

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

The meeting commenced at 7:07 p.m. with roll call and pledge to the flag. All Board members were present. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher and Township Engineer Joe Jones. Chairman Harvie asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the terror attacks in New Zealand and The Netherlands.

**ITEM # 1 MILEX PROPERTIES, LLC – FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT –  
300 W. TRENTON AVENUE – TMP # 13-035-027**

Manager Gray said the applicant's proposed project consists of the construction of a 4,800 sq. ft. office building with garage spaces and associated parking, utilities, and stormwater management. Representing the applicant is Ms. Kristin Holmes from Holmes Cunningham Engineering. Ms. Holmes said there are no new waiver requests as part of the final land development approval. Previously-approved waivers included: driveways and curbs; open space between the curb line and building; curbed raised planting beds, and a partial waiver from the requirement showing existing features. The proposed building will be similar to the existing building so it will be in-kind with the neighborhood. They have been before the Zoning Hearing Board and received a variance in regard to providing fewer parking spaces than required for the overall development. They have no further comments in regard to the comments from the traffic engineer and the township engineer. Member Dence asked about the Disabled Persons Advisory Board comment with regard to parking spaces. Ms. Holmes said they were asked to distribute the handicapped parking space between the two buildings and they were able to do that on the revised plan. The fire marshal review letter is will comply. Member Dence moved to approve Resolution # 19-9 for Milex Properties, LLC, final land development, 300 W. Trenton Avenue, TMP # 13-035-027; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 2 CORCO CHEMICAL CORP. – AMENDED FINAL MINOR  
SUBDIVISION/LOT LINE CHANGE – TYBURN ROAD AND CEDAR  
ROAD – TMP # 13-018-074-001 AND TMP # 13-013-010**

Manager Gray said the applicant's proposed improvements consist of a minor subdivision and lot line change between two existing parcels. Representing the applicant is Mr. John Koopman and Mr. Heath Dumack (Project Engineer). Mr. Koopman said they are here tonight requesting the approval for their amended final minor subdivision/lot line change.

They are shifting the southern lot line by 150 feet further south on Cedar Lane. Member Boraski moved to approve Resolution # 19-10 for Corco Chemical Corp., amended final minor subdivision/lot line change, Tyburn Road and Cedar Road, TMP # 13-018-074-001 and TMP # 13-013-010; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 3 MLH 150 ROEBLING ROAD, LLC – AMENDED FINAL PLAN -  
150 ROEBLING ROAD, TMP # 13-051-001-024**

Manager Gray said the applicant's proposed project consists of the construction of a 225 sq. ft. addition to connect two existing buildings for the growing and processing of medical marijuana, along with the associated stormwater management, utilities, and parking facilities. The applicant is represented by Ms. Carrie Nase with Fox Rothchild. Mr. David Clapper (MLH) and Mr. Bob Showalter (Engineer) are also present. Ms. Nase provided information on this project. This project received special exception approval about two years ago. At that time, this was a joint application with MLH and unfortunately, Pharmacon was not granted a license. Since that time, MLH has been able to maintain control of the property and MLH is the equitable owner of the property. We are looking to receive a clinical research license and it needs to be partnered with a research project. There was some litigation filed which delayed the issuance of some of the clinical research licenses. That has since been resolved. They have since re-opened the application process at the beginning of March and it closes the beginning of April. We are in the process of putting that application together and we will be submitting for the clinical research license. Once the license is issued, we have six months to be up and running. We propose to utilize two of the existing buildings. One will be for operations and the other is a greenhouse facility. The application before you this evening is a small connector for these two buildings. In the future, they will appear before the board for a 42,000 sq. ft. greenhouse. All items in the township engineer's review letter are will comply. They are asking for the same waivers they were previously granted. They met with the Planning Commission last month and they gave a favorable recommendation to move forward. Member Boraski asked if there was enough room on the property for the greenhouse to be built. Ms. Nase said there is enough room. Member Boraski wished them good luck with their project. Chairman Harvie asked about vehicle traffic, vehicle size, and frequency. Mr. Clapper said for the most part, they will have employee vehicles and then also have daily deliveries such as fertilizer, growing materials, and pots. These items are typically delivered in box trucks, some may be a tractor trailer. There is no dispensing happening here and there is also no one coming in to purchase product. They have secure vehicles which go in and out on a weekly basis. These are typically vans and accordance with state mandate, part of what they have to do is to file their routes. Everything is prepackaged. They have GPS on the trucks. All of the dispensaries will be in Pennsylvania. Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 19-11 for MLH, 150 Roebbling Road, LLC, amended final plan, TMP # 13-051-001-024; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 4 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Wilcox reported on the following:

- A. As result of a tip from the Push Out The Pusher program, our detectives as well as the Bucks County Narcotics Strike Force conducted an investigation into delivery of narcotics around Falls Township. Christopher Neuber was charged. We obtained two illegal guns, assorted drugs, and a large sum of money.
- B. Our detectives are conducting an investigation into a business e-mail compromise (BEC). They create e-mail accounts that are similar to the victims, redirect wire transactions, and gain control of bank accounts. If you go to our Facebook page, there are five things you can do to help deter this. They are: 1. Verify all changes in payment and financial information via phone or in person with a known individual; 2. Employ dual factor authentication regarding changes; 3. Monitor IT systems for the presence of malware; 4. Monitor and restrict the use of auto-forwarding; 5. Use a domain registration monitoring service. If you have been a victim of a scam, please contact the police.
- C. This time of year is a big season for IRS scams. The IRS never uses the telephone; they always use the mail.
- D. We are one of thirteen booking stations throughout Bucks County. For the year 2018, there were 7,592 bookings in Bucks County. We accounted for almost 8%. As a result, the township will receive \$51,131.50 from these bookings. There is currently \$245,242.39 in the bookings account. These funds can be used for things associated with the booking center.
- E. The Safety Net program is almost up and running. There are some rules that must be looked over by our attorney. (This replaces the Rapid Recovery program.) The Safety Net program is for impaired individuals and the elderly. They wear a homing device which looks like a watch, and it helps us when someone walks away from someplace. It is fully funded by a grant.
- F. The Chief for a Day Program is moving along.
- G. The next Coffee With A Cop will be held on March 29, 2019 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Falls Township Senior Center.
- H. There will be a drug take back event on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This will coincide with the shredder event the same day from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. There is also a box in the police department for people to drop off their narcotics during other periods of time.
- I. Chief Wilcox thanked Member Galloway and his family for an excellent job with the St. Patrick's Day parade.
- J. Chairman Harvie spoke about a fatal accident involving two teenagers on a dirt bike. Chairman Harvie asked Chief Wilcox what kinds of vehicles should and shouldn't be on the roads. He knows this is an issue in some neighborhoods in Falls Township. What laws are in place? Chief Wilcox said there are no places for people to take these types of vehicles. They really should be governed by their parents and that is the bottom line. They are not legal. They have to be properly registered and inspected to be on the street. If we stop someone with a quad, we can have it confiscated, it turns into a problem, and a long-drawn-out process to get

the quad back. If they don't have their license, it will be a long time before they will be able to get a license.

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

Chairman Harvie said next on our agenda is 45 minutes of public comment. Next Tuesday in this room is the Planning Commission meeting which will hear the Elcon proposal. That is the only thing on their agenda. The Planning Commission is an advisory board. They don't have a legal authority. The Planning Commission reviews plans and makes recommendations and comments and then pass those on to us. They are volunteers helping the township. In regard to the Elcon proposal, the township will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, location TBD. The township will still have its regular Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, but there will be nothing on that agenda regarding Elcon. Chairman Harvie wanted to address one comment that was made, and the township did put out a release following the meeting at the Sheraton. A comment was made by one of the DEP officials that the township has the ability to change zoning on this property which means that Elcon would not be able to be built there. That is an inaccurate statement. The township does not have the right to change zoning on private property. Property owners can ask for their zoning to be changed and this board can decide if that would be appropriate. One example of this would be the recent St. Joseph The Worker Church changing from institutional to residential.

Ms. Joan Graves said she finds it ironic that the name of this company who wants to further pollute our air and water is called Elcon Recycling Services. Ms. Graves said the definition of recycling is to treat or process used or waste materials so as to make it suitable for use and since the materials that will be the byproduct of this facility cannot be used again, the liquid waste is being converted to toxic solid waste. They initially wanted to build one facility and then submitted a plan for two 70,000 sq. ft. facilities. Although Elcon has said their by-product will not be accepted at a local landfill, what happens when they are successful in delisting some of the chemicals of this waste by-product? Why hasn't Falls Township passed a clean air ordinance which might have deterred this company from even locating here? Research lends this to something to be done at the local level. Is it because the existing air in our township would not meet the criteria for this type of ordinance? Since we residents have been asked to separate our waste products since the 1990's, why hasn't the DEP and Falls Township pushed back on this company, deny their request, and force other states to process their toxic liquid waste at the source. Ms. Graves wants to address the issues affecting the smallest members of our community and the numerous schools in the geographic area that will be impacted. There will be no truck traffic on Pennsylvania Avenue. Ms. Graves said Elcon has contracted with a private hauling company to do the transportation of this hazardous waste. She spoke about the truck route which will bring these vehicles within hundreds of feet of the Bucks County Montessori School. When a spill occurs, what about the safety of those children and the faculty. Who

will be responsible for the cleanup when a spill occurs? Ms. Graves asked what type of legacy are we leaving for our children and grandchildren?

Mr. Donald Markert said he opposes Elcon's operations in Falls Township and he asks you to reject Elcon's plans to locate and operate in Falls Township. Mr. Markert said they refer to themselves as a recycling facility. In this context, the word recycle is a deception; a euphemism it provides. They don't recycle anything. Elcon accepts hazardous waste from hazardous waste generators, redistributes the hazardous waste into the local environment, and they will have an immediate negative effect on the local inhabitants and landfills. Elcon's processes will directly discharge pollutants into the atmosphere. Taxpayers have been paying for the remediation of thousands of superfund sites across the USA. The only option for us is to proactively prevent Elcon from polluting the environment in the first place. You the supervisors, collectively have the power to proactively intervene to stop Elcon's plant from locating and operating in Falls Township. Mr. Markert said there are 19 schools located within 5 miles of Elcon's proposed location. Mr. Markert spoke about the recent crash of two Boeing 737 aircraft as well as the safety and inspections of these aircraft. Mr. Markert reiterated his opposition to Elcon's operations in Falls Township and he asks the supervisors to reject this project as well.

Mr. Hasib Abdur Rahman said he and his family have been Falls Township residents since 1985. They have been well pleased with their residency over the years and said they have attended township meetings. Mr. Rahman wanted to give his thanks and appreciation to the board. He read a magnificent article in the Falls Township newsletter that Mr. Harvie wrote about Mr. Snipes. Mr. Rahman did not know that Mr. Snipes was intimately involved with the Myers family, the first black family to have residency in Bucks County. Mr. Rahman said he met Mr. Harvie this past Sunday at the Zubaida Foundation's memorial for the unfortunate tragedy in New Zealand. He was one of the people who spoke. Mr. Rahman said we should hear the good things that people do whether they are elected members of the community or private citizens. Let us continue to come together more often and not only in the situation of tragedy. Mr. Rahman said the Zubaida Foundation will be hosting an open house in June and the public is welcome to attend. This will be held at Zubaida Foundation at 855 Big Oak Road in Yardley.

Mr. Boyd Owens said he has been a resident since 2005. He is a mechanical engineer and has been a factory and plant factory engineer for 25 years. When he first heard about the Elcon application, he read about 600 pages of the application. He saw a concern in the EPA application on page 6 of the general information section. Mr. Owens spoke about the horizontal and vertical standards. They listed the horizontal location of the site in the North American Datum of 1983. They have used the current location standard for that. On the vertical standard, which is the elevation standard, they used the North American Geodetic Datum from 1929. For any engineering boss, if he mixed standards like that, they would have handed it back and told him to fix it. The current standard, 1988 North American vertical standard is accurate to 2.5". The 1929 standard is accurate to 1 ft. All of the FEMA flood maps are in the North American Vertical Datum of 1988. The other point of concern is that the FEMA flood maps and the flood lines they show may or may not actually be

where they are. The FEMA maps get modified and currently there are three letters of map revisions that have been sent to Falls township and local enforcement. Another issue is a modification to the flooding along the Biles Creek waterway. It provides a chart for up and down the creek and in the vertical elevation it has the flood plain line. This chart is in the North American Datum of 1988. The fact that Elcon tries to convince us that they are not in the flood plain becomes a little more questionable.

Ms. Toni Battiste said on March 5<sup>th</sup>, the DEP held an informational meeting about Elcon and during that meeting, one DEP representative referenced that Falls Township had issued a certificate. Ms. Battiste filled out a request for a copy of this certificate on March 12<sup>th</sup>, but no one has called her to say the copy is ready. She guesses this is a certificate or letter of zoning consistency. Someone thinks that Elcon fits the zoning for that piece of property. Ms. Battiste said she has a copy of the MPM district that it falls in. Was this approved by the Zoning Hearing Board and was it reviewed by legal? Chairman Harvie said it would have gone to the Zoning Officer, Mr. Bennett. He would have taken a look at the project and looked at this with legal. Any business has to submit a letter of intent. The Phase 1 of the DEP review is to see if it is in the right zoning. Ms. Gallagher said our office reviewed the letter of intent that came to Mr. Bennett and based on their review, it is a permitted use in that district. Ms. Battiste asked for the township to please post why you think it meets the criteria in that zoning. She doesn't see it.

Mr. Michael Tadlock said he opposes the Elcon project. It is not an appropriate use for this type of a facility to be this close to the water supply. Bucks County is number 66 out of 67 counties for the worst air quality. Last year we had 17 orange days where they determine the air is unfit for children, the elderly, and people with cardiac or respiratory issues. Elcon has said they will bring in 20 trucks per day for their 7 day a week operation; 365 days per year. That is over 7,000 trucks per year. Elcon said they will produce less than 25 tons of air pollution, making them a minor source. Elcon has already announced their intention to have a Phase 2 which means they will double the size of their facility. This means they will double the trucks. This will be a major source of pollution which is not permitted in this area because we are in a non-attainment area. Mr. Tadlock said they will get their foot in the door with artificially low numbers and they will get an expansion because it is easier to get an expansion once you are already established. He hopes you have the wisdom to deny this. If it doesn't go the way all of these people hope it goes, at the very least please protect the residents of this township. Force them to post a huge bond. There are 5M people down the river from us. Philadelphia has said even if it is a minor spill, it will be catastrophic. It will be like another Elk River in West Virginia. Seven days after their spill, Freedom Industries declared bankruptcy, packed up and left town. You need to protect the residents because this could financially ruin us. Another suggestion is something like a tipping fee, where the fund would be used for equipment for first responders. Some of the money could go toward a township employee to be onsite and carefully monitor what they are doing. Elcon has said if it doesn't happen on their property, it is not their problem and they are not responsible for accidents beyond their site. Please take precautions for the residents in the township and surrounding areas.

Ms. Carol Farley had a concern about tankers being brought in by rail or barge. She also has a concern over vehicle accidents. We don't just have one or two vehicles involved in crashes; they are multi-vehicle crashes. If there were a huge collision with other cars, first responders wouldn't be able to get there fast enough, especially if the tanker is leaking. Ms. Farley said it is a very bad idea to have Elcon there and she is very much against it. There are too many red flags.

Ms. Sandra Gartner said she is a Falls Township resident and lives about two miles from the proposed Elcon site. Our township is in turmoil and we are confused. We are disgusted at the lack of transparency by our local government. We understand you are legally not able to speak, but we pay you to serve us. Why is this bypassing zoning without us knowing about it. There is evidence and data to determine this unsound. We are very uncertain about the safety of our lives in Falls Township. She cannot protect her family and provide them the best quality of life with Elcon here. She is a teacher and church member. Does she want to leave where her roots are or does she want to raise her daughter risking the water she bathes in, the water they use to cook with, or the air she is breathing? Every generation in this community works hard so the next generation will be more educated, more professional and more civically engaged. We do not want to devalue our community with Elcon or anyone like Elcon. Whatever tax break is being offered, we don't want it. There is no amount of jobs that will justify bringing Elcon to our community. We call on you now to save us from this catastrophe. Please do whatever you can, as soon as you can, to restore the certainty that our lives and our families are safe in Falls Township.

Ms. Jeannie Fissinger said she lives in Falls Township across the street from an elementary school. We know that Elcon intends to import hazardous waste products and then dispose of the waste from those hazardous waste products in Falls Township. Elcon's website said they will dispose of solids in a licensed landfill which we have. Solid waste is any discarded material that is otherwise not excluded under the regulations that implement the act. What constitutes a solid waste is not limited to waste that is physically solid. Many solid wastes are liquid, semi-solid, or gaseous materials. She is concerned these solid waste materials will be dumped into our landfill. Elcon is proposing to transport 200,000 tons of hazardous waste products per year into Falls Township. That is 400,000,000 lbs. of waste that is corrosive, toxic, ignitable, and reactive. She is totally against having these materials dumped into our landfill. Elcon's website says it is less than 1%. This still amounts to 400,000 lbs. per year that will go into our landfill. She is sickened by this. It is her understanding that the regulations will be relaxed. Would Elcon promise to identify individual waste codes on the land disposal restriction notification? She appreciates you taking this into consideration, and hopes you will reject their proposal. Chairman Harvie said we have reached the 45-minute maximum for public comment. Chairman Harvie wanted to address some of the questions that were asked. He said we have received your e-mails. In regard to a tax break, there is no tax break. The tax break that had gone into effect on January 1, 2005 ended on December 31, 2018. That 14-year tax abatement is no longer in place. Everyone down there is paying their full taxes. In terms of transparency, in the 15 years of being on the board, he doesn't ever remember posting plans and announcements on

a project such as this one. As soon as this one came in, the township administration was ordered to post it on social media. That is not something we are required to do. In regard to zoning, it is appropriate zoning. With regard to roads, the township has control over township roads, but limited control over state roads. Route 1, Route 13, and Tyburn Road are all state roads and have to follow PennDot requirements. Pennsylvania Avenue is a township road. In terms of a licensed landfill, not every landfill is licensed to receive every kind of waste. When you hear the word delisting, the waste stream that Elcon is putting out, as of now, would not be allowed, but if they are delisted that may change. That is something that the DEP does. Chairman Harvie said a question was asked about how long they have to retain records as to what they are putting in. Chairman Harvie said he is not sure. There was reference to the flood maps. Mr. Jones our engineer and our zoning officer have spent years looking at flood maps. For a long time, residents of the North Park and other areas had to pay flood insurance in an area that has never flooded. We have worked very hard to try and get a lot of those properties out of the flood zone simply by looking at the maps. It was through our efforts that we got hundreds of properties out of the flood zone. Mr. Jones was part of that effort. Mr. Jones said he has had an open dialogue with FEMA over the last four years. We are very in tune with the township flood plains. Chairman Harvie said a township does not have the luxury of deciding what plans they want to look at and do not want to look at. We have a timeline we have to abide by. As an example, if we chose not to do anything with this and that timeline expired, the project would be deemed approved and they can do whatever they wanted to do. We do have to hear this and that is why we are meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Harvie said there has been a lot of discussion about a clean air ordinance and we had a copy of a clean air ordinance forwarded to us. Our attorney looked at this issue and had discussions with other attorneys and we do not have the ability to pass a clean air ordinance. In 2013 and 2016, two different Pennsylvania communities both passed clean air ordinances, and both were told by the Attorney General that they are not allowed to do that; they are precluded by state law. This is not something we are doing lightly. We had our attorney look for weeks and weeks about this issue. He apologizes; sometimes the news we pass along is not what you want to hear. There was a break in the meeting at 8:35 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 8:46 p.m. Chairman Harvie said he had a correction to his earlier comment where he stated it was the Attorney General's office that sent out those letters. It was actually the General Counsel of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that sent out those letters. Either way, the state has ruled that municipalities are precluded from doing ordinances like the one that was raised.

**ITEM # 6    CONSIDER THE 2019-2020 STONE AND ASPHALT BIDS FOR FALLS TOWNSHIP**

The Bucks County Consortium Road Material bid was opened by New Britain Township and the results were forwarded to Falls Township. It is recommended that the board award the Consortium Road Materials bid to two different companies. Member Galloway moved to accept the Consortium bid for the stone and aggregate items as well as the blacktop and binder material to Eureka Stone Quarry and the (QPR) cold patch material to HEI-Way, LLC; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)



**ITEM # 7    CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 209**

Ms. Gallagher said in December the board did a comprehensive update to the zoning code. The major change is reverting back to the township's prior notification requirements. The municipalities planning code allows the township to designate which property owners would be notified in the event that there is an application for a zoning variance. Previously, for residential applications, the township required that contiguous property owners be notified. The amendment that we passed in December increased that to all property owners within 500 feet. This would take it back to the contiguous property owners for residential applications only. Other than that, we are cleaning up some of the language in the ordinance. One important point is that the township is the entity that sends out the notifications for applications so there is nothing preventing the township from expanding that area if there is an application that the township believes is worthy of doing so. Member Dence moved to open public comment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Ms. Toni Battiste said when you say residential properties, do you include those properties where there could be a group home? Ms. Gallagher said if there is a property that is being used as a group home that applies for a zoning variance or if the property would not necessarily allow for a group home and an entity wants to go in there, that would be included in a residential application. Ms. Battiste said in that case, she doesn't think just contiguous properties is fair; the rest of the people on the street should know because their kids will be walking past that house. If you say that is all that you require, that will be all that you do. She thinks at minimum, it should be an entire street. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Gallagher seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Galloway moved to authorize advertisement for Ordinance amending Chapter 209; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 8    CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING GENERATOR**

Manager Gray said the board is asked to consider authorization for advertisement for the municipal building generator project. Bid specs will be prepared by township staff and Jones Engineering Associates. Mr. Jones said we will be hiring an electrical engineer who will design a building generator to satisfy the needs of the township. Our role will be to put out the bid package. Member Boraski said we are at a point where we will be wrapping up a design for the new generator. We just had a power failure and even at that, it is only a minimum of a couple of outlets, the server room, and some lights. Member Galloway moved to authorize advertisement for the municipal building generator; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 9 CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER FOR THE 2018 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The township received a memorandum from Jones Engineering regarding the change order for the 2018 Road Improvement Program for the inspection and engineering services in the amount of \$34,620 for the completion of the construction project. Mr. Jones said this was due to the transition from the old engineering firm to the new engineering firm. Member Galloway moved to approve the change order for the 2018 Road Improvement Program to Jones Engineering Associates in the amount of \$34,620; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 10 CONSIDER POLICE DEPARTMENT CONSULTANT FOR HIRING ASSISTANCE**

Chairman Harvie said the township has contacted the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association with an eye toward making some changes in their police hiring practices. Member Dence moved to retain the services of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association in accordance with the proposal regarding costs submitted on January 16, 2019; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 11 MINUTES – FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

Member Dence moved to approve the minutes from February 19, 2019; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 12 ENGINEERS REPORT**

Mr. Jones said we have had two new land developments submitted. These are Kampi Components and MLH Exploration which you heard tonight. One cell tower project was submitted in February. In terms of township projects, we have set the compost toilet and the pad was poured for the front of it. Work continues on the South Olds Boulevard culvert. We are on target for construction for early summer. For the 2018 Road Program, General Asphalt will be on site by the first week of April. Bustleton Services should follow the beginning of May with landscaping. The 2019 Road Improvement Project is still in the survey phase. We have coordinated with the geo-technical engineers and we are working on underground utility locations and preliminary storm sewer design. Mr. Andrews is getting quotes for the Parks and Rec initiative to install a pavilion at the Pinewood Pool. Mr. Jones said the tunnel is in place for the canal project. They are working on the trail which is a component of that. We will have to do a final inspection. WAWA intends to open in early May. For the Quaker Penn Park boat ramp, the ramps should be installed in mid-April. Member Rocco moved to approve the February 2019 Engineers report; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 13 BILL LIST**

Member Galloway moved to approve the bill list for March 19, 2019 in the amount of \$1,659,160.24; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 14 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Gallagher said that prior to tonight's meeting, the board held an Executive Session to discuss various items involving personnel. Chairman Harvie said there would be a brief Executive Session after tonight's meeting.

**ITEM # 15 MANAGER COMMENT**

- A. Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 19-12 for the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for a 5-year, state-designated enterprise zone; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- B. Manager Gray announced the following new businesses: Priva LLC, and The Sewing Shop.
- C. The 2019 Spring Yard Waste Cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Bulk Disposal Day will be held on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Manager Gray has Newport Village mylars ready for signature.

**ITEM # 16 BOARD COMMENT**

Member Rocco thanked Chairman Harvie for handling the crowd this evening. He understands the emotions and thanks you for answering questions.

Member Dence said Chairman Harvie did an excellent job this evening. He said it is frustrating watching us, but it is equally frustrating for us as we have been advised not to discuss it. We do hear everyone, and we see your signs. We all live in the same town and we all raise our families here. The date of the Elcon meeting is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

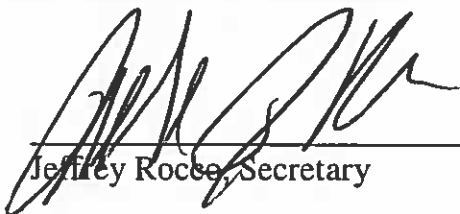
Member Dence moved to appoint Ms. Rebecca Link to the Community and Economic Development Commission; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to appoint Ms. Kara Barker to the Community and Economic Development Commission; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

Member Boraski said everyone had great comments this evening. He said Member Dence hits it on the head. It is a misconception that the supervisors do not live in the township. Member Boraski said he lives across from the Montessori school. We are all residents and my kids are outside just like everyone else who lives in the township.

Member Galloway said he echoes what everyone has said so far. Everyone who is coming out to the meetings is doing their job. We are diligently trying to do our job. Chairman Harvie did an excellent job this evening.

Chairman Harvie said they had the funeral service for Mr. Sam Snipes a couple of weeks ago at the George School. Mr. Snipes was a unique and 'quiet' powerful individual. Mr. Rahman was very eloquent in talking about the fact that we should recognize those who don't always get the headlines, but do a lot of work. Chairman Harvie said he came home from that service and it was the day the Falls Township newsletter came out. The information for the newsletter had to be submitted to the printer before Elcon submitted any information to the township, so there wasn't anything to comment on in that newsletter. We didn't know when Elcon would submit their plans. The last several days thinking about world events in New Zealand and The Netherlands has certainly raised a lot of issues about the world we live in. Chairman Harvie said he can't think about St. Patrick's Day without thinking about a trip his parents took to Ireland. They left out of Newark Airport on September 10, 2001. They were not world travelers and they immediately wanted to come home after the attack, but that was not an option. The thing that made the trip worthwhile is also what he experienced at the mosque this Sunday and that was the absolute outpouring of love that they received throughout Ireland, and was completely unexpected. They said so many little cottages flew American flags. Every place they visited they received an outpouring of love. They said if they couldn't be in America, they were glad they were in Ireland. In regard to Elcon, we are not going to give you answers you want to hear because it makes our job easier. He appreciates the support from the people on this board and the people who thanked us when we took our break. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Member Rocco moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Galloway seconded the motion all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.



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Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary