

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
May 21, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
Solebury Township Hall/Virtual - Hybrid Meeting
MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Baum Baicker, Chair, Christy Cheever, Vice-Chair, Kevin Morrissey, Rickie Yudin, Christopher Garges, Township Manager, Michele Blood, Assistant Township Manager, and Catherine Cataldi, Township Secretary. Mark L. Freed, Township Solicitor, was also in attendance.
Absent: John S. Francis

The recording device was turned on.

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

II. Approval of Bills Payable – May 18, 2026

Res. 2026-76 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Yudin, the list of Bills Payable dated May 18, 2026 was unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

III. Announcements/Resignations/Appointments

Executive Session

Mr. Baum Baicker announced that Executive Sessions were held on Wednesday, May 14, 2026, Wednesday, May 20, 2026 and Thursday, May 21, 2026 dealing with Personnel Matters and an Executive Session held Thursday, May 21, 2026, prior to the meeting, dealing with Zoning Matters.

Appointment of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator

Res. 2026-77 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Yudin, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Sergeant/Detective Jonathan Koretzky at the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for Solebury Township.

IV. Supervisor Comment – No Supervisor Comment

V. Presentation

North Wales Water Authority – PFAS Treatment & Proposed Water Storage Tank

Joe Murphy presented an overview of PFAS, Treatment options and NWWA’s proposal for a Water Storage Tank on Township Property located in the North Pointe community. NWWA would like to hold a community meeting with all of the affected customers and present this plan to them.

The Board unanimously suggested that North Wales Water Authority hold community meetings and present the community feedback at a future Board of Supervisors meeting.

VI. New Business

Delinquent tax collection – authorize advertising of ordinance establishing provisions for Bucks County Tax Claim Bureau to collect as alternative tax collector

The proposed ordinance amends the Township Code to establish a formal framework for the collection of delinquent real estate taxes through the Bucks County Tax Claim Bureau acting as an “alternative collector” under the Municipal Claims and Tax Liens Act (MCTLA).

Res. 2026-78 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Ms. Cheever, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Administration to advertise the Delinquent Tax Collection ordinance for adoption.

Land Preservation – Property No. 168 – Inclusion into the Program

The property consists of two parcels, totaling 22.75 acres on Aquetong road.

LPC Motion: A motion was made by Phil Johnson and seconded by Sally Drayer that a confidential property identified as #168, which has been reviewed and vetted by the Solebury Township Land Preservation Committee, be approved for eligibility by the Board of Supervisors to participate in the Solebury Township Open Space Preservation Program. The motion carried 6-0

Res. 2026-79 – Upon a motion by Mr. Yudin, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the inclusion of property number 168 into the Land Preservation Program.

Lighting Ordinance – Authorization to Send to Solebury Township and Bucks County Planning Commissions for Review and Authorization to Advertise

The proposed ordinance amends the Solebury Township Ordinance to include prohibited lighting nuisances.

Res. 2026-80 – Upon a motion by Ms. Cheever, seconded by Mr. Yudin, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Administration to send the ordinance to the Solebury Township and Bucks County Planning Commissions for review, as well as, authorize the advertisement of the ordinance for adoption

Bucks County Consortium: Opposition by Local Governments to H.R. 2289 "The American Broadband Bill"

Bucks County Consortium has discussed the opposition to H.R. 2289, entitled “The American Broadband Act” as it would undermine the authority of local governments to manage telecommunications companies. The legislation provides benefits to industry at the expense of local governments and consumers without imposing any obligations on the companies, such as serving rural areas, fixing “dead spots,” or passing savings on to consumers.

Res. 2026-81 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to announce the Board’s opposition to H.R. 2289 "The American Broadband Bill" and authorize Township Administration to execute the opposition letter.

Extended Leave of Absence Request through June 20, 2026 – Authorization to Accept

Res. 2025-82 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to partially approve the request of employee number 135 and grant a leave of absence (LOA) through June 20, 2026. During the leave time, the employee will not accrue paid time off (sick, personal, vacation), the employee will be required to pay the insurance premiums for health, life and short-term disability insurance and the employee must pay the pension contributions, and the employee must repay the Township for any holiday pay that may have been advanced to them for holidays that occur during the LOA (if any).

Zoning Hearing Board Application – Denise Jill Marshall (6195 Mechanicsville Road, TMP No. 41-002-085-001) – Authorize Solicitor to Attend

This topic was eliminated from the agenda.

Zoning Hearing Board Application – Sandra Marshall (6361 Meetinghouse Road, TMP No. 41-013-085)

This topic was eliminated from the agenda.

VII. Public Comment – No Public Comment

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Cataldi, Secretary