

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 4, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.

Solebury Township Hall

MINUTES

Attendance: Kevin Morrissey, Chairman, Helen Tai, Vice-chair, Noel Barrett, Paul Cosdon and James Searing. Dennis H. Carney, Manager and Jordan B. Yeager, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

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

Approval of Bills Payable

Res. 2017-56 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. Cosdon, the list of Bills Payable dated March 30, 2017 was unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Tai suggested revisions to the draft Minutes, all of which were acceptable to the Board members.

Res. 2017-57 – Upon a motion by Mr. Cosdon, seconded by Ms. Tai, the Minutes of March 21, 2017 were approved with revision.

Abstaining: Mr. Searing due to absence from meeting.

Announcements

- The Board announced an executive session held prior to the meeting regarding litigation.

Supervisor Comments

- Mr. Cosdon commented on a meeting he and Mr. Morrissey attended about the PennEast Pipeline. A copy of his comments are attached.
- Mr. Morrissey urged interested residents to attend the Farm Forum scheduled for April 6th at the NHS cafeteria.
- Mr. Searing advised that the annual audit report would be filed by the end of the week, noting that numerous human factors delayed the filing by a week or so.

Public Comment – No early public comment was offered.

OLD BUSINESS – No old business came before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Mowing Bids 2018-2020 – The administration was seeking authorization to advertise bids for a three year contract.

Res. 2017-58 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. Cosdon, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township administration to advertise the mowing and maintenance bids for years 2018-2020, as proposed.

Act 153 Certification of Eligible Properties – The Township must certify properties eligible for the Act 153 program as enacted by the New Hope Solebury School District on an annual basis.

Res. 2017-59 – Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to forward the list of School Board Tax Freeze Eligible Properties to the New Hope Solebury School District as prepared.

Ms. Tai commented that the NHS School Board was discussing eliminating Act 153.

Mr. Searing commented on the problems and possible issues that would result if the School Board was to eliminate the Act 153 program. Noting that preserved properties have kept the costs down for the district and the community and that Act 153 provisions are an important part of the land preservation process.

Res. 2017-60 – Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to send a letter to the New Hope Solebury School District Board of Directors in support of continuing the Act 153 Program and its importance to the district and the community.

Resident Robert McEwan expressed support for the Board's continuing support of Act 153.

Medical Marijuana Ordinance – The laws governing the growing, processing and distribution of medical marijuana have changed over the recent months and the new laws now require the Township to modify its Zoning Ordinance to accommodate the medical marijuana laws. The administration has worked with the solicitor to create a draft for consideration.

Res. 2017-61 – Upon a motion by Mr. Cosdon, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to forward the draft Ordinance to the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Township Planning Commission for comment.

Adjournment

Res. 2017-62 – Upon a motion by Mr. Cosdon, seconded by Ms. Tai, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Dennis H. Carney
Manager

Penn East Meeting

3/29/17

Last Wednesday Kevin and I attended a meeting at the Durham Twp building concerning the Penn East Pipeline. In attendance was Kathy Gentner, supervisor from Durham, and Gard Holby from Bridgetown.

Kevin and I brought them up to date regarding our petition to intervene. Bridgetown will also but Durham probably will not as 2 supervisors see no reason for it. We discussed many of the issues that Maya van Rossum mentioned in our presentation and encouraged them to visit the Riverkeepers web site.

Items discussed were:

- Protect not prohibit.

- No income from allowing other then a one time payment of \$5000

- Informing residents not to allow surveyors on their property (AECOM is their consultant)

- Contact Dan Rattigan at BCATO

- Contact local reps McIlheny, Petri

- Letter from Fitzpatrick to FERC

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FEDERAL ENERGY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

The Honorable Norman C. Bay
 Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
 888 First Street NE
 Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Chairman Bay:

As the newly elected Representative to Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District, I am writing regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's review of the proposed PennEast Pipeline. My constituents in the area of my district that would be impacted have expressed significant concerns about the project. I share their concerns, including impacts to preserved lands, the Cooks Creek Exceptional Value Watershed, and the drinking water supply for the Borough of Riegelsville.

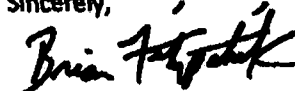
Numerous federal agencies have commented regarding serious deficiencies in FERC's draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), including the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the U.S. Geological Service, and the National Park Service. These agencies have pointed to extensive missing data and analyses, such as fully evaluating the risk of elevated Arsenic levels in drinking water and impacts to streams and wildlife.

In addition, the NJ Division of Rate Counsel and independent energy experts have raised legitimate questions regarding whether there is documented market need for and public benefit that would result from this project. As a matter of due diligence, I call upon FERC to fully address the concerns raised by my constituents, as well as federal and state agencies regarding the environmental impacts of and market need for this project. FERC should not issue a final EIS that fails to address these issues, nor make a final decision on a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity without definitive resolution of the questions raised.

The power of eminent domain to take private land should not be conferred to a corporation without ironclad proof that the project is unquestionably in the public interest. Such proof has yet to be demonstrated.

I would appreciate your response to my request.

Sincerely,



Brian Fitzpatrick
 Member of Congress

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