

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

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

The meeting commenced at 7:02 p.m. with roll call and pledge to the flag. All Board members were present with the exception of Member Palmer. Member Galloway was on speaker phone since the meeting commenced. 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 OF DONATION TO THE FALLSINGTON LIBRARY FROM
THE FALLS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

Mr. Brian Andrews said they had the second Community Yard Sale on October 1, 2023 to benefit the Fallsington Library. The amount presented to the Fallsington Library was \$480. Library staff Mr. Neil Vance (Treasurer) and Mr. John Lopuszanski (Board Member) accepted the donation. Mr. Vance thanked the township for organizing this event and said the vendors really appreciated it. There are numerous ways the public can support the library through volunteer opportunities or serving on their Board of Directors.

PRESENTATION OF TOWNSHIP GIS FROM CARROLL ENGINEERING

There was no action on this item.

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

Ms. Joan Graves asked about progress at the schools, the construction at Charles Boehm and the long-term construction at the high school. She thought the funds come from taxpayer monies to upgrade the schools. Chairman Dence did not have information about these things and suggested Ms. Graves ask at a school board meeting. Ms. Graves thought there was a relationship between the township, the county and the schools so you should be aware of what is going on. Ms. Graves said she was recently made aware of things going on with construction at the schools. She thought monies would be available from the township to fund the schools. Chairman Dence said we do not fund the schools like that. The taxes fund the schools. It goes through the Tax Collector and does not come through the Board of Supervisors. Chairman Dence suggested that Ms. Graves go to the School Board meetings

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as the Board of Supervisors is not involved in the school district. The taxes go to the Tax Collector's Office and it doesn't have anything to do with us. Mr. Clarke said they are legally not able to be involved with matters in the school district. The school district has their own elected board of nine people. Ms. Graves thought she read an article that tied together monies from the township, the county and the school district. Ms. Graves asked why Falls Township is not giving additional monies to the schools to be upgraded. She heard from two teachers stated that classrooms have mold in them and water was pouring out of the ceiling. Mr. Clarke said we are not legally allowed to give Falls Township tax dollars to the Pennsbury School District. They are a separate legal entity. Every tax dollar that is collected from a Falls Township resident gets a basic distribution of about \$0.84 cents to the school district, about \$0.10 cents to the township and about \$0.06 cents to the county. The Supervisors are not able to just start giving money to another entity. The Tax Collector collects the tax dollars and distributes it where it needs to go. Mr. Graves asked about the Enterprise Zone. Mr. Clarke said the KOZ has a tax abatement for a certain number of years. It will go on for about another twelve years. Ms. Grave restated that she thinks there should be some way for the township to help the schools. Mr. Clarke said there is no way. The school district needs to take care of that. Ms. Graves asked why certain staff was not present at the meeting. Chairman Dense said we told administration they didn't have to attend the meeting unless there was an agenda item.

The Board moved to agenda items 12 and 13 at this time.

ITEM # 2 6 STEEL ROAD EAST, LLC – PRELIMINARY AND FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT – 6 STEEL ROAD EAST – TMP # 13-047-147

Mr. Albert Lykon said this is a five-acre lot. They are going through final land development to put up a repair shop for trucks and it is a little over 9,000 sq. ft. Member Boraski moved to approve Resolution # 2023-36 for 6 Steel Road East, LLC, preliminary and final land development, TMP # 13-047-147; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 3 NP FALLS TOWNSHIP INDUSTRIAL, LLC – BUILDING 20 – PRELIMINARY AND FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT – 1 BEN FAIRLESS DRIVE – TMP # 13-051-001

Member Mullen moved to table this agenda item; Chairman Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 4 CONSIDER THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR THE FALLS TOWNSHIP CROSSING GUARDS

Manager Takita said the Board is being asked to consider the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Falls Township Crossing Guards. This is for a one-year contract instead of a three-year contract with a 5% increase in salary for that one year and the bereavement

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policy now includes brother-in-law and sister-in-law. Member Mullen moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Falls Township Crossing Guards; Chairman Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER BIDS FOR SALE OF TOWNSHIP SURPLUS VEHICLES

Member Mullen moved to accept bids for the sale of Township surplus vehicles in the amount of \$7,336; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 6 CONSIDER LICENSE PLATE READER POLICY FOR THE FALLS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ms. Gallagher said this is a policy that was drafted by the vendors selected by the township to review and prepare township policies. This has been reviewed by our office and the Chief of Police who is agreeable to this policy. There is currently no policy in place. Member Boraski moved to accept the License Plate Reader Policy for the Falls Township Police Department; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 7 CONSIDER REVISED PROPOSAL FROM JONES ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR THE 2024-2029 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

There was no action on this agenda item.

ITEM # 8 CONSIDER ESCROW RELEASE REQUESTS

Member Mullen moved to approve escrow release requests to McGill Fairless Hills in the amount of \$265,324.99 and the Levittown Car Wash in the amount of \$37,985.57; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0) This is the last escrow for the Levittown Car Wash.

ITEM # 9 APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Member Boraski moved to approve Resolution # 2023-37 to appoint Mr. Chris Kilmer to an Alternate Position on the Zoning Hearing Board; Chairman Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 10 MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

Chairman Dence said he was not at the meeting but he did watch it. Member Mullen moved to approve the minutes from September 25, 2023; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

ITEM # 11 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Jones said for the month of September, we had three new land development submissions and five new earth disturbance submissions. Highlights are shown in the report. For land developments, all projects are at various stages of construction. The Levittown Car Wash is substantially complete and they are now open. For earth disturbances, every one of the highlighted projects are either complete or substantially complete. For township projects, the 2021-2023 Road Program on Pinewood Drive is substantially complete. They are now applying the wearing course paving which they expect to be finished by the end of the week. For the Vermillion Hills Footbridge Project, we had a bid opening last Wednesday. We thought we had interest but there were no bids. We believe the issue was due to adding the scope of the streambank restoration which caused a wrinkle and they would have to subcontract that out. What we plan to do is to rebid the project. We will separate out the streambank for next year and get the footbridge finished this year along with the walking trail. Mr. Jones reported that the Woolston Drive drainage project will be under construction either next week or the week after.

ITEM # 12 BILL LIST

Member Mullen moved to approve the bill list in the amount of \$2,211,568.71; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 13 ENGINEERING BILL LIST

Member Mullen moved to approve the Engineering bill list in the amount of \$165,919.95; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Chairman Dence who abstained. (3-0-1) Member Galloway left the meeting after this agenda item. Happy Birthday to Member Galloway. The Board moved back to agenda item 2 at this time.

ITEM # 14 EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session held.

ITEM # 15 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

There was no action on this agenda item.

ITEM # 16 MANAGER COMMENT

There will also be a shredder event for Falls Township residents only on Saturday, October 28th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Pennsbury High School East, 705 Hood Boulevard. The Police Department is holding a National Drug Take Back Day on Saturday,

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October 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pennsbury High School. Additional information for both of these events can be found on the township website or social media. Leaf Collection will be held on November 4th, November 18th and December 2nd. If you have any questions, please contact Waste Management at 1-800-869-5566 or check the township website.


ITEM # 17 BOARD COMMENT

Member Mullen wished everyone a safe and Happy Halloween.

Member Boraski – No comment.

Chairman Dence – No comment.

Member Boraski moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0) The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



Brian Galloway, Secretary