

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

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

The meeting commenced at 5:40 p.m. with roll call and pledge to the flag. All Board members were present with the exception of Member Boraski. Also present were Township Manager/Chief Code Enforcement Officer & Zoning Officer Matthew Takita and Township Solicitor Michael Clarke.

ITEM # 1 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Clarke said the Board met in Executive Session earlier this evening to discuss a possible grant opportunity. No deliberations occurred and no votes were taken. The Board discussed the forming of the Friends of Franklin Kirby Park. No deliberations occurred and no votes were taken. They also discussed a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Crossing Guards.

**ITEM # 2 PUBLIC COMMENT – FIVE MINUTE LIMIT PER PERSON
FORTY-FIVE MINUTE MAXIMUM**

No one signed in for public comment.

ITEM # 3 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mrs. Betsey Reukauf said this is the third and final Budget Workshop. The budget is scheduled for presentation on November 25, 2024. The public will be able to view the budget from November 27th through December 17th. We are looking to adopt the budget at the Board meeting on December 17, 2024. For the preliminary proposed budget, our fund balances were on track to meet or exceed expectations for 2024. Police expenses were distributed into the general fund as operating expenses and that has been incorporated into the 2025 Budget. We also distributed the lump sum of IT expenses for the Township to the proper departments. We have also been able to include funding for over \$2M in infrastructure projects, five new police vehicles, two new dump trucks, two new mowers for Public Works, a new slide for the Pinewood Pool and we will work with PFM to create a multi-year strategic plan moving forward. Board members thanked Mrs. Reukauf for her work on the budget. This is still being worked on in case any adjustments still need to be made. Member Mullen spoke about the Pinewood Pool and proposed increases. Mr. Brian Andrews said fees increased from 10-15%. They do have an early-bird discount and a referral option to save people some money. We are also looking to hire and retain staff.

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Staff costs go up and chemical prices increase as well. Member Palmer asked about the daycare (camp) program. How are we making out with our program. Mr. Andrews said we max out at 175 and fill that program within two weeks. We had about 50 people on the waiting list. This is the first substantial increase. Camp fees have been very minimal in the past ten years. We need to start paying our camp staff more while retaining our Counselors, Head Counselors and Coordinators. Our bus costs go up as well. We are an all-inclusive camp and our Counselors work very hard. We work closely with the parents. Our staff does a great job. Mr. Andrews said he looks at what other municipalities charge and we are reasonably priced. We should be close to breaking even this year and he works with Mrs. Reukauf on this. We are waiting for the school district to let us know what school we will be in. Mr. Andrews spoke about the resident/non-resident rate which has been in place for quite some time.

ITEM # 4 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT BY RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AUDITOR FOR THE 2024 FINANCIAL AUDIT

Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 2024-30 appointing Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC for the 2024 Financial Audit; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 5 INTERIM BILL LIST – ACTION ITEM

Member Galloway moved to approve the interim bill list in the amount of \$256,603.54; Member Mullen seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (4-0)

ITEM # 6 MANAGER COMMENT

There was no action on this agenda item.

ITEM # 7 BOARD COMMENT


Member Galloway wanted to send best wishes to his fellow Veterans on Veteran's Day yesterday.

Member Mullen – no comment.

Member Palmer – no comment.

Chairman Dence – no comment.

Member Galloway moved to adjourn the meeting; Chairman Mullen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Brian Galloway, Secretary