

## **SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**January 27, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.**

**Solebury Township Hall**

### **WORK SESSION MINUTES**

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

Absent: Robert Heath, Jr.

The work session was called to order by the Chair.

#### **Public Works Facility – Discussion**

The Chair opened the discussion detailing his observations during a visit to a public works building in Newtown Township that opened in 2010.

During a previous work session held January 14<sup>th</sup>, the Board directed Phillips & Donovan to revise the initial drawings and cost estimates to reflect a pre-engineered rectangular building without the extensive front façade details and a revised site layout in an effort to reduce costs associated with the building. The revised drawing and estimated costs have not yet been received.

Included among the topics discussed were the following:

1. Projected overall costs of the project as previously presented by the consultants;
2. Advising the Township's consultant of a maximum 2.7 million cap on the cost;
3. Possibility of relocating the proposed facility to an alternate location within the existing municipal complex;
4. Relocating the proposed facility to another off-site location;
5. Rebuilding the new facility in the current pole barn location;
6. Options for further reducing the size of the proposed building while still meeting the needs if costs do not fall within the Township's financial constraints;
7. Life expectancy of existing pole building if modest repairs are made instead of going forward with new facility;
8. Decisions that will need to be made if bids come back in excess of maximum cap;
9. Possibility of phasing construction over period of time instead of cutting or reducing overall project;
10. Putting the revised rectangular design and revised site layout out for bid in order to have real numbers to consider before making a determination to phase or reduce size.

The Board directed the Township Manager to advise Phillips & Donovan and the Township Engineer to move forward with preparation of bid package to reflect a rectangular building and the Township Engineer to apply for the NPDES permit based on the revised site layout as previously discussed. The Township Manager will also discuss the Township's financial constraints with Phillips & Donovan and inform them of a \$2.7 million expense cap.

Projects for 2015 – The Board reviewed a list of 2015 Projects compiled by the Chair reflecting input provided from each Supervisor. Following brief discussion, the Chair stated that he would further refine the list for the Board's consideration.

The work session adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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