

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

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

The meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present with the exception of Member Vislosky. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, Township Finance Director Betsy Reukauf, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

RECOGNITION OF TIMOTHY BEHE AND MARK DOLTON FOR SAVING A CHILD'S LIFE AT THE PINEWOOD POOL

Mr. Bill Reese presented Mr. Timothy Behe, Pinewood Pool Manager, with a commendation for performing rescue training and saving the life of a 10-yr. old boy at the Pinewood Pool on June 27, 2010. Mr. Reese also presented a commendation to Mr. Mark Dolton for his efforts in performing rescue training to save the life of an adult male just off of Wheatsheaf Road, near the Falls Township Community Park on June 13, 2010. Mr. Reese said the township is very fortunate to have such professional, dedicated, and knowledgable staff such as the Police Department, emergency rescue staff, Pinewood Pool staff, and the park security staff to help in these situations. The Board of Supervisors congratulated Mr. Behe and Mr. Dolton.

**ITEM # 1 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – 21 YARDLEY AVENUE
REPLACING CEDAR ROOF SHINGLES**

Manager Gray said this project was approved by the Historic Architecture Review Board on November 4, 2010. Member Snipes moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for replacing cedar roof shingles at 21 Yardley Avenue; Member Szupka seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

**ITEM # 2 CONSIDER PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZE
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Chairman Harvie spoke about the proposed 2011 budget. There is no tax increase proposed for 2011. There will be at least a 20-day period for the public to review the budget. The budget will be on display at the Falls Township Municipal Building, on-line at the township website, and at the Levittown Library on New Falls Road. Member Szupka said there were

items that he would have liked to have seen allocated differently, but they will be able to do that at the next meeting. Member Snipes said he had an interesting conversation about putting some money toward sidewalks. Member Snipes said he thinks the budget can remain as it is with the understanding that if they want to pursue looking at the possibility of engineering studies for sidewalks, they have ways to access money in the budget. Member Szupka said they can approve the budget as it is and then if they go to do other projects they could move the monies that were set aside for other projects, not increasing the budget, just moving from one column to another. Member Szupka moved to open public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Mr. Jim Birk said the infrastructure has been developed independently and the sidewalks do not connect with each other. His idea is just to fill in some of the gaps. Mr. Birk spoke about no pedestrian signs going from Tyburn Road across to Trenton Road. Mr. Birk said other areas he is concerned with is access to the Morrisville Post Office and issues with West Trenton Avenue. Mr. Roland Kenney spoke of when he first came to this area. He said there were no sidewalks; the sidewalks were meant for the city. Mr. Kenney said people do not use the sidewalks as they should. Ms. Pat Hagan said she is the Treasurer of the Falls Township Senior Center. Ms. Hagan said the senior center is a non-profit organization that provides certain services for senior citizens. About 20% of the population in this area is going to be of the age for which the senior center can provide services. They are the designated focal point for disseminating and providing information to older people. They help older citizens get proper nutrition by making meals available every day and they run the Meals on Wheels Program. They are charged for providing physical fitness opportunities. They offer five different exercise programs. They are not an amusement park, but they do provide opportunities to expand seniors' minds and to keep them as physically active as they can. Ms. Hagan said the senior center is growing, thriving, and the number of people who use the center continues to grow. They really only have two rooms besides the main dining room. They have spent a lot of time trying to find out how much and what kind of space they need. They have asked the township for what they need; not another inch. Ms. Hagan invites anyone to visit the senior center and see what they have to offer. Mr. Guido Mariani said the more we turn over to our government, the responsibility to care for the older people and the needy people, the more we lose our democracy. Mr. Mariani said that is our responsibility not the responsibility of the government. Member Snipes moved to close public comment; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Dence moved to authorize advertisement of the 2011 budget; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 3 CONSIDER AWARDED BIDS FROM AUCTION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Manager Gray reviewed the bids for the township surplus equipment. The equipment consisted of four township vehicles, a tire machine, and boat, including trailer and motor. Member Dence moved to open public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Mr. Jim Birk suggested looking into selling the vehicles to a scrap dealer. He said the township might get a little more money. Chairman

Harvie spoke of the condition of the vehicles. Member Snipes moved to close public comment; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Szupka moved to approve the sale of surplus vehicles as stated in the November 12, 2010 memo from Manager Gray; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 4 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF SCOREBOARD FOR LEVITTOWN AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE

Manager Gray said a storm damaged the scoreboard at the Levittown American baseball field. The insurance company provided the township with money to purchase a new scoreboard. The lowest bidder was from Sign-A-Rama in the amount of \$6,543.75. Mr. Ralph Funk said each of the quotes is for the same type of sign. Member Szupka moved to approve the purchase of a new scoreboard from Sign-A-Rama in the amount of \$6,543.75; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 5 PERUZZI FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP – CONDITIONAL USE HEARING – 165 LINCOLN HIGHWAY – TPN 13-004-095

Member Snipes moved to open the Conditional Use Hearing for the Peruzzi Family Limited Partnership at 165 Lincoln Highway, TPN 13-004-095; Member Szupka seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Mr. Clarke said this is a Conditional Use Hearing. The applicant is Peruzzi Family Limited Partnership. This property is TPN 13-004-095, which is in the Township of Falls, Bucks County, PA. This is an application requesting Conditional Use to modify the existing and prior uses from office commercial retail to automotive sales, display, and storage at the premises, located at 165 Lincoln Highway. The applicant is represented by Mr. Ed Murphy, Esq. Mr. Murphy said their intention for the use of the property is to store vehicles on the property. At the Planning Commission a recommendation of approval was made subject to the recommendation that this 1/2-acre parcel be merged into the existing GMC property. At this point, Mr. Peruzzi is not prepared to do that because at the present time he has no way of knowing what the future franchise will be. However, they have agreed to a condition that even though the property would be merged, they agree that the property would not be used as a stand-alone car lot which was the Planning Commission's real concern. They have addressed the engineer's review with some notations. Chairman Harvie asked if the condition would stay with the property should Peruzzi sell the property. Mr. Clarke said yes, if you are granting Conditional Use approval, the conditions of approval will go with the property so it cannot be used as a stand-alone car lot. Member Szupka said over the years, everything he has seen from the Peruzzi group is very good and they have improved the area. The smaller car lots had to keep up to compete with Peruzzi. Mr. Clarke asked Mr. Murphy if he agrees with the October 12, 2010 Township Engineer's review and the October 20, 2010 Traffic Planning and Design's review. Mr. Murphy reviewed the Traffic Planning and Design review. Mr. Sullivan said he is satisfied with the changes proposed by Mr. Murphy and said they will have to apply for an earth disturbance permit from the township. Mr. Murphy agreed. Mr.

Murphy said he is in agreement with the Traffic Planning and Design letter dated October 20, 2010. Member Snipes moved to close the Conditional Use Hearing for the Peruzzi Family Limited Partnership at 165 Lincoln Highway, TPN 13-004-095; Member Szupka seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Member Szupka moved to approve the Conditional Use for the Peruzzi Family Limited Partnership at 165 Lincoln Highway, TPN 13-004-095; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

**ITEM # 6 CONSIDER APPROVING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO
CHAPTER 203, ARTICLE II, SECTION 9 – (VEHICLES AND
TRAFFIC – STOP INTERSECTIONS) – TEA ROSE LANE AND
THORNRIDGE DRIVE**

Member Dence moved to approve Ordinance # 2010-06, amendment to Chapter 203, Article II, Section 9 - Vehicles and Traffic - Stop Intersections, Tea Rose Lane and Thornridge Drive; Member Szupka seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

**ITEM # 7 PUBLIC COMMENT – FIVE MINUTE LIMIT PER PERSON -
FORTY-FIVE MINUTE MAXIMUM**

Mr. Guido Mariani spoke about Member Snipes' cost analysis from the last meeting regarding the geo-thermal study. Mr. Mariani thinks the information is incomplete because you cannot use it to compare with this building. Mr. Mariani spoke about the pay-back period for geo-thermal and the potential savings. Mr. Mariani said there are plenty of grants and rebates available for this technology. Mr. Mariani spoke about the growth rate for geo-thermal technology in various areas of the United States. Mr. Mariani said he is not asking for the board to vote, but he asks if the board can think of any legitimate reason why they should not perform a study on this subject. Member Dence said he would be interested in looking to have a geo-thermal study performed.

Mr. Roland Kenney said in five days, it will be 47 years that we lost one of our greatest Presidents, John F. Kennedy. Mr. Kenney said when people see him wear his hat with the number 4699, that is the number that belonged to Police Officer Daniel Faulkner who was killed in the line of duty. Mr. Kenney said he does not know when this Commonwealth will wise up. He said when you take an officer's life, the murderer should have to give up his own life. Mr. Kenney said these people who do these things are cowards. When they are in prison, they get anything they want. Mr. Kenney wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ITEM # 8 MINUTES – OCTOBER 19, 2010 AND NOVEMBER 3, 2010

Member Dence moved to approve the minutes from October 19, 2010; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Szupka who abstained since he was absent from the October 19, 2010 meeting. (3-0-1) Member Snipes moved to approve the minutes from November 3, 2010; Chairman Harvie seconded the motion. Member Snipes and Chairman Harvie voted yes; Member Szupka

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voted no; and Member Dence abstained. The motion did not pass. (2-1-1) Member Dence will review the taped meeting and read the minutes from the meeting.

ITEM # 9 ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan said the 2010 Road Program has had some problems with gas service lines and gas mains throughout the neighborhood. They contacted PECO who hired a contractor to correct the situation. Once this is remedied, the program will continue. The Challenger Field is complete. Work continues on the boat ramp. Member Snipes moved to approve the October Engineer's Report dated November 12, 2010; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 10 BILL LIST – NOVEMBER 16, 2010

Member Snipes moved to approve the bill list dated November 16, 2010 in the amount of \$1,645,788.13; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Szupka who voted no. (3-1)

ITEM # 11 EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no Executive Session held.

ITEM # 12 MANAGER COMMENT

1. Member Snipes moved to approve the time extension request for CVA until January 17, 2011; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)
2. Member Dence moved to approve the time extension request for the Liberty Towers project, 9188 New Falls Road, to January 31, 2011; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 13 BOARD COMMENT

Member Szupka said Veteran's Day has just passed. Member Szupka spoke about U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta who has just received the Congressional Medal of Honor. Member Szupka said Staff Sgt. Giunta is probably one of the better examples of the people out there protecting us. We are going into Thanksgiving. Please keep in mind all of the people in the military who give up their lives and families to protect all of us. Member Szupka said freedom isn't free. It is a costly endeavor. Member Szupka wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. It is a time to enjoy family.

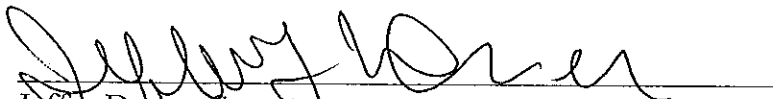
Member Dence - No comment.

Member Snipes said the board members received an invitation to the Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Three Arches. It will be held on December 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Harvie echoed Member Szupka's comments about Veteran's Day and also the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. It is important to thank those who served and continue to

serve our country. Please keep in mind those who are suffering economically. Things are still tough for a lot of people. There are a lot of local churches and charities looking for donations of whatever you can give. Pennsbury Manor will have Holly Nights on December 9th and 10th. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$8 for senior citizens; \$5 for ages 3-17; and under 3 is free. They are also looking for some financial assistance. Member Snipes moved to approve a donation of \$2,500 for Pennsbury Manor for their Holly Nights; Member Dence seconded the motion. Member Dence moved to open public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Mr. Roland Kenney, on behalf of Pennsbury Manor, thanked the board for the donation. Mr. Kenney encourages the public to attend and said Holly Night is a pretty sight to see. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Szupka seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) A vote was taken on Member Snipes' motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) Chairman Harvie reminded everyone to be safe when driving, especially since the weather is still nice. Chairman Harvie wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Member Dence moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.


Jeffrey Dence, Secretary