

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
July 21, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.
Solebury Township Hall

MINUTES

Attendance: Paul Cosdon, Chair, James Searing, Vice-chair, and Edward McGahan, Jr. Dennis H. Carney, Manager, Gretchen K. Rice, Assistant Manager, Michele Blood, Finance Director, and Jonathan J. Reiss, Township Solicitor, were also present.
Absent: Robert Heath, Jr. and Helen Tai.

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

Approval of Bills Payable

Res. 2015-91 - Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. McGahan, the lists of Bills Payable dated July 2, 2015 and July 16, 2015 were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

Approval of Minutes - June 8, 2015

Approval of the June 8, 2015 Minutes was tabled until a future meeting.

Approval of Minutes - June 16, 2015

Res. 2015-92 - Upon a motion by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. McGahan, the Minutes of June 16, 2015 were approved as written and posted.

Announcements/Resignations/Appointments

- The Board announced an executive session held prior to the meeting related to personnel and litigation;
- The Board announced the resignation of Roger Riedley from the EAC;
- Appointments

Res.2015-93 - Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. McGahan, the following people were appointed to the Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee: James Trammel as representative of Parks & Recreation; Barry Fetterolf as representative of the Environmental Advisory Council; Michael Zelkowitz as representative from the Aquetong Watershed Association.

The Board noted that there are two remaining resident vacancies that will be filled in the near future.

Supervisor Comment

- The Chair, with additional input from Kevin Morrissey, provided a brief overview of the meeting recently held between representatives of the NHCS Quarry and the Township. Mr. Cosdon, Kevin Morrissey and the Township Engineer were in attendance.
- The Board announced that the annual meeting with DEP regarding the NHCS Quarry is scheduled for 10 a.m. on August 19, 2015 at the Township Building.

Public Comment – No early public comment was offered.

PRESENTATION:

Jamie Schlesinger, Senior Managing Consultant, and Gordon Walker, Managing Director of PFM, Inc., presented the Board with a summary of bank loan proposals received. Three options were presented. Among the details discussed were the rates, overall savings, conditions attached to the proposals and possible additional savings to be realized by moving the annual principal payment from December 1 to June 1.

Option 1 involved a 15 year fixed loan with First National Bank of Newtown. Option 2 involved a 10 year fixed rate with a five 5 year variable rate thereafter with First National Bank of Newtown and Option 3 involved a 10 year fixed rate with a five year variable rate thereafter with Republic Bank.

No public comment was offered.

Res. 2015-94 - Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to accept the proposal identified as Option 1 on the Summary dated July 21, 2015, and authorize Public Financial Management, Inc. to work with the Administration and counsel to move forward with the process to complete the transaction with First National Bank of Newtown for a 15 year bank loan at a fixed rate of 2.650% including moving the annual principal payment from December 1 to June 1.

Parks & Recreation Solebury Day update – Greg Cathcart and Andy Kelly addressed the Board providing an update on plans for the first annual Solebury Day scheduled to be held on September 19th, (rain date Sept. 20). Among the items discussed were the proposed layout of the activities planned including community groups and organizations scheduled to participate to date, food vendors and emergency services. Costs for proposed signage, marketing materials, contest prizes and expenses for tables, chairs and tents were also discussed.

Res. 2015-95 - Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to provide an additional \$2,500 for expenses related to the first annual Solebury Day scheduled for September 19, 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING

HARB – Frank & Theresa Whitcomb 41-002-093, 6230 Saw Mill Road

The Chair opened the hearing. Frank Whitcomb, applicant and his builder, Richard D. Zaveta were present.

The Historical Architectural Review Board has reviewed the proposal to install a driveway gate with fencing along the frontage of the property and has recommended issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness. Following a brief presentation by Mr. Zaveta, the hearing was closed.

Res. 2015-96 - Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to TMP 41-002-093 for installation of a driveway gate and associated fencing as proposed and as recommended by the Historical Architectural Review Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Solebury Township v RD Realty 4 LLC – Settlement Stipulation for Injunction – The proposed Settlement Stipulation requires the property owner to post sufficient funds to cover expenses incurred by the Township for enforcement, and an injunction against any further earth disturbance on the property until all appropriate permits are issued.

Res. 2015-97 - Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Solicitor to execute the Settlement Stipulation for Injunction as presented in the matter of Solebury Township vs. RD Realty 4 LLC.

Comprehensive Plan Executive Summary –The Chair and Vice-chair have completed the final draft of the Executive Summary. Mr. McGahan expressed his appreciation to both for undertaking the project.

Res. 2015-98 - Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Comprehensive Plan Executive Summary as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding Bamboo – The Chair opened the discussion by noting that while he was on the Township Planning Commission the topic of bamboo had been discussed and expressed that the Township might want to consider an Ordinance banning bamboo.

Mr. Searing suggested that the focus should be placed on information and education of residents, adding that a survey or inventory might be useful so that the Township could notify those with bamboo that is growing along or encroaching into the

roadway with a request to clear it. Mr. McGahan commented that there is more than one kind of bamboo and questioned if the intent would be to ban all kinds.

The Chair noted that this is just the first of many discussions that will be held on this topic.

SUBDIVISIONS/CONDITIONAL USES/LAND DEVELOPMENTS

Giuliano Subdivision – Escrow Release #6

Res. 2015-99 - Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Mr. Searing, and the recommendation of the Township Engineer, it was unanimously agreed to approve the release of \$4,653.85 from the Giuliano Construction Escrow to reimbursement the Township for legal, engineering construction observation and administrative costs.

Public Comment

- The Board announced a special meeting regarding the proposed public works facility had been scheduled for Tuesday, July 28th at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Carney noted that the Aquetong Spring is free flowing as of today.

Adjournment

Res. 2015-100 - Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Mr. Searing, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Gretchen K. Rice
Assistant Manager
Secretary/Treasurer