

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
March 17, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
Solebury Township Hall

MINUTES

Attendance: Paul Cosdon, Chair, James Searing Vice-Chair, Robert Heath, Jr., Edward McGahan, Jr. and Helen Tai. Dennis H. Carney, Manager, Gretchen K. Rice, Assistant Manager, Jonathan J. Reiss, Solicitor and C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer, were also in attendance.

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

Approval of Bills Payable:

Res. 2015-44 – Upon a motion by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. McGahan, the lists of Bills Payable dated February 26, 2015 and March 12, 2015 were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

Approval of Minutes:

Res. 2015-45 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Ms. Tai, the Minutes of February 17, 2015 were unanimously approved as written and posted.

Announcements/Resignations/Appointments

- The Chair announced an Executive Session held prior to the meeting regarding litigation and personnel.

Supervisor Comment:

- Mr. McGahan addressed his fellow Board members regarding the condition of Old Carversville Road.
- Mr. Searing, on behalf of his wife, Gayle Goodman and himself, presented the Township with an Earth Day Flag and noted that Earth Day is scheduled for April 22, 2015.
- Mr. Cosdon commented that the Township continues to receive compliments and letters of support for the Township Police Department.

Public Comment:

- Dennis Hedlund of Old Carversville Road addressed the Board about the condition of Old Carversville Road and expressed concern that in an emergency situation EMS or a fire truck

would not be able to access the homes. Mr. Hedlund also noted the increased traffic resulting from the closure of Fleecydale Road.

- Steve Worth of Old Carversville Road also spoke about the cost of continually fixing the road and stated that having talked with most of the residents, almost all of them would prefer Old Carversville be paved.
- Larry Peseski of Old Carversville Road express concern about the cause of the deterioration and the type and cost of maintenance required, adding that he would support the majority decision.

PRESENTATIONS

Simone/Collins – Ingham Spring Park Grant Application – Bill Collins briefly reviewed a proposal to make application for various grants, including a DCNR grant, focusing on restoration of the Aquetong Creek in the area of the lake to be removed as a result of breaching the dam.

Res. 2015-46 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Mr. Heath, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Administration and Simone/Collins to proceed with applying for a DCNR grant to focus on restoration including stream bank stabilization, fish habitat restoration and riparian plantings as proposed.

The Board entertained discussion about the name of the park property, often referenced as Ingham Spring or Aquetong Lake.

Res. 2015-47 – Upon a motion by Mr. Cosdon, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to formally revise reference of Ingham to “Aquetong” going forward.

Les Isbrandt, President of the Aquetong Watershed Association was present and offered to work with the Township and Simone/Collins on the restoration, stream bank stabilization, etc.

Res. 2015-48 – Upon a motion by Mr. Cosdon, seconded by Mr. Heath, it was unanimously agreed to establish an Ad-Hoc committee consisting of two volunteers from the Aquetong Watershed Association and Supervisor James Searing to work with the Township and consultant on the restoration project for Aquetong Spring Park.

Parks & Recreation Annual Report - Kevin Campbell, P&R Chair, presented the 2014 Parks & Recreation Annual Report briefly reviewing the P&R Board’s community participation, events, committees, partnerships and initiatives and goals going forward.

Parks & Recreation – update on inaugural Solebury Day – Kevin Campbell, Chair, requested consensus from the Supervisors on the time, date, location and authorization to create a Solebury Day Twitter and Facebook account, and the ability to have acoustic music and limited use of the Township public announcement system during the event.

All of the requests were approved by the Supervisors. Solebury Day will be held on September 19 (rain date September 20) from 10 am. to 4 pm. at Laurel Park. Additional details will be provided as the planning moves forward.

Historic Architectural Review Board – Larry Peseski, HARB Chair, presented the 2014 Historical Architectural Review Board Annual Report, reviewing key accomplishments from 2014 with specific emphasis on the updated draft Guidelines, and anticipated projects and goals for 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

Solebury Township – Hamill/Perlsweig – Settlement Agreement – This agenda item was previously discussed at the February 17th Board meeting. The Board continued its discussion on the terms of the proposed Settlement Agreement. The language of the document has already been agreed to by the property owner and the Bedminster Regional Land Conservancy.

The Board members again expressed their concerns or support for the proposal the expenses incurred by the Township in upholding the terms of the easement involved, and the type and number and location of trees to be installed by the property owners as the screening to buffer the area where the two high tunnels are to be erected.

Public comment was offered by Bill MacDowell of Creamery Road, Malcolm Crooks of Upper York Road and Josh Perlsweig, one of the property owners involved.

Res. 2015-49 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was agreed to approve the Settlement Agreement as proposed and to authorize the Township Manager to execute the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Township.

Voting in Favor: Ms. Tai, Mr. McGahan and Mr. Heath

Opposed: Mr. Searing and Mr. Cosdon

Motion Passes

Following this action, the Board further directed the Township Manager to work with the property owners on the details of the screening to be installed by the property owners.

NEW BUSINESS

Non-uniform Employee Benefits for new employees – In an effort to reduce further costs, the Board considered modifications to the current benefits package for new hires after January 1, 2015.

Res. 2015-50 – Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. Heath, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Solebury Township Full Time Non-Uniform Employee Benefits for Calendar Year 2015 for Employees Hired Post 1.1.2015, as proposed.

Authorization to dispose of two police vehicles – The administration requested authorization to sell two police vehicles utilizing the on-line service of Municibid.

Res. 2015-51 – Upon a motion by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Administration to sell the following vehicles utilizing the on-line service of Municibid:

- 1. 2010 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN #2FABP7BVXAX127837)**
- 2. 2002 Ford Explorer (VIN #1FMZU72E72UC09675)**

2014 Budget Transfer – The Administration requested authorization to transfer \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund, and to process a payment from the General Fund to the Solebury Township Police Pension Fund in the amount of \$100,000. Both actions would be posted to the December 31, 2014 Financial Statements and would result in a General Fund ending reserve balance for 2014 of approximately \$1.9 million.

Res. 2015-52 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Mr. Searing, it was unanimously agreed to approve a transfer of \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund and to process a payment from the General Fund to the Solebury Township Police Pension Fund in the amount of \$100,000.

2015 Road Program Paving Project Bid Award – Six bids were received and opened on March 3, 2015 as follows:

Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. - \$333,498
Harris Blacktopping, Inc. - \$350,176.20
Bray Brothers, Inc. - \$361,515
A.H. Cornell & Son, Inc. – \$392,480
General Asphalt Paving - \$408,100
James D. Morrissey, Inc. - \$449,350

Res. 2015-53 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to award the 2015 Road Program contract for milling and paving to the low bidder, Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$333,498 conditioned upon compliance with all applicable bonding and contract requirements.

Seal Coat & Crack Sealing Project Bid Award – Two bids were received and opened on March 3, 2015 as follows:

Asphalt Industries, Inc. – \$56,796.20 (Seal Coat bid only) – Incomplete Bid
Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, Inc. - \$79,562.20

Res. 2015-54 – Upon a motion by Mr. Heath, seconded by Ms. Tai, it was unanimously agreed to award the contract for seal coat and crack sealing to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$79,562.20, conditioned upon compliance with all applicable bonding and contract requirements.

Highway Materials Bid Award – The Bucks County Consortium accepted bids for highway materials consisting of stone and asphalt. Miller Materials was the qualified low bidder for miscellaneous asphalt projects.

Res. 2015-55 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Mr. Heath, it was unanimously agreed to award the contract for stone and asphalt to Miller Materials as follows conditioned upon compliance with all applicable bonding and contract requirements:

- a. Super Pave 10.0mm wearing - \$48.75**
- b. Super Pave 19.0mm binder - \$48.75**
- c. Super Pave 25.0mm binder - \$46.18**
- d. Super Pave 25.0mm base - \$46.18**

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

Public Comment – No public comment was offered.

Adjournment

Res. 2015-56 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Ms. Tai, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen K. Rice
Assistant Manager
Secretary/Treasurer