Board of Supervisors - April 15, 2024

### TOWNSHIP OF FALLS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

PRESENT (ON-LINE)

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with roll call and pledge to the flag. All Board members were present with the exception of Chairman Dence and Member Boraski who were attending the PSATS Conference. Also present were Township Manager/Chief Code Enforcement Officer & Zoning Officer Matthew Takita, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher and Township Engineer Douglas Waite.

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

Ms. Melanie Talbert (resident of Old Rt. 13/Bristol Pike) said she is happy living in Falls Township. Ms. Talbert has been speaking with Mr. John Ryba, Operations Manager at TOFA. She and some of her neighbors are without city sewage. Ms. Talbert wonders if there is any State or Federal help to get them tied in. She has been hearing 'it is in the works' for about three years and asked if the township could look into this for them. Ms. Talbert said they get an inspection every two years. The systems are very old. Ms. Gallagher suggested that Ms. Talbert leave her name and contact information with the Township Manager so he can look into this and get back to you.

# ITEM # 2 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – 39 LOWER MORRISVILLE ROAD – TMP # 13-020-301 – REPLACE DETACHED GARAGE DOOR AND ADD A SHED

Member Galloway moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 39 Lower Morrisville Road, TMP # 13-020-301 to replace a detached garage door and add a shed; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

### ITEM #3 CONSIDERATION OF FERTILIZER QUOTE FOR TOWNSHIP FACILITIES

Mr. Brian Andrews introduced this item. Member Galloway moved to award the fertilizer quote for township facilities to Tru-Green in the amount of \$31,927.72; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

## ITEM # 4 CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN MILLENNIUM STRATEGIES AND FALLS TOWNSHIP

Manager Takita said this is the same company we have been using at the price of \$1,500 per month flat fee as a retainer, NTE \$18,000 per year and an hourly rate of \$130 per hour. They monitor what grant opportunities are available. If we have any grants we are interested in, we forward to them to see if it is appropriate. We are working with them on road improvements, park grants, and grants for the new building as well. Member Palmer thinks we implemented this last year or the year before when they extended this service to the volunteer firefighters. He thinks there may be some grants out there and this should help them out tremendously with using this grant writer. Member Galloway moved to approve the agreement between Millennium Strategies and Falls Township at the rate of \$1,500 per month, NTE \$18,000 per year and an hourly rate of \$130 per hour; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

# ITEM # 5 CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF POOL CHEMICALS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE PINEWOOD POOL THRU BUCKS/MONT AQUATIC CONSORTIUM

Mr. Andrews said this year the cost of chemicals has pretty much flatlined but chlorine did increase \$0.07 per gallon. Member Galloway moved to approve the purchase of pool chemicals and supplies for the Pinewood Pool through Bucks/Mont Aquatic Consortium; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

# ITEM # 6 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE CABLE ADVISORY BOARD

There was no action on this agenda item.

# ITEM # 7 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE DISABLED PERSONS BOARD

There was no action on this agenda item.

# ITEM # 8 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

There was no action on this agenda item.

# ITEM # 9 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

There was no action on this agenda item.

## ITEM # 10 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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There was no action on this agenda item.

### ITEM # 11 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There was no action on this agenda item.

### ITEM # 12 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE POLICE PENSION COMMITTEE

There was no action on this agenda item.

### ITEM # 13 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT BY RESOLUTION TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD

There was no action on this agenda item.

### **ITEM # 14 MINUTES – MARCH 25, 2024**

Member Galloway moved to approve the minutes from March 25, 2024; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

### ITEM # 15 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Douglas Waite presented the Engineers Report. There are two new land development applications and eleven new earth disturbance applications. Mr. Jones is planning to present information on the Vermillion Hills footbridge project at the next workshop meeting.

#### ITEM # 16 BILL LIST

Member Galloway moved to approve the township bill list in the amount of \$2,297,645.51, the Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel, LLP bill list in the amount of \$0 and the Jones Engineering bill list in the amount of \$357,264.05; Member Palmer seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (3-0)

### ITEM # 17 OBERMAYER REBMANN MAXWELL & HIPPEL, LLP BILL LIST

There was no bill for this agenda item. See above motion under #16.

### ITEM # 18 JONES ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES BILL LIST

See above motion under # 16.

#### ITEM # 19 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Gallagher said earlier this evening the board met in Executive Session to discuss items of personnel, potential litigation and to gather information from the Township Manager and Ms. Gallagher, during which no action was taken and no deliberations occurred.

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### ITEM # 20 MANAGER COMMENT

There will be upcoming events as follows: Free Bulk Disposal Day is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> at G.R.O.W.S. Landfill, 1000 New Ford Mill Road. The Prescription Drug Take Back and the Shredder Event will both be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Pennsbury High School East, 705 Hood Boulevard. Additional information will be posted on social media and the township website.

### ITEM # 21 BOARD COMMENT

Member Palmer – no comment.

Member Galloway – no comment.

<u>Member Mullen</u> mentioned the park cleanup day of April 27<sup>th</sup> and in honor of Earth Day. The time is 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Meet at the pavilion at the soccer fields. Core Creek Park is having an event and our Environmental Advisory Council is having a township table.

Member Galloway moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Palmer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Brian Galloway, Secretary