

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

March 17, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.

**Solebury Township Hall**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Attendance: Mark Baum Baicker, Chair, and Dennis H. Carney, Township Manager.

Via Conference Call: Kevin Morrissey, Vice-Chair, Noel Barrett, John S. Francis, Robert McEwan, and Catherine Cataldi, Secretary

All attendees were conferenced into the meeting.

There were no attendees in the audience.

Audio recording device was then turned on.

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

Mr. Baum Baicker made a statement regarding the COVID-19 epidemic (copy of which is attached). Mr. Francis questioned if the statement could be posted at the Post Office and Grocery Stores. Mr. Baum Baicker and Mr. Carney are to look into having the information posted.

**II. Approval of Bills Payable – March 12, 2020**

**Res. 2020-57 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, the list of Bills Payable dated March 12, 2020 was unanimously approved as prepared and posted.**

**III. Announcements/Resignations/Appointments – No Announcements**

**IV. Supervisors Comment**

- Mr. McEwan commented on the 2020 Census. The Census has started and can be completed online at [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov).
- Mr. Morrissey asked if the instructions on how to register for an online ballot could be posted to the Township website. Mr. Baum Baicker is to discuss with the Township Solicitor.

**V. Public Comment – No Public Comment**

**VI. Public Hearing**

Pension Ordinance – Authorization to Adopt

The proposed ordinance amends the non-uniform pension plan administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System to conform with new IRS Regulations. The Board approved the advertisement of the Pension Ordinance at the March 3, 2020 Board of Supervisor meeting.

**Res. 2020-58 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Pension Ordinance.**

Bond Ordinance – Authorization to Adopt

The proposed ordinance (copy of which is attached) authorizes the incurrence of debt of the Township of Solebury by the issuance of general obligation bonds, in one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds open space projects and paying the costs of issuing the bonds; authorizing the preparation and filing of a debt statement and other documentation; covenanting to create a sinking fund and to budget, appropriate and pay debt service on the bonds and pledging the full faith, credit and taxing power of the township for the bonds; providing for the substantial form, date, maturity dates, interest rates, redemption provisions and other provisions of such bonds; authorizing the execution of a continuing disclosure certificate; finding that a private sale by negotiation of the bonds is in the best financial interest of the township and authorizing the acceptance of a proposal for the purchase of the bonds and an addendum thereto in the event such addendum meets certain stipulated requirements; appointing a paying agent and sinking fund depository; authorizing the designation of the bonds as qualified tax exempt obligations; stating authority for enactment of ordinance; stating authority for enactment of ordinance; stating that ordinance is a contract with registered owners of bonds; setting forth a severability clause; cancelling and annulling inconsistent ordinances; and authorizing other necessary action.

**Res. 2020-59 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Bond Ordinance.**

**VII. New Business**

Land Preservation Committee – Act 153 – Certification of Eligible Properties to NHS School District

The Board of Supervisors certifies properties eligible for the Act 153 program on an annual basis to the New Hope Solebury School District. This program authorizes the school district to exempt by resolution certain real property from further Millage increases imposed.

**Res. 2020-60 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to certify the list of properties eligible under the Act 153 Program and the Administration is authorized to forward the list to the New Hope Solebury School District as prepared.**

Land Preservation – Manoff Property (3157 Comfort Road, TMP No. 41-013-035) – Agreement of Sale for Conservation Easement

The property is a parcel consisting of 35.72 acres located on Comfort Road. Gary and Amy Manoff have agreed to the conservation easement purchase price of \$500,000.00.

**Res. 2020-61 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to authorize Mark Baum Baicker, Chair to sign the Agreement of Sale for Conservation Easement for the Property of Gary and Amy Manoff (3157 Comfort Road, TMP No. 41-013-035).**

Agricultural Security Area – Application of James & Adrienne Mageras – TMP Nos. 41-036-134, 41-036-135, and 41-036-136

Applications have been received from James & Adrienne Mageras for inclusion of TMP Nos. 41-036-134, 41-036-135, and 41-036-136 in the Solebury Township Agricultural Security Area.

**Res.2020-62 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to acknowledge the receipt of an application from James and Adrienne Mageras for inclusion of TMP Nos. 41-036-134, 41-036-135 and 41-036-136 in the Solebury Township Agricultural Security Area.**

Highway Material – Bid Award

Bids for black top and miscellaneous stone and aggregate have been received by the Bucks County Consortium and reviewed by Solebury Township Administration.

**Res.2020-63 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to award the bid for:**

- **No. 2 ¾" stone; Rip-Rap Mixed Stone; and Super Pave 19.00 Binder to: Hanson Aggregates BMC INC**
- **No. 2B ¾" Stone; and No. 2A Stone Mix to: Plumstead Materials**
- **R-4 Stone; and Super Pave 12.5 mm Wearing to: Eureka Stone Quarry, Inc.**
- **Super Pave 9.5 mm Wearing to: Miller Materials**
- **Koch 9005 Crack Sealer and Koch 9075-r Flex-a-fill and Crafcro Poliflex II Crack Seal to: Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC.**

Declaration of State of Emergency in Solebury Township

(Copy of which is attached)

**Res.2020-64 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Barrett, The Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 (b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S.A. 7101 et seq., unanimously agreed to declare the existence of a public health local disaster emergency in Solebury Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.**

**VIII. Public Comment – No Public Comment**

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine Cataldi  
Secretary