

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

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

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with roll call and pledge to the flag. All Board members were present. Also present were Township Manager/Chief Code Enforcement Officer & Zoning Officer Matthew Takita, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher and Township Engineer Joe Jones.

PRESENTATION TO REHABILITATE AND REDEDICATE FRANKLIN KIRBY PARK

Lt. Christopher Clark spoke about the rehabilitation of Franklin Kirby Park. There will be numerous fundraisers for this endeavor. Upgrades will include a new court, walkways, parking lot, lighting, picnic tables, benches, a foot bridge and cameras. They plan to have this completed by Fall of 2025 which will coincide with the 75th Anniversary of the Falls Township Police Department. The park will be renamed Chief Franklin Kirby Park.

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

Ms. Toni Battiste asked about item # 6 and if this were the company which produces the newsletter. Chairman Dence said yes. Ms. Battiste asked if this were a township position. Chairman Dence said she is not a township employee, it is a contract. Ms. Battiste asked what work she does. Chairman Dence said in addition to the newsletter, she handles social media and press releases. Ms. Battiste said it looks like we are doing her a favor. Ms. Battiste asked about the charitable organization benefiting from the Touch a Truck event. She saw some figures from 2021 and questioned how much the township knew about where the money goes. She said their finances do not look right to her.

**ITEM # 2 UGN LOGISTICS, INC – PRELIMINARY & FINAL LAND
DEVELOPMENT 745 PHILADELPHIA AVENUE – TMP # 13-047-062-
002, # 13-047-065 & # 13-047-066**

Mr. Bryce McGuigan (Begley Carlin) and Mr. John Richardson (Dumack Engineers) represent the applicant. They are requesting preliminary and final land development for this project which consists of 2.16 acres, zoned Heavy Industrial. This covers three separate parcels. They propose to build a 4,800 sq. ft. garage structure. Last March they went to the Zoning Hearing Board. Before the Planning Commission meeting in September of last year, the only item that was questioned was the on-site septic. Since that time, they had a Septic

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Designer come out and they have preliminary designs in place. Mr. McGuigan said they have five waivers dealing with existing conditions. Everything in the Engineer's review letter is either will comply or a waiver. Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 2024-6 for preliminary and final land development for UGN Logistics, Inc., 745 Philadelphia Avenue, TMP # 13-047-062-002, # 13-047-065 and # 13-047-066; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 3 CONSIDERATION OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYEE 1132000 (95) AND AUTHORIZATION OF TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION

Member Galloway moved to approve termination of employee 1132000 (95) and authorize the Township Manager to take all necessary action; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Chairman Dence who voted no. (4-1)

ITEM # 4 CONSIDERATION OF DEMOTION OF EMPLOYEE 9131999 (36) AND AUTHORIZATION OF TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION

Member Galloway moved to approve the demotion of employee 9131999 (36) and authorize the Township Manager to take all necessary action; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Chairman Dence and Member Boraski who both voted no. (3-2)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDERATION OF RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FROM PFM GROUP CONSULTING, LLC

Member Galloway moved to ratify the agreement for Consulting Services from PFM Group Consulting, LLC; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 6 CONSIDERATION OF KATALINAS COMMUNICATIONS FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

Member Mullen said she enjoys the focus on Instagram because not everyone has Facebook. It is a good way to stay up to date in the Township and for events. Member Galloway moved to approve Katalinas Communications for the Public Relations and Social Media Coordinator; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 7 CONSIDERATION OF VEHICLE PURCHASE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Member Galloway moved to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford Ranger Super Crew in the amount of \$52,765; Chairman Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 8 NOMINATE A DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION’S ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW – APRIL 14 THROUGH APRIL 17, 2024

Member Boraski expressed an interest in attending this year’s conference and trade show as it will fit his schedule. Member Boraski said he would like to see where we are with regard to electric vehicles. Member Mullen nominated Member Boraski to attend the State Association’s Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show – April 14 through April 17, 2024; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 9 CONSIDERATION OF RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE FOR 25 BARE ROOT TREES FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR THE 2024 SPRING BARE ROOT TREE PROGRAM

Member Galloway moved to ratify the purchase of 25 bare root trees from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society for the 2024 Spring Bare Root Tree Program in the amount of \$1,750; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 10 CONSIDER OF RATIFICATION FOR THE DECLARATION OF THE SNOW EMERGENCY DECLARED ON JANUARY 19, 2024 THROUGH JANUARY 20, 2024

Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 2024-7 for ratification of the declaration of the snow emergency declared on January 19, 2024 through January 20, 2024; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 11 CONSIDERATION OF ESCROW RELEASE REQUESTS

Member Galloway moved to approve the escrow release for WAWA in the amount of \$437,237.75; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 12 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE CABLE ADVISORY BOARD

There was no action on this agenda item.

ITEM # 13 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

There was no action on this agenda item.

ITEM # 14 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

There was no action on this agenda item.

ITEM # 15 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There was no action on this agenda item.

ITEM # 16 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Member Mullen moved to appoint Mr. Jesse O'Brien to the Parks & Recreation Board; Chairman Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 17 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT BY RESOLUTION TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no action on this agenda item.

ITEM # 18 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE POLICE PENSION COMMITTEE

There was no action on this agenda item.

ITEM # 19 CONSIDERATION OF RESIGNATION OF LOLAIN STRILUK FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY BOARD

Member Galloway moved to accept the resignation of Ms. Lolain Striluk from the Township of Falls Authority; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 20 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT BY RESOLUTION TO THE TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY BOARD

Chairman Dence moved to approve Resolution # 2024-8 to appoint Mr. Paul Hartzell to the Township of Falls Authority Board; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 21 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT BY RESOLUTION TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD

There was no action on this agenda item.

ITEM # 22 CONSIDERATION OF DONATION REQUEST FROM LEVITTOWN AMERICAN

Member Boraski moved to approve the \$6,000 donation to the Levittown American Little League; Chairman Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

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ITEM # 23 MINUTES – JANUARY 22, 2024 AND FEBRUARY 13, 2024

Member Galloway moved to approve the minutes from January 22, 2024 and February 13, 2024; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Boraski who abstained from the vote as he was not present at these meetings. (4-0-1)

ITEM # 24 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Jones said for last month, there was one new land development application and nine residential earth disturbance permit applications. All of the land development projects are in various stages of construction. For Air Liquide upon a re-submission, we identified a zoning variance. They will be on the Zoning Hearing Board for March and should be before this Board at the end of March for preliminary and final land development. For NorthPoint Area 3, Building 20, this was approved by this Board in November but they recently submitted an amended final plan to change the one building into two smaller buildings. That project will be before the Planning Commission tomorrow night. The last two land developments have been submitted, reviewed and will be before the Planning Commission tomorrow night. All residences are underway after a brief pre-construction meeting. For Township projects, the 2021-2023 Road Program mill and overlay and scope of work, is under punch list items. There is a fairly large ponding condition on Franklin. We are going to install a seepage inlet as a first attempt at solving the problem. The township building renovation project proceeds with storm sewer and storm water management. Building renovations continue. For the Martin's Creek stream bank project, Mr. Jones said they have identified three options and they will present those options at either the end of March or the next Workshop Session. We have had unsuccessful attempts to obtain bids for the Vermillion Hills foot bridge project. Mr. Jones said we have collaborated with the Solicitor's office and believe at this point, we can get quotes and hire a contractor to have this work completed this year.

ITEM # 25 BILL LIST

Member Galloway moved to approve the bill list in the amount of \$2,876,136.32; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 26 OBERMAYER REBMANN MAXWELL & HIPPEL, LLP BILL LIST

Member Galloway moved to approve the bill list from Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hipple, LLP in the amount of \$80,288.42; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Chairman Dence and Member Boraski who both voted no. (3-2)

ITEM # 27 JONES ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES BILL LIST

Member Palmer moved to approve the bill list from Jones Engineering Associates in the amount of \$413,497.65; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in

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favor with the exception of Chairman Dence who abstained from the vote. (4-0-1)

ITEM # 28 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Clarke said the Board held an Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

ITEM # 29 MANAGER COMMENT

There was no action on this agenda item.

ITEM # 30 BOARD COMMENT

Member Galloway – no comment.


Member Boraski – no comment.

Member Palmer – no comment.

Member Mullen wished everyone a Happy St. Patty's Day.

Chairman Dence – no comment.

Member Galloway moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Boraski seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Brian Galloway, Secretary