

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 7, 2021 – 9:30 A.M.

Solebury Township Hall

WORK SESSION MINUTES

The January 7, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Solebury Township Board of Supervisors Work Session was duly advertised and held electronically through the Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform. The meeting was held in this manner due to the current State and Federal regulations in place from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Attendance: Mark Baum Baicker, Chair, Kevin Morrissey, Vice-Chair, Noel Barrett, John S. Francis, Robert McEwan, Dennis H. Carney, Township Manager, Michele Blood, Assistant Manager and Catherine Cataldi, Secretary. Mark L. Freed, Township Solicitor was also in attendance.

Zoom recording was turned on.

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

II. Priorities and Objectives for 2021 – Board Discussion

The Board reviewed the draft preliminary List of Solebury Township Objectives for 2021. The preliminary list included recommendations from the most recent Comprehensive Plan in addition to other topics the Board felt should be included.

Based upon discussion, the top priorities were determined as follows (Please note the priorities are not listed in any particular order):

1. Continue to research and take all reasonable Covid-19 safety measures - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Carney/Ms. Blood
2. Continue long-term planning for possible improvements to Route 202 - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. McEwan/Mr. Baum Baicker
3. Work with Police Chief to continue effective, respectful policing - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Baum Baicker
4. Obtain public input on use of Flea Market property - Lead/Sponsor: Board of Supervisors
5. Continue to stress land preservation program - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. McEwan
6. Set land preservation goals for the future - Lead/Sponsor: Board of Supervisors
7. Potential Energy Transition Plan - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Francis
8. Requote solar panels on Township buildings - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Carney
9. Continue to research and evaluate Township water resources - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Carney
10. Ongoing efforts for electric vehicle recharging stations - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Carney
11. Continue efforts to expand and evaluate deer management - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Carney/Mr. Francis
12. Continue to monitor the New Hope Crushed Stone situation, including the Quarry reclamation and Primrose Creek Restoration - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Morrissey
13. Continue involvement with potential Tuscarora cleanup - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Francis
14. Investigate addition ways for paperwork reduction - Lead/Sponsor: Board of Supervisors/Committee Members/Township Staff
15. Maintain focus on single-use plastics regulation - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Francis

16. Continue recruitment of potential committee members - Lead/Sponsor: Board of Supervisors
17. Continue coordination among committees—annual meeting of Committee/Board Chairs with Board of Supervisors - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Baum Baicker
18. Continue to pursue initiatives to support farmers - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Morrissey
19. Continue the investigate and develop landowner/farmer match program - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Morrissey
20. Potential addition of Committee on the Arts - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Baum Baicker
21. Ongoing Parks & Recreation improvements: softball fields; Pickleball courts; opportunities for seniors; and signage - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Francis
22. Ongoing improvements at Aquetong Spring Park - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Carney
23. Continue to evaluate the future of the Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Francis
24. Ongoing review of expenditures in continuing pandemic environment - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Baum Baicker/Ms. Blood
25. Continue to investigate and move toward more electronic payments - Lead/Sponsor: Ms. Blood
26. Continue identify and pursue grant opportunities - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Carney/Ms. Blood
27. Ongoing focus on development of trails - Lead/Sponsor: Board of Supervisors
28. Continue to maintain and improve a positive relationship with, funding of, and naming Trustees of the Free Library of New Hope and Solebury - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. McEwan

III. Old Business

Sign Ordinance – Authorization to Advertise and Send to the Bucks County and Solebury Township Planning Commissions

Mr. Morrissey expressed gratitude to all committee/board members and Township staff for their time and work on the Sign Ordinance.

Res. 2021-22 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to advertise and send the Revised Sign Ordinance to the Bucks County and Solebury Township Planning Commissions.

IV. Supervisor Comment – No Supervisor Comment

V. Public Comment – No Public Comment

VI. Adjournment

The work session adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Catherine Cataldi
Secretary