

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**February 7, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.**  
**Solebury Township Hall**

**MINUTES**

Attendance: Helen Tai, Vice-chair, Noel Barrett and James Searing. Dennis H. Carney, Manager, Gretchen K. Rice, Asst. Manager and Jordan B. Yeager, Solicitor, were also present.

Kevin Morrissey, Chair, participated via phone.

Absent: Paul Cosdon

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

Approval of Bills Payable

**Res. 2017-29 - Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the list of Bills Payable dated February 2, 2017 was unanimously approved as prepared and posted.**

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Searing requested revision to his statement on page 1.

**Res. 2017-30 - Upon a Motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Ms. Tai, the Minutes of January 17, 2017 were unanimously approved with revision.**

**Res. 2017-31 - Upon a Motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the Minutes of the January 23, 2017 Work Session were unanimously approved as written and posted.**

Announcements/Resignations/Appointments

- Ms. Tai announced an executive session held on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> regarding litigation involving NHCS and another executive session held prior to this evening's meeting regarding pending applications before the ZHB and pending litigation involving land preservation.

BOARD PRESENTATION - The Board presented David E. Benner with a Proclamation designating him as an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Solebury Township Environmental Advisory Council for his active participation in the protection, conservation, management and promotion and use of Solebury's natural resources and for sharing his knowledge and expertise with numerous other organizations throughout the community. Mr. Benner was also presented with a framed picture of Aquetong Spring by Mark Ludak.

Supervisor Comment

- Ms. Tai offered condolences to Ms. Jennifer Lata on the loss of her dog and offered a response on behalf of the Board to Ms. Lata's request for a comprehensive dog

ordinance, noting that based on guidance from the Township Solicitor, the Township would not pursue such an ordinance.

- Ms. Tai announced that the regular meeting of the Board scheduled for February 21, 2017 is canceled. The next regular meeting will be held on March 7, 2017.

Public Comment – no early public comment was offered.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

Jamie Schlesinger, PFM – Mr. Schlesinger addressed the Board regarding potential refinancing of a portion of current debt and borrowing additional funds for the replacement of the chiller, police department renovations and the salt storage building. A financial analysis dated February 7<sup>th</sup> was provided and reviewed with the Board.

Mr. Schlesinger recommended that the Board consider requesting proposals from local and regional banks for a bank loan in the amount of \$1,060,000, while keeping all options open should bond interest rates come down.

**Res. 2017-32 – Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to authorize PFM Financial Advisors LLC to pursue bank proposals in the amount of \$1,060,000 and upon receipt of acceptable proposals, to advertise an Ordinance to incur debt for financing the proposed projects utilizing a bank loan.**

Steve Wiesner regarding Permit Fees – The Board previously requested Mr. Wiesner to explore ways to increase permit revenues by approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000 in order to cover a larger portion of expenses related to the operations of the code and zoning department. Mr. Wiesner presented his analysis with recommendations for both reducing some fees and increasing others.

Following discussion the Board determined that more time would be needed to consider the recommendation and an additional work session would be scheduled at a date and time to be announced.

PUBLIC HEARING – Police Pension Amendment – Adoption – This Ordinance consolidates all previous Ordinances and restates the plan for the purpose of complying with amendments to Act 600.

**Res. 2017-33 – Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to adopt AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOLEBURY, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CONSOLIDATING ALL POLICE PENSION PLAN ORDINANCES; AMENDING AND RESTATING THE POLICE PENSION PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLYING WITH AMENDMENTS TO ACT 600, as advertised.**

OLD BUSINESS

New Hope Crushed Stone Quarry – Mr. Morrissey provided an update on the on-going litigation involving the quarry, noting that the Environmental Hearing Board has scheduled a hearing for March 20 on the quarry’s appeal of the earlier quarry reclamation plan that limited the quarry to pump no more than 500k gallons of water per day.

## NEW BUSINESS

Codification – The draft codification has been completed and the administration recommends authorization to advertise for adoption. Once adopted, the codified ordinances will be available on-line which will make the process of searching for information much easier for both staff and residents.

Mr. Searing asked that the appendices be further identified by a brief description. The administration will follow up on the request.

**Res. 2017-34 – Upon a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Ms. Tai, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Solicitor to advertise the codified ordinances for adoption.**

Road Program – The administration is requesting authorization to advertise the bid for the 2017 Road Program, which includes work on Chapel Road, Sprucefield Court, Fretz Mill Road, Short Road, a portion of Meetinghouse Road, a portion of Street Road and Hidden Valley Drive.

**Res. 2017-35 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Ms. Tai, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Administration to advertise the bid for the 2017 Road Program as proposed.**

Land Preservation – Property #146 – The administration has requested authorization to obtain appraisals on property #146.

**Res. 2017-36 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Administration to engage an appraiser and appraise Property #146 for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.**

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

Public Comment – No additional public comment was offered.

Adjournment

**Res. 2017-37 – Upon a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Ms. Tai, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted  
Gretchen K. Rice  
Assistant Manager  
Secretary/Treasurer

