

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

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

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 Galloway who was not feeling well. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION TO THE FALLSINGTON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

Chairman Harvie read a proclamation for the 150th Anniversary of the Fallsington United Methodist Church. The Reverend Joe Martin, Pastor thanked the community for their fellowship and support. They appreciate being recognized for their anniversary. Member Dence moved to issue the proclamation to the Fallsington United Methodist Church; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

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

No one signed in for public comment.

**ITEM # 2 CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR INTER-MUNICIPAL TRANSFER
OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR GIANT FOOD STORES, LLC**

Manager Gray said this item is for an inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license application to be considered by the board. Member Rocco moved to open the public hearing for the inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license for Giant Food Stores, LLC; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Mr. Clarke said this is a public hearing for a liquor license transfer application to transfer liquor license # R-11950 from the municipality of Nockamixon Township, Bucks County, PA into Falls Township. The applicant is Giant Food Stores, LLC, located at 471 South Oxford Valley Road, Falls Township. This hearing is being held for the purpose of receiving comments concerning the application's intent concerning the transfer of the application into Falls Township. We have reviewed and found the application to be substantially complete. This item was originally advertised and scheduled to be heard at the March 20, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting which was canceled. The PA liquor code states that when the total amount of liquor licenses in a municipality is equal to or greater than one license per 3,000 residents, the township is required to render its decision by resolution or ordinance. Falls Township is in

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excess of one license per 3,000 residents. We have provided to the board this evening a copy of the resolution approving the transfer and a copy of the resolution denying the transfer. This application has been properly advertised. The applicant has provided public notice of tonight's hearing. The applicant is represented by Ms. Ellen Freeman from Flaherty O'Hara. Also present is Mr. Collin Heap, Manager of Special Projects for Giant Food Stores. Ms. Freeman presented Exhibit A-1, which is the packet of floor plans of the grocery store with the shaded area showing the proposed licensed premises. They are here this evening to request approval which would allow Giant to operate a restaurant within their grocery store. The majority of other states have alcohol sales within the aisles of their grocery stores. There are nearly 400 grocery stores that operate liquor licenses within the state of PA. Giant operates 64 liquor licenses within PA. Ms. Freeman read a portion of Act 39, which restates the purpose of the Liquor Control Board. Ms. Freeman said for this Giant store, there will be a sitting area, a hot buffet with various entrees, and a grab and go station. This area will be open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. They will be fully RAMP-certified. (Responsible Alcohol Management Program) This is a training program that each associate goes through to learn how to handle alcohol in a responsible manner. In addition to that training, Giant has their own policies as well. Everyone will be carded. There will be single servings of beer available for in-store consumption with a 2-beer maximum per patron to go with their food purchase. They will allow for up to roughly two 6-packs or about 4 bottles of wine for purchase. There are no sales of distilled spirits, and no wine sales for on-premises consumption. There is a 30-seat liquor code requirement in order to obtain a liquor license. Member Dence moved to close the hearing for the inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license for Giant Food Stores, LLC; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Rocco asked how many liquor licenses there were in Falls Township. Mr. Clarke said it is in excess of one per 3,000 residents, but he can get the exact number for the board. Member Rocco asked for what reasons we could deny this. Mr. Clarke said they could deny if there were problems such as improper security or if Giant had a sketchy history with the sale of liquor. Member Dence moved to approve Resolution # 18-7 to approve the inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license for Giant Food Stores, LLC; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 3 CONSIDER THE 2018-2019 SIGN AND POST BIDS FOR FALLS TOWNSHIP

The Bucks County Consortium Sign and Post bid was opened by Northampton Township with the results forwarded to Falls Township. It is recommended to award the Consortium bid for Sign and Post to Garden State Highway Products, Inc. Member Rocco moved to award the Sign and Post bid for Falls Township to Garden State Highway Products, Inc.; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 4 CONSIDER THE 2018-2019 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

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the Consortium Road Materials bid to two different companies. Member Rocco moved to award the bid for the stone and aggregate items as well as the blacktop and binder material to Eureka Stone Quarry; and the cold patch material to HEI-Way, LLC; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF VEHICLE FOR THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The township received four bids for purchase of a 2018 Chevrolet Cruze for the park security fleet. Quotes were as follows: Bob Fisher Chevrolet (\$16,784.00); Fred Beans (\$17,084.00); Bergey's Chevrolet (\$17,407.00); and Hondru Auto (\$18,360.00). Member Dence moved to approve the purchase of a Chevrolet Cruze in the amount of \$16,784.00 from Bob Fisher Chevrolet; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 6 CONSIDER BUS QUOTES FOR THE 2018 FALLS TOWNSHIP SUMMER CAMP

The township received quotes from two bus companies for their services for the 2018 Summer Camp. The quotes were: Student Transportation of America (\$5,330) and First Student (\$5,525). Member Rocco moved to approve the bus quote from Student Transportation of America in the amount of \$5,330 for the 2018 Falls Township Summer Camp program; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 7 CONSIDER INDEMNITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN FALLS TOWNSHIP AND MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP FOR USE OF THE FALLS TOWNSHIP SKATE PARK

Member Rocco moved to approve the indemnity agreement between Falls Township and Middletown Township for use of the Falls Township Skate Park; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 8 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The police department has submitted a request for consideration for purchase of new vehicles for the police department. They include a 2018 Dodge Charger (\$36,261); 2018 Ford police interceptor (\$42,599); 2018 Ford Police Interceptor (\$41,746); and a 2018 Ford Fusion (\$18,699). Member Rocco moved to approve the purchase of four police vehicles off of the Co-Stars list, from New Holland Ford for the total price of \$139,305; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 9 CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE 2018 FALLS TOWNSHIP ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The 2018 Road Improvement Program will consist of a full depth road reconstruction of Share Drive, the remaining portion of Walton Drive, and a portion of Lions Drive between Share Drive and Walton Drive. Member Dence moved to authorize advertisement for the 2018 Falls Township Road Improvement Program; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 10 CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL FROM PENNDOT FOR PENN VALLEY ROAD AND BIRCH DRIVE/GALILEE PAVILION ACCESS

Manager Gray said an application has been prepared to submit to PENNDOT. Part of the requirement is a resolution to accompany this. Member Boraski moved to approve Resolution # 18-8 for the traffic signal approval from PENNDOT for Penn Valley Road and Birch Drive/Galilee Pavilion access; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 11 MINUTES – FEBRUARY 20, 2018

Member Dence moved to approve the minutes from February 20, 2018; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 12 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Sullivan said the fishing pier hand rail should be installed this Friday or the following Monday. At the Quaker Penn Park boat ramp, we have a quote to install an aluminum strut to hold the left side of the boat ramp in place as opposed to using the pilings. We hope to install the boat ramp by April 15th. Member Dence moved to approve the February, 2018 Engineers report dated March 16, 2018; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 13 BILL LIST

Member Rocco moved to approve the bill list for date from March 20, 2018 in the amount of \$1,686,855.83; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 14 EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting from March 20, 2018 was canceled due to the weather. The board held an Executive Session on March 22, 2018 to discuss a collective bargaining matter, two matters of potential litigation, and several personnel matters. Prior to this evening's meeting, the board held an Executive session to discuss a personnel matter and a matter involving collective bargaining.

ITEM # 15 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Wilcox provided the following information:

- Chief Wilcox said they just finished their mock accreditation. They will do their accreditation on the 23rd and 24th of this month. This will be our 6th accreditation. It is a three-year certification.
- Sgt. Beauchmin will be meeting with CJAP. This is where all of the processing centers get together. We will find out how much money will be returned to the township. In the past it has been in the \$50K range. These funds can help to replace the equipment in the processing center.
- We recently had an arson investigation with the fire marshal. This was in the area of South Olds and Buck Drive. It seems that someone was trying to light cars on fire. Police canvassed the neighborhoods and spoke to people that had cameras. It turns out that the cameras were either inoperable or the dates were not correct. If you have a camera, please make sure it is functioning and you are using it correctly. If anyone has information about this, please contact the police department or the fire marshal's office.
- Chief Wilcox said that juveniles are going out on snapchat and their parents are buying lookalike weapons. There have been some arrests. Our detective bureau tells parents not to purchase these things. If they do, make sure they are supervised. They fire pellets and b-b's.
- At the last meeting, Chairman Harvie had asked about the hotel/motel ordinance. Chief Wilcox said, as result of this ordinance, they have made anywhere between 30 and 40 arrests. This has been very successful.
- Thanks go to Lt. Airy for his 31 years of service here. He has done a wonderful job for us. Even to his last day he was working on his budget. He will be tremendously missed.

ITEM # 16 MANAGER COMMENT

- A. There are escrow releases as follows: Release # 3 for St. Josephs Court in the amount of \$15,300; Release # 2 for Pexco in the amount of \$40,760.96; Release # 1 for Geleste Realty in the amount of \$360,398.30; Release # 1 for the Morrisville Dollar General in the amount of \$428,983.50; and Thomas Gerace in the amount of \$501. Member Rocco moved to approve four escrow releases; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
- B. Member Rocco moved to approve donation requests for \$6,000 each for Historic Fallsington and the Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans (DV3) for their flag memorial; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
- C. New township businesses are: Hollywood Customs and Tom McGonigal's Mixed Martial Arts.
- D. There will be a Bulk Disposal Day on April 21st at GROWS Landfill behind Waste Management's Turkey Hill Office. The time is 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Proof of residency is required.

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- E. The Spring Yard Waste Cleanup will be Saturday, April 14th. Yard waste must be in 30-gal. biodegradable paper bags or placed in 30-gal. trash containers without the lids by 6 a.m. No plastic bags.
- F. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection date is Saturday, April 14th at Truman High School.
- G. There were 2 states of emergency as follows: 7 a.m. March 7th through 7 a.m. March 8th and 7 p.m. March 20th through 7 p.m. March 22nd. Member Dence moved to ratify both states of emergency; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 17 BOARD COMMENT

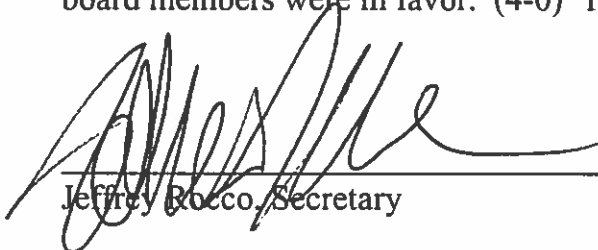
Member Boraski – no comment.

Member Dence – no comment.

Member Rocco – no comment.

Chairman Harvie said we made a donation in February to the Bucks County Society for Prevention of Cruelty of Animals (SPCA). We recently received a thank-you letter from them. In 2017, there were 86 different animals brought from Falls Township to the SPCA. Our financial support does help those animals. The Environmental Advisory Council reports that the community garden now has close to 80 plots and they are all filled. They also have a waiting list. After the shooting in Newtown, CT, the township tried to do a couple of things regarding firearms. We held a gun buy back which took about 60 guns off the streets. For those people who have firearms in the house that they don't want, you can call the police non-emergency number in the township and they will come to collect the guns from you. If you want to get away from your home, the police department will help with this, but they are not offering any money for this. Typically, guns that are toys will have an orange cap on them so that police officers can tell it is not a real firearm. Air pistols don't have to have them and that is a problem because officers see them, and they look like a firearm. This is something to keep in mind. The next meeting will be in two weeks.

Member Dence moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Boraski seconded the motion all board members were in favor. (4-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary