

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

December 14, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

Solebury Township Hall/Virtual – Hybrid

BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Baum Baicker, Chair, Kevin Morrissey, Vice-Chair, Noel Barrett, Robert McEwan, Dennis H. Carney, Township Manager, Michele Blood, Assistant Manager, and Catherine Cataldi, 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 – December 2, 2021

Res.2021-131 – Upon a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, the list of Bills Payable dated December 2, 2021 was unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2021 Budget Meeting and November 16, 2021

Res.2021-132 – Upon a motion by Mr. McEwan, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, the Minutes of the November 4, 2021 Budget Meeting and November 16, 2021 Meeting were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

IV. Announcements/Resignations/Appointments

Executive Session

The Board announced an Executive Session held November 18, 2021 dealing with Zoning Issues and Personnel.

The Board announced an Executive Session held December 2, 2021 dealing with Land Preservation and Zoning Issues.

Plaque Presentation to Supervisor Noel Barrett

The Board presented Supervisor Barret with a plaque for his service on the Board of Supervisors.

V. Supervisor Comment

VI. Public Comment - No Early Public Comment

VII. Public Hearing

HARB – Certificate of Appropriateness – Eric and Ivy Lyons (TMP # 41-004-004, 6163 Carversville Road)
Upon a motion by Larry Peseski, seconded by Buz Teacher, it was (unanimously) agreed to recommend issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness to TMP# 41-004-004 as follows:

1. *Replace Roof Shingles with GAF Slateline;*
2. *Window trim, door trim, gutters and windows to be done in Benjamin Moore “Black Forest Green” (#HC-187);*
3. *Repaint screen and front door Benjamin Moore “Lancaster Whitewash” (#HC-174);*

4. *Restore front porch in new PA Bluestone Surface. Dimensions not to change;*
5. *Installation of farmhouse light on top of front doorway as well as left side of house;*
6. *Replace lantern on existing light post; applicant will have option of medium or large size lantern with brass or dark brass;*
7. *Application will be continued to allow applicant to submit for railing on bridge at entrance of property.*

Res.2021-133 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to TMP # 41-004-004, 6163 Carversville Road as recommended by the Historical Architectural Review Board. Issuance of the Certificate of Appropriateness does not relieve the applicant from obtaining any and all applicable permits prior to commencement of work.

VIII. Budget

2022 Budget – Authorization to Adopt

Ms. Blood gave an overview of the proposed 2022 Budget. Ms. Blood identified that the 2022 Principal payment under Debt Service Fund was inputted incorrectly as two million five hundred thousand dollars on the advised budget. The interest and principal have been corrected.

Hanita Rosenboim, resident, questioned the appropriated funds for deer management.

Res.2021-134 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the 2022 Budget with the correction noted by Ms. Blood.

Tax Levy Resolution

The resolution is required to set the 2022 Tax in accordance with the adopted 2022 Budget.

Res.2021-135 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. McEwan, to 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 2022 as follows: General Fund Tax 8.5000 mils; Fire Tax Fund 1.7500 mils; Library Fund Tax .4910 mils; Debt Service Fund Tax 13.1290 mils; and EMS Fund Tax .9402 mils, for a total of 24.8102 mils.

IX. New Business

Land Preservation – Property # 165 – Inclusion into the Program

Property # 165 consists of 20.72 acres located on Aquetong Road. The Land Preservation Committee recommended the inclusion of property # 165 into the Land Preservation Program.

John DeAndrea, resident, questioned the financial aspect of property # 165 being included into the program. Mr. Baum Baicker explained the process of inclusion of a property into the Land Preservation Program.

Res.2021-136- Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to acknowledge the eligibility of Property # 165 into the Solebury Township Preservation Program.

Bid Award – Landscaping Maintenance

Bids for landscaping maintenance for 2022-2024 were advertised according to legal requirements. Professional Landscape Services was the only bid received.

Res.2021-137 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to award the bid for Landscaping Maintenance for 2022-2024 to Professional Landscape Services, conditioned upon compliance with the requirements noted in the bid document.

Zoning Hearing Board Applications

The applicant, Jesse Hollingsworth, 1855 River Road, TMP # 41-036-099, is appealing the Issuance of a Cease and Desist Order of the Solebury Township Zoning Officer.

Res. 2021-138 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the solicitor to attend the Zoning Hearing Board hearing to represent the interest of the Township.

The applicant, TPK1 Partners, LLC, 6538 Lower York Road, TMP # 41-022-142, is requesting a variance from the provisions of Section 27-1602 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit use of the two (2) existing accessory residential dwelling units located in the accessory out buildings on the property.

Res. 2021-139 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. McEwan it was unanimously agreed to authorize the solicitor to attend the Zoning Hearing Board hearing to represent the interest of the Township.

2021 Budget Amendment # 2

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

- Decrease to General Fund reserves of \$27,500
- Decrease to Liquid Fuels Fund reserves of \$167,000
- Decrease to Natural Resources Fund reserves of \$3,500
- Decrease to Capital Project reserves of \$44,000
- Decrease to Roads & Bridges reserves of \$43,500
- Decrease Debt Service Fund reserves of \$102,100

Res.2021-140 – Upon a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. McEwan, it was unanimously agreed to approve the 2021 Budget Amendment # 2 as documented.

X. Public Comment

- Mr. McEwan commented on the Parks & Recreation Celebration Bench Program.
- Mr. Morrissey commented on Township Committee and Board member vacancies.
- Mr. Baum Baicker thanked all Solebury Township Staff for their work in 2021.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Cataldi
Secretary