put a path along Gaslight Village Shopping Center and the Woolston Drive tunnel. She thinks it is a disaster to put one in along New Falls Road.

ITEM # 3 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES - 2011

Corporal Mark Bertone gave information on the proposed purchase of three Ford Crown Victoria vehicles in the amount of \$71,510 and two Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles in the amount of \$60,558. These vehicles are on the Co-Stars list. Corporal Bertone said he would prefer to place the orders early to avoid any possible delays in obtaining these vehicles. Member Vislosky questioned the price of \$1,000 for painting. Corporal Bertone said they worked on this cost and the vehicles will now be painted for \$500 each. The projected delivery date is at least 14 weeks from when they order the vehicles. These items are budgeted in the proposed 2011 budget. Member Snipes moved to approve the purchase of five police vehicles in the amount of \$132,068.47; Member Szupka seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 4 CONSIDER T&M PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 2011 ROAD PROGRAM

Manager Gray said T&M Engineers has submitted a proposal for professional engineering services for the 2011 Road Program. The roads scheduled for full-depth reconstruction are Winding Way, Vernon Road, Allendale Drive, Alden Avenue, Independence Drive, and Rose Avenue. The roads scheduled for mill and overlay are Penns Grant Drive, Justice Lane, Federal Lane, Musket Drive, Centennial Drive, a portion of Allendale Drive and the dead end off of Independence Drive. The estimated cost is \$3.9M. Member Szupka asked how far down they would go for the full-depth reconstructed roads. Mr. Sullivan said they usually go at least 14". What they normally find is a couple inches of asphalt and then stone. If they raise the road they don't excavate quite as far. Member Snipes said he spoke with someone about speeding on Winding Way and asked about the stop signs. Chairman Harvie said PENNDOT does not allow stop signs to be used to control speeding, even on the township roads. Member Szupka believes that there should be some way to get around them not being able to put in stop signs. Member Snipes moved to open public comment; Member Szupka seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Mr. Jim Birk

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said he lives close to Winding Way. He said a lot of people continue to speed in this area. He also said some people don't even stop at the stop signs that are already there. Mr. Birk asked where Stevens Road and Berwyn Road drain to. Mr. Sullivan said they drain to the creek. Mr. Gallus Obert said he would like to see more detail on the agenda sheet. Mr. Obert said no one stops at the Hanford Road stop sign in front of his house. He also said students, parents, and teachers all walk on the road, not the sidewalk. Mr. Andy Dell said he never sees people riding their bicycles on a sidewalk. He only sees pedestrians using sidewalks. Mr. Dell said every sidewalk or path that is created will need to be maintained. Member Snipes moved to close public comment; Member Szupka seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Snipes moved to award T&M Engineering the Proposal for Engineering Services for the 2011 Road Program in the amount NTE \$548,000; Member Szupka seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

**ITEM # 5 PUBLIC COMMENT – FIVE MINUTE LIMIT PER PERSON
FORTY-FIVE MINUTE MAXIMUM**

Mr. Roland Kenney thanked everyone for keeping John Galloway in office. He congratulates all those who won. He hopes they can turn things around. Mr. Kenney said whether or not you like the KIPC, it is here and everyone should back it.

Mr. Guido Mariani said next week is Veteran's Day. He thanked those men and women who have served and continue to serve. He wished his fellow Marines a Happy Birthday. Mr. Mariani asked if they could have a cost analysis and presentation on geo-thermal heating and cooling. He said one in every 13 homes is built using geo-thermal energy.

Mr. Jim Birk commented on the yard waste and leaf pick up. He said leaf pick up every three weeks is not often enough as he and his neighbors have a lot of trees. Mr. Birk believes weekly pick up would be much more appropriate during this time of the year. Chairman Harvie said they used to have four leaf pick-up dates in the fall. Now they have three leaf pick-up dates in the fall and one in the spring. The DEP forced them to change one of those pick-up days. Chairman Harvie said they will reach out to Waste Management and see if they will re-consider the current schedule. Member Vislosky said that years ago they used to have a leaf pick-up truck. She would like to see them buy a leaf pick-up truck for Falls Township. Member Vislosky suggested having a round-table type of discussion so people can voice their concerns on issues such as leaf pick up. Mr. Birk does not like the idea of piling leaves near the curbs and having a truck pick them up. He said the leaves lay near the curbs for long periods of time and it makes it even harder to ride a bike.

Mr. Gallus Obert said with the leaf pick up truck, you have to manage the pick up and it becomes labor intensive. There are almost 100 miles of streets in Falls Township. If a street sweeper went 5 mph, it would take quite a long time to pick up the leaves. Mr. Obert mentioned two books he recently read and highly recommends the public read them as well. To the gentleman talking about leaves, Falls Township/Waste Management will pick them up with regular waste. They will take it with the regular trash.

Mrs. Dorothy Vislosky said she has had the opportunity to attend the school board meetings and watch what is going on. Mrs. Vislosky said some of the postal service rules have

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changed. To those who have not yet received the Vislosky newsletter, they should receive it this week. Member Vislosky was wondering what happened with delivery of her newsletter. She said she received a call from the printer. It is the printer who handles the printing, addressing, and taking the newsletters to the post office. She said it was no fault of anyone, but the Postal Service changed the rules. Mrs. Vislosky said in January, she will start her 47th year of public service. Mrs. Vislosky said last November was probably the most successful election we have had.

ITEM # 6 MINUTES – OCTOBER 19, 2010

Member Snipes moved to approve the minutes from October 19, 2010; Chairman Snipes seconded the motion. Member Snipes and Chairman Harvie voted yes; Member Szupka abstained from the vote; Member Vislosky voted no. The motion did not pass. (2-1-1)

ITEM # 7 EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no Executive Session held.

ITEM # 8 MANAGER COMMENT

1. Member Snipes moved to approve the time extension request for T-Mobile Northeast for Old Rt. 13 to January 15, 2011; Member Szupka seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
2. Member Szupka moved to approve the time extension request for Trench Tech for Old Bristol Pike until February 11, 2011; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 9 BOARD COMMENT

Member Szupka said it was gratifying to see everyone who came out to vote. Member Szupka said earlier it was stated that he was against sidewalks. Member Szupka said that he is against where they go. Member Szupka said he sees people who walk down the side of the road. In regard to the boat ramp, he is not against the boat ramp; he is against the location of the boat ramp. He would much rather see it located at Biles Island. Member Szupka said he had an incident where he fell. Member Szupka thanked an I.C.U. nurse from St. Mary Medical Center who spent time to make sure he was okay. He said the staff at St. Mary Medical Center really show how they care. It is a good facility.

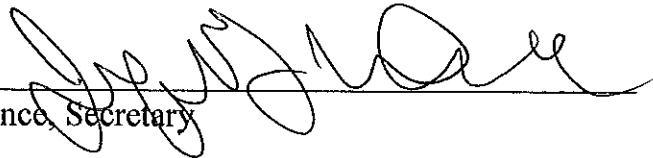
Member Snipes said he heard Mr. Mariani speak about geo-thermal. He recently requested a proposal for installing geo-thermal. It ran about \$30,000 for about the size of a Levittown house. He doesn't believe at this point that there are government rebates the way there are for solar projects, so your payback is going to be a little longer. It is more convenient, but it will have a big price tag. He will forward the information from the company he was working with to Manager Gray. Member Snipes said there was about a 50% turnout for the election from Falls Township residents. He said the residents of Falls voted very differently from the outcome of the election. Member Snipes spoke about the Civil Rights Bill, Dr. Martin Luther King, and Women's Suffrage Movement.

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Member Vislosky said she previously gave the explanation of why the Vislosky newsletter was late. Member Vislosky said she has been involved in public service for 47 years. She is thrilled to see Mike Fitzpatrick back where he belongs. Member Vislosky said she heard a lot of people say that she has done her research. She said when she lost a slander suit because four witnesses did not show up in Federal Court, she sued her attorney and they settled out of court. She signed a confidentiality agreement and that means she has to give the money back if she says how much money they paid her. Member Vislosky said she has maintained that she never wanted to seek higher office. Member Vislosky recited one of her favorite poems, Abou Ben Adam. Member Vislosky said she loves her community and her neighbors and she chose to dedicate her life to Falls Township. Member Vislosky said if the public is interested in seeing their school taxes spent on the children, then get registered to vote in the Primary Election. Voting registration is opening again now and you will have one month before the Election Day to register. Member Vislosky said she will lead the fight.

Chairman Harvie echoed the sentiments regarding the election. One of the things he noticed was that there were a lot of younger voters, which is very encouraging. Chairman Harvie said he talks to his students about the importance of voting. Chairman Harvie thanked Mr. Mariani for bringing up the subject of Veteran's Day. It is important to remember all those men and women who have and continue to serve our country. Chairman Harvie said there is an average of 3,000 WWII Veterans who die every day. He does not think there are any WWI Veterans still alive. These veterans really are living history. These men and women made tremendous sacrifices. There were 16,000,000 Americans who served in WWII. There were 400,000 who did not come back. Chairman Harvie announced an event for Levittown Fire Co. No. 1. The Jerry Blavat Oldies Night will be held on Saturday, November 20th from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. The price is \$30 per person. For information, please call 215-945-4231.

Member Snipes moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Szupka seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.



Jeffrey Dence, Secretary