

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

ROBERT HARVIE, JR., CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JEFFRY DENCE, VICE-CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JEFFREY ROCCO, SECRETARY	PRESENT
JONATHAN SNIPES, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT
BRIAN M. GALLOWAY, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

PRESENTATION TO WINNERS OF THE 2012 HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Mr. Bill Reese presented the winners of the house decorating contest with gift certificates to local pizza restaurants. Mr. Reese said the local businesses were DeLorenzo's Pizza, Original's Pizza, Adriatic Pizza, Papa John's Pizza, and V&S Pizzeria. The winning homes were: 5 Evergreen Lane (1st place), 236 Waltham Road (2nd place), 19 Twin Leaf Lane (3rd place), 218 Waltham Road (4th place), and 5 Twin Leaf Lane (5th place).

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

No one signed in to speak at tonight's meeting.

ITEM # 2 CONSIDER PAFT AGREEMENT FOR THE YEARS 2013-2017

Manager Gray said Falls Township and PAFT have been meeting during the past few months to discuss the proposed agreement for 2013-2017. Changes to the contract include economic and language changes. Some highlights include a term from 2013 to 2017, a 3.5% salary increase each year, shift differential increases, and uniform and clothing allowance increases consistent with the raises. Member Galloway moved to adopt the agreement with PAFT for the years 2013 to 2017; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 3 CONSIDER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LEVITTOWN AMERICAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Manager Gray said recently the township met with representatives from Levittown American Athletic Association for the facility known as Yatsko Field. Some of the terms and conditions include the right to use Yatsko Field, the league will cut the grass and

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maintain the ball fields, they will pay for the utilities, and they shall maintain insurance coverage for the activities conducted during the season. Member Snipes moved to approve the lease agreement with Levittown American Athletic Association; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 4 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM RAY LITWIN FOR 2013 HVAC MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Manager Gray said the township received a letter dated December 13, 2012 concerning the annual maintenance contract for heating and air conditioning services. The annual cost for the maintenance contract is in the amount of \$4,950. Member Snipes moved to adopt the annual maintenance agreement with Ray Litwin in the amount of \$4,950; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF A GMC CANYON FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

Mr. Tom Bennett spoke about this vehicle purchase. He said this vehicle will replace a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria, a former police car with over 100,000 miles. This purchase is from the Co-Stars list and is in the 2013 budget. Member Galloway moved to approve the purchase of a 2012 GMC Canyon 4WD Extended cab pick-up truck from Bergey's GMC in the amount NTE \$22,469; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 6 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BUS SERVICE FOR THE 2013 SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

Member Dence moved to authorize advertisement for bus services for the 2013 summer camp program; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 7 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR LANDSCAPING SERVICES AT TOWNSHIP FACILITIES

Member Dence moved to authorize advertisement for landscaping services at township facilities; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 8 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 209-7

Mr. Clarke gave an update regarding the status of this particular parcel. This is the piece of property they have been in litigation with for the last several years. Originally, the developer wanted to build a high-rise, age 55+ apartment building. We challenged the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board and this went to court. Since that time, there have been discussions with the owner of the property and the potential developer of the property about not building a high-rise, but instead, building a townhouse. Townhouse plans have been reviewed by Mr. Clarke's office and Mr. Sullivan's office. This is the first step in

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attempting to resolve this matter. The zoning would change from a high-density residential elderly zoning to high-density residential townhouse district. The plans have been reviewed and we have made changes to certain things on their plans. We have also been working on a stipulation with the parties to resolve this lawsuit. One of the neighboring property owners was named as a party on this suit and they will also have to sign off. This will then go to the Planning Commission and will take a little bit of time before the board addresses this again. Member Rocco asked if this is more restrictive. Mr. Clarke said it allows them to do something with the property that they weren't allowed to do anything with originally. It is more in line with the character of what is there now. Member Galloway moved to authorize advertisement for amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 209-7; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 9 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF CAPTURE POINT SOFTWARE FOR PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Manager Gray said the board is asked to consider the purchase of services from Capture Point. This is the purchase of software for the Parks and Recreation Department, parks and management hub, and is in the amount of \$8,795. Mr. Matt Markey said the Capture Point software will unify all of the different elements and bring them to a more modern platform. People will be able to register for programs on-line. There will be an interface for the Pinewood Pool and various tracking and other elements for the Parks and Rec Department. Board members spoke in favor of this purchase. Member Snipes move to authorize the purchase of the Capture Point software in the amount NTE \$8,795; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

Chairman Harvie asked Mr. Markey for an update of posting township meetings to the website. Mr. Markey said they now have cross-browser support and hope to have the last few meetings of 2012 and meetings going forward displayed on line very soon. He hopes to have everything updated by the end of the week.

ITEM # 10 ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan said the 2012 Road Program storm sewer installation continues. All storm sewer installation should be completed in about six weeks. After that, actual roadway construction will begin. The contractor working at the senior center will be closing in the building over the next few weeks. Member Rocco asked for an update on The Learning Experience. Mr. Sullivan said they tried to submit recording plans, but they are not ready to be recorded. There are no development agreements in place. Member Rocco asked about TOFA doing some work in old Fallsington and when those roads would be reconstructed. Mr. Sullivan said they will not do any milling and paving until TOFA is done with their work. Once completed and it gets a chance to settle, then they will start paving, but it probably won't begin until May. Member Dence asked for an update of the soccer fields. Mr. Sullivan said the weather did not cooperate and the fields got wet. The sod work will not happen until the spring. Member Dence said the grass at the Quaker Penn Park baseball field looks better than it had previously. Mr. Sullivan said they did some soil augmentation. The contractor will make sure the field is ready to be played on in the spring. Member Snipes asked about the timeline for completion of the senior center building. Mr. Sullivan

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said the entire project should take about twelve months. They have about six months to go. A lot of the inside work needs to be done. Member Snipes moved to approve the December Engineer's Report dated January 9, 2013; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 11 BILL LIST

Member Snipes asked Manager Gray about the Affordable Healthcare Act and how it might benefit the municipality. Manager Gray said he can find out and get back to the board with the information. Member Snipes moved to approve the bill list in the amount of \$1,568,340.31; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 12 EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 8:08 p.m. Ms. Gallagher said that while in Executive Session, the board discussed one matter of litigation and one matter of potential litigation.

ITEM # 13 MANAGER COMMENT

- A. Manager Gray said on December 2, 2011, the Bucks County S.W.A.T. Team applied for and was awarded, a grant in the amount of \$216,779 by the Redevelopment Authority of Bucks County. The money has been spent throughout 2012. As a requirement of the grant, a compliance audit must be performed no later than January 31, 2013. To close out the contract, the township has requested a quote from our compliance auditor, Major and Mastro and it is in the amount NTE \$6,000. Member Snipes moved to approve the compliance audit from Major and Mastro in the amount NTE \$6,000; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- B. Member Galloway moved to approve the amount of \$6,000 to the American Legion for this year's Memorial Day Parade; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
- C. At the Reorganization meeting held on January 7, 2013, the board passed a resolution regarding the township fee schedule. The fee for non-resident individual member for the Pinewood Pool was incorrectly listed as \$275, rather than \$235 as it should have been. The board is asked to consider approving a revised fee schedule for this correction. Member Dence moved to approve Resolution # 2013-07, revising Fee Schedule; Member Snipes seconded the motion;

ITEM # 14 BOARD COMMENT

Member Snipes thanked board members and professionals for a good meeting.


Member Rocco wished everyone a good evening.

Member Dence no comment.

Member Galloway no comment.

Chairman Harvie sent condolences to the family of James Rhein. Mr. Rhein passed away last week. He had served on the Board of Supervisors, was a Falls Township Police Officer, and also served on TOFA. Chairman Harvie moved to appoint Dr. Mutahari Khadri to the Disabled Person's Advisory Board; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Chairman Harvie spoke about a letter he drafted to state and federal elected officials in regard to commonsense gun laws as well as an increase in funding for mental health issues. He wants to add a voice to the discussion about these issues. A recent poll shows the majority of Americans are in favor of what has been talked about. Chairman Harvie read the letter and asked if the Board would support sending the letter to elected officials. Member Rocco moved to approve the letter and to send it on to our elected officials; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Chairman Harvie said he appreciates the support of his fellow Board members and also Manager Gray.

Member Snipes moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary