

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**January 17, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.**  
**Solebury Township Hall**

**MINUTES**

Attendance: Kevin Morrissey, Chair, Helen Tai, Vice-chair, Paul Cosdon and James Searing. Dennis H. Carney, Manager, Gretchen K. Rice, Asst. Manager, Curt Genner, P.E., and Jordan B. Yeager, Solicitor were also in attendance.

Absent: Noel Barrett

The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Bills Payable

**Res. 2017-20 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. Cosdon, the list of Bills Payable dated January 12, 2017 was unanimously approved as prepared and posted.**

Approval of Minutes

**Res. 2017-21 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. Searing, the Minutes of December 13, 2016 and January 3, 2017 were unanimously approved as written and posted.**

Announcements/Resignations/Appointments

- The Board announced an executive session held prior to the meeting related to personnel and litigation.

**Res. 2017-22 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. Cosdon, it was unanimously agreed to make the following appointments to the Township advisory committees:**

**Kay McBride, Richard Irwin and Edric Mason to the Land Preservation Committee;**  
**Ralph Di Zio to the Parks & Recreation Board;**  
**John Rodwell as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board;**  
**Tamara Lesh to the Environmental Advisory Council;**  
**Amanda Heller to the Solebury Township Planning Commission.**

Supervisor Comment

- Mr. Searing, on behalf of he and his wife, Gayle Goodman, presented the Board with an 1891 map of the Township.
- Mr. Morrissey announced that a public work session was scheduled for Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. to discuss objectives and goals for 2017.

PRESENTATION – The Solicitor provided a brief background and introduced Dr. Tom Daniels, Ph.D. and Dr. Jay Parrish, Ph.D. who presented the results of their investigation and analysis on the subject of

fracking within Solebury Township. A copy of the presentation has been posted on the Township website.

Following discussion, questions and comments from the Board and audience, both Dr. Daniels and Dr. Parrish opined that Solebury is not likely to experience proposals for fracking facilities and no revisions to Solebury's existing Zoning Ordinance are recommended.

PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance approving the Intergovernmental Agreement with Buckingham Township  
This Ordinance affirms the conditions of an agreement between Solebury and Buckingham Township for the purchase, use, maintenance and storage of a jointly owned Leeboy Paver. Buckingham Township had previously adopted an identical Ordinance.

**Res. 2017-23 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. Searing, it was unanimously agreed to adopt AN ORDINANCE OF SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE SAME FOR THE PURPOSES AS SET FORTH THEREIN WHICH SAID INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT RELATES TO THE PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF AN ASPHALT PAVER, as advertised.**

#### OLD BUSINESS

New Hope Crushed Stone Quarry update – Mr. Morrissey reviewed a number of issues including directives issued by the Department of Environment Protection limiting the quarry's daily pumping to 500,000 gallons and the Quarry's appeal of this directive to the Environmental Hearing Board.

Police Pension Ordinance Amendment – authorization to advertise – During the 2016 audit of the Police Pension Plan it was determined that the Killed in Service Benefit was not in compliance with Act 600 which governs Police Pension Plans. The proposed amendment brings the Township's Police Pension Ordinance into compliance with Act 600. The proposed amendment has been provided to the Township's PBA and no comments have been forthcoming.

**Res. 2017-24 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. Cosdon, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the Police Pension Ordinance Amendment for adoption as drafted.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

Tax Collector Salary for 2018-2021 – The Tax Collector salary for the next four year elected term must be set by February 15<sup>th</sup> so that potential candidates know what the salary will be prior to running for office.

The Board reviewed historical salary information dating back to 1998.

**Res. 2017-25 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. Searing, it was unanimously agreed to set the salary for the elected Tax Collector term of 2018-2021 as follows, representing a 2% annual increase:**

<b>2018</b>	<b>\$21,548.72</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>\$21,979.70</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>\$22,419.29</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>\$22,867.68</b>

Demolition of Salt Building – authorization to bid

**Res. 2017-26 – Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. Cosdon, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Administration to advertise a bid for demolition of the existing salt storage building.**

ZHB Application – Gasiorowski, 2744 River Road – The applicant proposes to construct a single family residence, garage, patio/deck and swimming pool on property presently occupied by a detached dwelling. The existing dwelling and outbuildings, sidewalks and portions of the paved driveway and parking area are to be removed and the new dwelling will be built in compliance with the flood plain regulations.

**Res. 2017-27 – Upon a motion by Mr. Cosdon, seconded by Ms. Tai, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Solicitor to attend the hearings scheduled on the ZHB Application #16-09 to represent the Township.**

SUBDIVISIONS/CONDITIONAL USES/LAND DEVELOPMENTS – No applications were reviewed.

Public Comment

- Resident Jennifer Lata addressed the Board by reading a letter regarding a dog attack while walking her dog. The Solicitor advised the Board that it is inappropriate to discuss details involved with police investigations in a public forum. The Chair responded that Chief Bellizzie has been asked to revisit the circumstances and report to the Board, and the Board will in turn respond to Ms. Lata.

Adjournment

**Res. 2017-28 – Upon a motion by Mr. Cosdon, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted  
Gretchen K. Rice  
Assistant Manager  
Secretary/Treasurer