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TOWNSHIP OF FALLS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

ROLL CALL:

ROBERT HARVIE, JR., CHAIRMAN

JEFFRY DENCE, VICE-CHAIRMAN

JEFFREY ROCCO, SECRETARY-TREASURER

BRIAN GALLOWAY, SUPERVISOR

JEFF BORASKI, SUPERVISOR

PRESENT

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The meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m. with roll call and pledge to the flag. All Board members were present with the exception of Member Rocco who had a family commitment this evening. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

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

Mr. Marty McLoughlin and Ms. Linda Stout (Extreme Fitness) presented Officer John Yeager with a donation of \$5,600 to go towards the Youth Police Academy. Mr. McLoughlin thanked everyone who participated in the 5K with a special thank you going out to Dr. Eric Abrams from Levittown Family Dental. Member Boraski announced a \$1,000 donation to the Youth Police Academy from the Touch-A-Truck event held on April 28th. Officer Yeager said they are still accepting applications, until July 6th, for the Youth Police Academy. The academy runs July 11-26, 2018. This is open to high-school students who have an interest in police work or the military. They must go to school, they cannot be late. They cannot be a discipline problem and they have to try to do their best. There will be a mandatory parent/guardian meeting for first year cadets. Parents need to take an interest in their children. Chairman Harvie thanked Marty and Linda for all of the work they have done in the past few years and all of the community work they have done as well.

THE PERIOD OF JUNE 18, 2018 TO JUNE 18, 2019 (PROPERTY, GENERAL LIABILITY, AND PUBLIC LIABILITY)

Manager Gray introduced this item. Mrs. Vaughn reviewed the policy. This will cover all of the property as well as general and public liability. They try to get the most coverage they can. Member Galloway moved to award the insurance policy for the period of June 18, 2018 to June 18, 2019 to Travelers in the amount of \$311,248; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

THE FALLS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2018-2019

Member Boraski moved to approve the purchase of 32 gym memberships for the Falls Township Police Department for the year 2018-2019 in the amount of \$3,200; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL OF ASH TREES IN FALLS TOWNSHIP

Mr. Jason Lawson said they went out the park with the Shade Tree Commission and identified trees that were dead or decaying. They had previously gone out to bid but had some complications. There were some issues, so they decided to re-authorize to go out to bid again. As soon as they authorize the contractor, they will have them come right out and start in the community park. They also have the grant for clearing the Quaker Penn Park. Member Boraski asked if they were still bidding hourly rates. Mr. Lawson said we are still bidding hourly rates as opposed to half- or full-day rates. Mr. Lawson said the issue had been with the bond and how they have to do their 10%. Ms. Gallagher said the bond is the main change. The original bid specs either required a bond for 10% of the bid price or cash of 20% and there was some confusion as to 20% of what. The new language requires a bond in the amount of 10% of the total bid and that amount has to be in the bond. The total bid package is what the bond company will be insuring. They will give us an hourly rate and an amount NTE and that amount is what they will base the bond on. This bid is only going until the end of this year. Member Galloway moved to re-authorize advertisement for tree trimming and removal of ash trees in Falls Township; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 170 – PEACE AND GOOD ORDER – AT SECTION 1 – ACTS CONSTITUTING DISORDERLY PRACTICES

Ms. Gallagher said earlier this year, a bill was signed into law which permits the possession and use of fireworks in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This ordinance mirrors state law. It takes the provisions in state law and clarifies them in the township code so it would allow the police and code to know what is and what is not permitted. Possession is now legal for these fireworks. You cannot shoot off consumer fireworks within 150 feet of any occupied or unoccupied structure. Member Dence moved to open public comment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Ms. Toni Battiste asked if there were any timeframe for when fireworks can be set off. Chairman Harvie said there is a noise ordinance. It is 10 p.m. on weeknights and 11 p.m. on weekends. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Chairman Harvie said if you are in a field somewhere, you would need permission of whoever owns the field to set off the fireworks. Ms. Gallagher

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said that is correct, they would need permission from the property owner. Member Dence moved to approve Ordinance # 18-2, amending Chapter 170 – Peace and Good order – at Section 1 – Acts Constituting Disorderly Practices; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 6 CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SEWER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND AMENDING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 184 – SEWERS AND WATER

Ms. Gallagher said the township is currently revising its 537 Plan which has to do with public sewers in the township. Part of what the DEP has put together is a model ordinance addressing on-lot sewage control. This ordinance would enact a program for maintenance, installation, and ongoing inspections for on-lot systems. Member Dence moved to authorize advertisement for ordinance Establishing Sewer Management Program and amending Ordinance Chapter 184 – Sewers and Water; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 7 CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER # 2 FOR THE FALLS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK FISHING PIER

Change order # 2 has to do with the handicap-accessible rail. Member Galloway moved to approve change order # 2 for the Falls Township Community Park Fishing Pier in the amount of \$172; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM #8 MINUTES - MAY 14, 2018

Member Dence moved to approve the minutes for May 14, 2018; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM #9 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Sullivan said the 2018 Road Program is now out to bid. They should be able to start at the end of August. It includes the remaining part of Walton Drive from Lions Drive to Bernard Lane and all of Share Drive. There is a non-township project for a tunnel going under the Conrail Railroad for the Delaware Canal. It is less than 100 feet. Member Dence moved to approve the May, 2018 Engineers report dated June 14, 2018; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 10 BILL LIST

Member Galloway moved to approve the bill list dated June 19, 2018 in the amount of \$2,087,050.89; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 11 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Prior to this evening's meeting, the board held an Executive session to discuss two Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations, various personnel matters, and two matters of potential litigation.

ITEM # 12 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Lt. Pletnick reported on the following:
- A. The Youth Police Academy will run from July 11-26, 2018. The Citizens Police Academy starts the second week of September and runs through December.
- B. The next Coffee with a Cop session will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20th at IHOP.
- C. Officer Elmor and his K-9 partner Monte will be doing a short meet and greet at the senior center at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

ITEM # 13 MANAGER COMMENT

- A. Member Galloway moved to approve escrow release # 6 for St. Josephs Court, in the amount of \$115,995.15; escrow release # 1 for McDonalds in the amount of \$5,280.93; escrow release # 1 for Metro PCS in the amount of \$621, escrow release # 1 for Metro PCS in the amount of \$1,800, escrow release # 1 for Metro PCS in the amount of \$1,106.15, escrow release for the Morrisville Dollar General in the amount of \$18,254.22, and escrow release for Pexco Custom Plastics Extrusion in the amount of \$9,758.79; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
- B. New township businesses are: Pearls and Pampering by Oranda, Quality Moving and Transportation, Ace Philadelphia, CAC Tire and Auto, Jones Engineering Associates (JEA), and Right Image Hair Salon
- C. Mylars for Silvi are ready for signature.
- D. Manager Gray announced that the board has approved for a deposit of \$2M into the long-term restricted account. We should have roughly \$32M in this account.

ITEM # 14 BOARD COMMENT

Member Dence said on June 1st and 2nd was the Que for the Troops event. They raised somewhere around \$15,000 and it was our biggest event yet. There were 62 teams with the furthest team coming from Tennessee.

Member Boraski - no comment

Member Galloway congratulated Member Dence on another successful Que for the Troops. He looks forward to next year.

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<u>Chairman Harvie</u> echoes Member Galloway's comments. The Que for the Troops has grown and we are pulling in people from all over the eastern part of the United States. Thank you to Member Boraski for the Touch a Truck event which also gets bigger every year and thank you to Member Galloway for being an integral part of the St. Patrick's Day Parade here in Bucks County. Thank you all for the work you do. Community Day was this past Saturday. The turnout wasn't very well, but sometimes that is what happens when the date gets rescheduled. It was also the weekend after graduation and time for vacations. Chairman Harvie wished a belated Happy Father's Day to all fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, and anyone who acts as a father figure. And from last month, Happy Mother's Day.

Chairman Harvie wishes a Happy 4th of July to everyone. If you are traveling, please travel and enjoy the holiday safely. Happy Birthday to Member Dence and also to Manager Gray who has a birthday in July.

Member Dence moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Galloway seconded the motion all board members were in favor. (4-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.