

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
February 4, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.
Solebury Township Hall

MINUTES

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

Absent: Robert Heath, Jr.

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

Approval of Bills Payable

Res. 2014-16 – Upon a motion by Mr. Cosdon, seconded by Mr. McGahan, the list of Bills Payable dated January 2, 2014 was unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

Res. 2014-17 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Ms. Tai, the list of Bills Payable dated January 15, 2014 was unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

Res. 2014-18 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. Cosdon, the list of Bills Payable dated January 30, 2014 was unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Cosdon expressed displeasure that the Township had paid for and received the updated radios for the police department and is now informed by the County that the new radio system will not be operational until 2015. Mr. Carney noted that the Police Chiefs throughout the County are expressing their displeasure directly to the County officials.

In regard to Resolution 2013-186 related the Township's offer to purchase a Conservation Easement on property known as Tuckamony Farm, the Board clarified that the purchase price of \$125,000 would be paid to Heritage Conservancy as the owner of the property involved.

Res. 2014-19 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Mr. Cosdon, the Minutes of December 17, 2013 were unanimously approved as written and posted.

Res. 2014-20 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. Cosdon, the Minutes of January 6, 2014 were approved as written and posted.

Abstaining: Mr. McGahan due to absence from meeting.

Announcements

- The Board announced executive sessions held on January 29th related to personnel issues and February 4th related to litigation.
- Mr. Searing commended the public works department and the emergency services involved in the Township for their dedication and work during the most recent snow storms.
- The Township was pleased to announce that the Township has received a \$165,000 grant as part of the state's Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) funding to improve traffic-signal monitoring and communication for three traffic signals to improve traffic flow. The signals are located at Kitchens Lane and 202; Segan Road and 202 and Logan Square and 202.
- Mr. Searing noted that for the third year in a row Solebury Township has passed a budget that reflects no tax increase and outlined a number of proposed projects and initiatives for 2014, including among other things, adoption of an updated Comprehensive Plan; implementation of the updated Act 537 Plan; adoption of the long-range Parks and Recreation Master Plan; a new public works facility, etc.

Public Comment - no public comment was offered.

PUBLIC HEARING

Traffic Ordinance – The proposed Amendment had been properly advertised and was available for public inspection as noted by the Township Solicitor.

No comment was offered by the public.

Res. 2014-21 – Upon a motion by Mr. Cosdon, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to adopt an ORDINANCE OF THE SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 2013-003, CHAPTER 3 SECTION 303 ESTABLISHING A ONE-WAY STREET AND SECTION 309 ESTABLISHING A 4 WAY STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF UPPER YORK ROAD (STATE ROUTE 263) AND SUGAN ROAD (STATE Route 1002) AND PHILLIPS MILL ROAD, AND AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS AND DIRECTION SIGNS, as advertised.

Environmental Advisory Council – The proposed Amendment had been properly advertised and was available for public inspection as noted by the Township Solicitor.

No comment was offered by the public.

Res. 2014-22 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Mr. Cosdon, it was unanimously agreed to adopt an ORDINANCE OF THE SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 2003-212 REQUIRING MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL TO BE RESIDENTS OF SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP, as advertised.

Parks & Recreation Ordinance – The proposed Amendment had been properly advertised and was available for public inspection as noted by the Township Solicitor.

No comment was offered by the public.

Res. 2014-23 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was agreed to adopt an ORDINANCE OF THE SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 96-160 INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD TO NINE, as advertised.

In favor: Mr. Searing, Mr. McGahan and Ms. Tai

Opposed: Mr. Cosdon

Motion carries

OLD BUSINESS

Ingham Spring – Fish & Board response to Township proposal – At the direction of the Board of Supervisors the Administration requested the PA Fish & Boat Commission to amend the original Cooperative Agreement dated February 11, 2008. This amendment would allow for the breaching of the dam and restoration of the streams and adjacent land to its natural state.

This amendment would also allow for any funds used for engineering, breaching and restoration efforts to be considered acceptable expenses to be credited to the \$837,000 allowance for the dam repair as noted in the original agreement.

The PA Fish & Boat Commission at their January 22, 2014, meeting executed the amendment without any questions or concerns.

Res. 2014-24 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Ms. Tai, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the appropriate Township officials to execute the amended Cooperative Agreement as approved by the PA Fish & Boat Commission on January 22, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments to the Environmental Advisory Council and the Historical Architectural Review Board

Res. 2014-25 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Ms. Tai, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Eric Allen to the Environmental Advisory Council without compensation for a term to expire December 31, 2016; Hope Blaythorne to the Environment Advisory Council without compensation for a term to expire December 31, 2015; and John Colton to the Historical Architectural Review Board without compensation for a term to expire December 31, 2015.

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

Public Comment

- The Board announced the following Supervisor Liaisons:

P&R – Paul Cosdon

HARB – Helen Tai

EAC – Robert Heath, Jr.

LPC – Edward McGahan, Jr.

STPC – James Searing

Adjournment

Res. 2014-26 – Upon a motion by Mr. Cosdon, seconded by Ms. Tai, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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