

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 3, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.

Solebury Township Hall

MEETING MINUTES

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

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

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II. Approval of Bills Payable – February 13, 2020 and February 27, 2020

Res. 2020-47 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the list of Bills Payable dated February 13, 2020 and February 27, 2020 were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

III. Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2020 and February 4, 2020

Res. 2020-48 – Upon a motion by Mr. McEwan, seconded by Mr. Francis, the Minutes of the January 21, 2020 and February 4, 2020 Meeting were unanimously approved as written and posted.

IV. Announcements/Resignations/Appointments

- Change in meeting agenda
Mr. Baum Baicker announced a change in the order of the agenda. The Marshall presentation was moved up prior to the PFM Financial Advisors LLC presentation.
- Executive Session
The Board announced an executive session held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 prior to the meeting dealing with personnel and real estate.
- Appointment of Dennis Mankin, Katherine L. Reiss, and C.L. Lindsay III, Esq. to the Library Task Force

Res. 2020-49 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Dennis Mankin, Katherine L. Reiss, and C.L. Lindsay III, Esq., residents, without compensation, to the Library Task Force, with a term expiration of December 31, 2020.

V. Supervisors Comment – No Supervisor Comment

VI. Public Comment

- Joseph Klicka, resident, expressed continued concern regarding the septic pump out and bamboo at 6186 Honey Hollow Road. Mr. Klicka asked for any updates from the Township.

VII. Presentations

David and Sandy Marshall

Steve Harris, attorney for David and Sandy Marshall was in attendance. Mr. Harris delivered a presentation identifying Mr. & Mrs. Marshall's objective of seeking an amendment to the conservation easement on their property.

A representative of Natural Land Trust was in attendance. Natural Land Trust's Amendment Policy and Mr. & Mrs. Marshall's request for amendment were discussed.

Steve Phillips, neighbor, spoke on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Marshall and expressed support for their request.

Richard Collier presented the Buffer Plan Concept (Copy of which is attached).

David Marshall, homeowner, presented the reasoning for his request to amend the conservation easement.

Rachel Kamen, resident, expressed support for the ability to amend a conservation easement.

PFM Financial Advisors LLC

Jamie Schlesinger, Director of PFM, presented additional information regarding the new borrowing and discussed the process to move forward. The presentation included: interest rates; Municipal market update; debt structure and historical; new money; parameters ordinance; summary of outstanding indebtedness; debt service; and preliminary schedule.

Barbara Zietchick, resident, questioned the selling of bonds when the rate of bonds drops. Mr. Schlesinger advised that the Township wants lower interest.

Res. 2002-50 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to authorize PFM Financial Advisors LLC to expedite the process for the borrowing.

VIII. New Business

Pension Ordinance – Authorization to Advertise

The ordinance amends the non-uniform pension plan administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System to conform with new IRS Regulations.

Res. 2020-51 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to advertise the Pension Ordinance for adoption at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors scheduled for March 17, 2020.

Resolution to Authorize Dennis H. Carney to Sign the Gateway Trail Grant Application

The resolution (copy of which is attached) authorizes Dennis H. Carney, Township Manager execute all documents and agreements with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources associated with the Gateway Trail Grant project.

Res. 2020-52 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. McEwan, it was unanimously agreed to approve the resolution to authorize Dennis H. Carney to execute all documents and agreements between the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources associated with the Gateway Trail Grant project.

Bid Award – Aquetong Creek Restoration – Alternate Bids

At the February 4, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting the Board awarded the bid for the Aquetong Creek Restoration to Land Tech Enterprises.

The bid award did not include the following Alternate Bids:

- 1.A. – Supply and install wetland plugs
- 2.A. – Supply and install wetland trees and shrubs, including mulching, staking, and deer protection
- 3.A. – Supply and install upland plugs
- 4.A. – Supply and install upland trees and shrubs, including mulching, staking, and deer protection

Res. 2020-53 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Francis, it was unanimously agreed to award for Aquetong Creek Restoration Alternate Bids: 1.A.; 2.A.; 3.A.; and 4.A. to Land-Tech Enterprises, Inc.

Land Preservation – Property # 160 – Inclusion

Property # 160 consists of 50 acres located on Greenhill Road. The Land Preservation Committee recommended the inclusion of property # 160 into the Land Preservation Program.

Res. 2020-54 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to acknowledge the eligibility of Property # 160 into the Solebury Township Preservation Program

Land Preservation – Property # 161 – Inclusion

Property # 161 consists of 43.12 acres located on Pidcock Creek Road. The Land Preservation Committee recommended the inclusion of property # 161 into the Land Preservation Program.

Res. 2020-55 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to acknowledge the eligibility of Property # 161 into the Solebury Township Preservation Program

Library Agreement Discussion

Res. 2020-56 Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker seconded by Mr. McEwan, it was unanimously agreed to approve the Township Solicitor to draft a funding agreement and discuss it with the appropriate party at the Library, whether it be an attorney or representative of the Library’s Board.

Zoning Hearing Board Application

This agenda item was eliminated.

IX. Public Comment

- Mr. Klicka again expressed concern regarding the septic pump out at 6186 Honey Hollow Road. Mr. Freed advised that the Township has and continues to work on getting 6186 Honey Hollow Road into compliance. Mr. Klicka expressed interest in the requirement of Use and Occupancy for residential.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Cataldi
Secretary