

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**April 21, 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, Township 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 following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Bills Payable – April 16, 2015

**Res. 2015-64 – Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Ms. Tai, the list of Bills Payable dated April 16, 2015 was unanimously approved as prepared and posted.**

Approval of Minutes

**Res. 2015-65 – Upon a motion by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. McGahan, the Minutes of April 7, 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

- The Board noted that the Township continues to receive accolades regarding actions by Police Department personnel;
- The Board thanked those groups and organizations that participated in the Township clean-up day;
- The Chair noted that the Friends of the Delaware Canal will be conducting additional clean-up efforts on May 5<sup>th</sup> starting at Virginia Forest Park;
- Mr. McGahan commented on the outstanding efforts of the administration and public works department on a day to day basis and especially over the harsh winter.

Public Comment – No early public comment was offered.

PUBLIC HEARING – Hotel Du Village Conditional Use – The Chair opened the hearing and the Township Solicitor explained that the applicant had requested the hearing be opened and continued to May 21<sup>st</sup> to allow the Township Planning Commission to complete its review of the application. Following the explanation the Chair continued the hearing to May 21<sup>st</sup>.

PRESENTATION – Removal of Aquetong Lake Dam – The Chair and Vice-chair provided a power point presentation accompanied by narrative on the history and upcoming restoration of Aquetong Creek. A copy of the presentation is attached to these Minutes, will be posted on the Township’s website and forwarded to the Solebury Historical Society for their records.

Barbara Zietchick of Fox Run Preserve expressed some concern about the amount of truck traffic that may be generated during the dam removal phase.

Paul Marshall of Fox Run Preserve commented that he was very excited about the project.

OLD BUSINESS – No old business was discussed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Bucks County Delaware Riverfront Grant Program – As part of the Scannapieco/Cross settlement agreement, the Township plans to apply for a grant through the Bucks County Delaware Riverfront Program to offset the purchase price of an easement on the River Road parcels. The Township agreed to pay \$100,000 for the purchase of a conservation easement, half of which would be covered by the grant and the remaining half would be covered by the Township.

**Res. 2015-66 – Upon a motion by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the appropriate Township officials to execute the Resolution authorizing the Bucks County Delaware Riverfront Grant application.**

Comprehensive Plan Executive Summary – Ms. Tai requested that the Board consider submitting the revised Executive Summary to the Chair and Vice-chair of the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Following discussion the Board determined that when Mr. Cosdon and Mr. Searing finalize the revised Executive Summary, a copy would be provided to the past Chair and Vice-chair of the now disbanded Comprehensive Plan Committee as a courtesy.

New Hire Benefits – The Board previously adopted an updated benefit policy for all non-uniform employees hired after January 1, 2015. The Board has now determined that the updated benefit policy was too hastily adopted and the Board should rescind the previous action.

**Res. 2015-67 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. Heath, it was agreed to rescind the revised non-uniform benefits policy as adopted on March 15, 2015 by Resolution 2015-50.**

**In Favor: Mr. Cosdon, Ms. Tai, Mr. Heath and Mr. McGahan**

**Opposed: Mr. Searing**

#### SUBDIVISIONS/LAND DEVELOPMENTS/CONDITIONAL USES

Giuliano Subdivision – Escrow Release – Authorization Voucher #5 - The Township Engineer has certified that certain expenses in connection with this land development have been incurred by the applicant for stormwater and landscape fees and that \$146,782.25 can be released at this time.

**Res. 2015-68 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Ms. Tai, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the release of escrow funds in the amount of \$146,782.25 as approved by the Township Engineer for costs associated with the Giuliano subdivision.**

Public Comment – no additional public comment was offered.

Adjournment

**Res. 2015-69 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Mr. Heath, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted  
Gretchen K. Rice  
Assistant Manager  
Secretary/Treasurer