

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
June 16, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
Solebury Township Hall

MINUTES

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

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

Approval of Bills Payable – May 28, 2015 & June 11, 2015

Res. 2015-82 – Upon a motion by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. McGahan, the list of Bills Payable dated May 28, 2015 and June 11, 2015 were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

Approval of Minutes – May 21, 2015

Res. 2015-83 – Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Ms. Tai, the Minutes of May 21, 2015 were approved as written and posted.

Abstaining: Mr. Cosdon due to absence from meeting.

Announcements/Resignations/Appointments

- The Board announced an Executive Session held prior to the meeting related to personnel and litigation.

- **Res. 2015-84 – Upon a motion by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Scott Minnucci to the Historical Architectural Review Board for a term to expire December 31, 2018.**

- The Board announced the resignation of Martin Leyland from the Parks and Recreation Board.

- The Board announced the resignation of Christopher Navritil from the Environment Advisory Council.

Supervisor Comment

- Mr. Cosdon announced that Officer Aaron Soldavin is now a published author having written articles published in both the March/April and May/June issues of Drive Digest.

- Mr. McGahan asked for an update on the Aquetong Spring project and Mr. Carney briefly reviewed the current status and anticipated timeframe moving forward.

- In response to a question from Mr. McGahan, Mr. Carney noted that a pre-bid meeting was held earlier in the day and the bid opening is scheduled for July 2, 2015.

Presentation: Gordon Walker regarding the 2010 Bond Refinancing – Mr. Walker presented the Board with four options for refinancing, one involving a bank loan (Option A) and three involving a bond issue with various debt restructuring terms, (Options B, B1 and B2).

The Board discussed various issues involved including but not limited to overall savings anticipated under each option, callable time frames, flexibility provided under each option and impact on the Township's rating.

Res. 2015-85 – Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. Heath, it was unanimously agreed to authorize Public Financial Management, Inc. to work with Bond Counsel, Solicitor and Administration to solicit proposals for a bank loan to refinance 2010 Series General Obligations Bonds as outlined in Option A dated June 16, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS – No old business came before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee Resolution – The Board discussed the regulations outlined in the proposed Resolution creating the advisory committee. Specifically discussed was when the first and subsequent meetings would be held, life of the committee, and make-up of the membership. Edits to the draft were articulated by the Solicitor following the discussion and the Solicitor was directed to make the revisions and email the Resolution to the Secretary who would then obtain the Board signatures.

Res. 2015-86 – Upon a motion by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. Searing, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Resolution Creating and Authorizing the Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee with revisions as discussed.

Discussion on Joint Fracking Work Session – The Board reviewed the discussion that took place during the work session and noted that the Township should receive the transcribed Notes of Testimony shortly. The Board discussed hiring an environmental consultant to perform a study and what the Township would be looking to achieve by such a study acknowledging that the Township already has a wealth of Township environmental information on file in various forms.

Also discussed was the need to determine where a fracking zone would be designated and what happens if a study finds that there are no areas in the Township that are not environmentally sensitive.

The Solicitor commented that it could take 2 to 3 months of Board discussion to develop a scope of services to include in an RFP and by then the Township would be in budget sessions and could budget accordingly if the Board decided to move forward with such a study. The Administration and Township Engineer will begin to gather the environmental information already on file and the Board will continue to consider its options.

Zoning Hearing Board Application - Gatchell-MacPherson

Res. 2015-87 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Solicitor to attend the Zoning Hearings on behalf of the Township in opposition to the Gatchell-MacPherson application for zoning relief.

RD RTY 4 LLC, Paxson Road – TMP 41-022-042-005 –Authorization to file Complaint and Petition for Injunction – Enforcement Notices and a Summons were previously served upon the property owner for violation of the Township’s Grading Ordinance, Stormwater Management Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance. Additional earth work has taken place since the owner was served. The Administration is seeking authorization for the Solicitor to file a Complaint and Petition for Injunction so that no further disturbance takes place.

Res. 2015-88 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Mr. Searing it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Solicitor to file a Complaint and Petition for Injunction against RD RTY 4 LLC to prohibit continued earth disturbance at Tax Map Parcel 41-022-041-005.

SUBDIVISIONS/LAND DEVELOPMENTS/CONDITIONAL USES

Logan Square – Release of 18 Month Maintenance Bond – The Township Engineer has inspected the Logan Square site and determined that all improvements have been satisfactorily completed and the 18 month Maintenance Bond can be released.

Res. 2015-89 – Upon a motion by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed, based upon the Township Engineer’s confirmation that all improvements have been satisfactorily completed, to authorize release of the 18 month Maintenance Bond submitted for the Logan Square Land Development.

Public Comment – No additional public comment was offered.

Adjournment

Res. 2015-90 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Mr. Heath, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Gretchen K. Rice
Assistant Manager
Secretary/Treasurer