

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

December 8, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.

VIRTUAL BUDGET MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

The December 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Solebury Township Board of Supervisors meeting 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 device was turned on.

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

II. Approval of Bills Payable – November 25, 2020

Res. 2020-164 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. McEwan, the list of Bills Payable dated November 25, 2020 was unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

III. Approval of Minutes – November 17, 2020

Res. 2020-165 – Upon a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, the Minutes of the November 17, 2020 Virtual Meeting were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

IV. Announcements/Resignations/Appointments

- Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer for Township Pension Plans
Each Municipality is requested to formally designate a Chief Administrative Officer for the Township's Pension Plans. This individual should be bonded in an amount sufficient to handle current and anticipated amounts involved with both pensions.

Res.2020-166 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Francis, it was unanimously agreed to designate Michele Blood as the Township's Chief Administrative Officer as it relates to the Township's Pension Plan.

V. Supervisors Comment – No Supervisor Comment

VI. Public Comment

- Marcos Elizondo, Solebury Baseball & Softball Association - Under 15 Softball Division Commissioner, presented a Solebury Baseball & Softball Association Dugout Project request PowerPoint presentation (copy of which is attached).

VII. Budget

2021 Budget – Authorization to Adopt

Res. 2020-167 – Upon a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the 2020 Budget as advertised.

Tax Levy Resolution

The resolution is required to set the 2021 Tax in accordance with the adopted 2021 Budget.

Res. 2020-168 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to adopt a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, fixing the Tax Levy Rates for the Year 2020 as follows: General Fund Tax 8.099 mils; Fire Tax Fund 1.75 mils; Library Fund Tax .491 mils; Debt Service Fund Tax 13.53 mils; and EMS Fund Tax .9402 mils, for a total of 24.8102 mils.

VIII. New Business

2020 Budget Amendment # 2

In accordance with the Second-Class Township Code, Section 3202(f), Township Administration recommended that the Board approve the proposed budget amendment as detailed below:

- Increase Land Preservation Appraisal Services by five thousand dollars (\$5,000) which decreases the Land Preservation Reserve Balance by the same amount.
- Increase Land Preservation Professional Services by fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) which decreases the Land Preservation Reserve Balance by the same amount.
- Increase Land Preservation Engineering Services by fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) which decreases the Land Preservation Reserve Balance by the same amount
- Increase Land Preservation General Legal by thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) which decreases the Land Preservation Reserve Balance by the same amount.

These increases are due to the higher than anticipated number of easements completed in 2020, and the related professional services required for those acquisitions.

Res. 2020-169 – Upon a motion by Mr. McEwan, seconded by Mr. Francis, it was unanimously agreed to approve the 2020 Budget Amendment # 2 as documented.

Resolution Approval – Act 537 Sewage Treatment Facility Planning Module Component #4A – Solebury School (6832 Phillips Mill Rd, TMP #'s 41-018-079, 41-028-008 & 41-028-007)

Copy of resolution is attached.

Res. 2020-170 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the resolution approving the Act 537 Sewage Treatment Facility Planning Module and authorizing administration to complete and execute Component #4A – Solebury School (6832 Phillips Mill Rd, TMP #'s 41-018-079, 41-028-008 & 41-028-007).

Resolution Consenting to Amending and Restating Conservation Easement – David and Sandy Marshall (TMP Nos. 41-013-085 and 41-013-086)

The proposed resolution (copy of which is attached) consents to amending and restating conservation easement on 103 acres comprising Tax Map Parcel 41-013-085 and 41-013-086 in Solebury Township.

Res.2020-171 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. McEwan, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the resolution consenting to amending and restating conservation easement on 103 acres comprising Tax Map Parcel 41-013-085 and 41-013-086 in Solebury Township.

Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Designation of Agent Resolution

The proposed resolution (copy of which is attached) designates Jean Weiss, as the agent authorized to execute for and in behalf of Solebury Township regarding the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Application for Colleen Lyons, 6669 Fleecydale Road, TMP # 41-005-006.

Res.2020-172 – Upon a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the resolution designating Jean Weiss as the agent authorized to execute for and in behalf of Solebury Township regarding the FEMA Application for Colleen Lyons, 6669 Fleecydale Road, TMP # 41-005-006.

Zoning Hearing Board Application

The applicant, Carversville Inn Land, Co., 6205 Fleecydale Road, TMP No. 41-004-010, is requesting: a special exception pursuant to Section 27-2510.3.c. to permit the conversion of nonconforming uses to another nonconforming use; a variance from Section 27-2301.E(14) to be relieved from the obligation to provide 44 off-street parking spaces for the proposed Hotel, Motel, Or Inn/Large use; If the Zoning Hearing Board concludes that there is insufficient hardship to justify a variance from Section 27-2301.E(14), applicant applies in the alternative for a variance from Section 27-2302.6 to authorize 33 off-street parking spaces on a property not owned by the applicant; a variance from Section 27-2109 to authorize constructing a building addition on lands that qualify as flood plain; a variance from Section 27-2205.5.E(1) to authorize constructing a building addition on lands located within the Riparian Corridor Conservation District; variance from Section 27-2206.6 to authorize disturbing flood plain lands; a variance from Section 27-2208.E to authorize the building expansion on lands located within the Riparian Corridor Conservation District; a variance from Section 27-2305 to authorize the redevelopment of the Carversville Inn property without a dedicated area for loading and unloading; and a change in non-conforming use from the present use of non-conforming restaurant and non-conforming apartments to the proposed change of a hotel, motel, or inn use.

Res. 2020-173 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Solicitor to attend any and all Zoning Hearing Board hearings pertaining to this matter to represent the interest of Solebury Township.

IX. **Public Comment** – No Public Comment

X. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Cataldi
Secretary