

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
December 16, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.
Solebury Township Hall

MINUTES

Attendance: James Searing, Chair, Paul Cosdon, Vice-chair, Robert Heath, Jr., Edward McGahan, Jr. and Helen Tai. Dennis H. Carney, Manager, Gretchen K. Rice, Assistant Manager, Michele Blood, Finance Director, 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

Res. 2014-178 – Upon a motion by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. McGahan, the list of Bills Payable dated December 1, 2014 and December 11, 2014 were approved as prepared and posted.

Approval of Minutes

Res. 2014-179 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Ms. Tai, the Minutes of October 15, 2014 were unanimously approved as written and posted.

Res. 2014-180 – Upon a motion by Mr. Cosdon, seconded by Mr. McGahan, the Minutes of November 18, 2014 were unanimously approved as corrected.

Announcements

- The Board announced an Executive Session held prior to the meeting related to litigation, land preservation and personnel.
- The Board expressed its appreciation to outgoing advisory committee members, Jan Ubel from Land Preservation and Matt Hayden and Chris Walinski from Parks & Recreation.
- The Board reviewed its accomplishments related to its Priority Project list established in early 2014.

Public Comment – No early public comment was offered.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

HARB – Steven Annenberg, 2620 River Road, TMP 41-030-004 - The applicant is proposing to remove two (2) existing roofs and replace with GAF rated asphalt roof.

Res. 2014-181 – Upon a motion by Mr. Cosdon, seconded by Ms. Tai, it was unanimously agreed to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to TMP 41-030-004 pursuant to the recommendation of the Solebury Township Historical Architectural Review Board. Issuance of this Certificate of Appropriateness does not relieve the applicant from obtaining any and all applicable permits.

HARB – Laura & Ron Viehweger, 3776 Aquetong Road, TMP 41-004-043 - The applicant is proposing to replace an existing gate and installation of fencing.

Res. 2014-182 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Ms. Tai, it was unanimously agreed to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to TMP 41-004-043 pursuant to the recommendation of the Solebury Township Historical Architectural Review Board. Issuance of this Certificate of Appropriateness does not relieve the applicant from obtaining any and all applicable permits.

HARB – Sarah & Ryan Steel, 3780 Aquetong Road, TMP 41-004-042 - The applicant is proposing the removal and replacement of damaged fence and associated hardware.

Res. 2014-183 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to TMP 41-004-042 pursuant to the recommendation of the Solebury Township Historical Architectural Review Board. Issuance of this Certificate of Appropriateness does not relieve the applicant from obtaining any and all applicable permits.

HARB – Jennifer Whitbeck, 7091 Phillips Mill Road, TMP 41-028-033 - The applicant is proposing to replace an existing shed roof, no changes to the flashing, gutters or down spouts.

Res. 2014-184 – Upon a motion by Mr. Cosdon, seconded by Mr. Heath, it was unanimously agreed to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to TMP 41-028-033 pursuant to the recommendation of the Solebury Township Historical Architectural Review Board. Issuance of this Certificate of Appropriateness does not relieve the applicant from obtaining any and all applicable permits.

HARB – Andrea & C. Max Hansen, 3758 Aquetong Road, TMP 41-002-054 - The applicant is proposing to paint the front and north side of the house, including trim, repair the chimney and to replace bricks on the front walkway.

Res. 2014-185 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to TMP 41-002-054 pursuant to the recommendation of the Solebury Township Historical Architectural Review Board. Issuance of this Certificate of Appropriateness does not relieve the applicant from obtaining any and all applicable permits.

HARB – Noel Barrett, 6183 Carversville Road, TMP 41-004-007 - The applicant is proposing to install a generator on the side deck of the property to be screened with a wooden lattice material.

Res. 2014-186 – Upon a motion by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to TMP 41-004-007 pursuant to the recommendation of the Solebury Township Historical Architectural Review Board. Issuance of this Certificate of Appropriateness does not relieve the applicant from obtaining any and all applicable permits.

Amendment to Traffic Ordinance 2012-003 – This Amendment involves reducing the speed limit on Honey Hollow Road to 35 mph and finalizing the one-way restriction on a segment of Old Windy Bush Road. The amendment to the ordinance has been advertised as directed by the Board.

Walter and Sharon Ryon of Old Windy Bush Road addressed the Board concerning the process used to change a segment of Old Windy Bush Road to one-way.

Res. 2014-187 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Ms. Tai, it was unanimously agreed to adopt AN ORDINANCE OF THE SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 2012-003, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 201.A ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON HONEY HOLLOW ROAD AND CHAPTER 3 SECTION 303 ESTABLISHING A ONE-WAY STREET ON A PORTION OF OLD WINDY BUSH ROAD, AND AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AND DIRECTION SIGNS, as advertised.

Comprehensive Plan – The draft update has been circulated to the County and Township Planning Commission, the New Hope Solebury School District and all surrounding municipalities for comment. Other than comments from the County and Township Planning Commissions, no comments were received. The draft has been properly advertised for adoption.

Mr. Cosdon recommended revising the last sentence on page 108 as follows: “The school district and the township have been working to add facilities if needed and recreation programs. Recent demographics may indicate that the youth population has plateaued.”

Res. 2014-188 – Upon a motion by Mr. Cosdon, seconded by Mr. Searing, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the revised Solebury Township Comprehensive Plan (draft dated October 8, 2014) with revision to page 108 as noted.

OLD BUSINESS

2015 Budget Adoption – After multiple budget work sessions held by the Board over the past months, the proposed 2015 Budget was properly advertised for adoption, posted on the website and available for inspection at the Township offices.

Res. 2014-189 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the 2015 Budget as advertised.

Resolution setting 2015 Tax Levy

Res. 2014-190 – Upon a motion by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to set the 2015 tax levy as follows: General Fund Tax 7.375 mils; Fire Tax Fund 1.75 mils; Library Fund Tax .375 mils; Debt Service Fund Tax 12.81 mils, for a total of 22.31 mils.

Stormwater Contribution Ordinance – authorization to advertise - PennDOT now requires municipalities to operate and maintain stormwater facilities installed on PennDOT roads, where these facilities are required by a land development or subdivision. The proposed amendment to SALDO requires developers or property owners to pay a fee to cover the costs associated with the maintenance and operation of these systems.

Res. 2014-191 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Solicitor to advertise an amendment to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to require payment of a fee to cover the Township’s costs associated with maintenance and operation of stormwater facilities installed on PennDOT roads.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Amendments – Ordinance 2014-010 requires modifications due to changes in the FEMA Model Ordinance. Proposed Floodplain Ordinance revisions, as well as amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance are also required to ensure consistency between the three Ordinances.

Res. 2014-192 – Upon a motion by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Solicitor to forward the proposed Ordinances to the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Township Planning Commission and to advertise all three Ordinances for adoption.

Unemployment Compensation Ordinance - To insure the Township's compliance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act and the Unemployment Compensation Trust Agreement ("UC Trust") the Township must adopt an ordinance reaffirming its participation in the UC Trust.

Res. 2014-193 – Upon a motion by Mr. Cosdon, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Solicitor to advertise the Ordinance reaffirming the Township's participation in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors Unemployment Compensation Group Trust for adoption.

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENTS/CONDITIONAL USES

Giuliano Escrow Release #3

Res. 2014-194 - Upon a Motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Mr. Cosdon, it was unanimously agreed to approve the escrow release in the amount of \$2,323.78 for legal, engineering and administrative fees from the Giuliano Letter of Credit.

Public Comment

- Ronald and Judith Ewer of Solebury Township delivered a humorous original poem based on their regular attendance at meetings throughout the year.

Adjournment

Res. 2014-195 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Mr. Heath, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Gretchen K. Rice
Assistant Manager
Secretary/Treasurer