

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
January 4, 2021 - 9:30 A.M.
VIRTUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING

RESOLUTIONS

The January 4, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Solebury Township Board of Supervisors' Reorganization 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, Robert McEwan, Noel Barrett, John S. Francis, 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.

The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. (Unless otherwise noted, the following motions were unanimously adopted.)

Executive Session

The Board announced an executive session held December 16, 2020 dealing with Zoning Issues.

Appointment of Temporary Chair

Res. 2021-1 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, John S. Francis was appointed as temporary Chairman to receive nominations for a permanent Chairman.

Election of Chair

Res. 2021-2 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Barrett, Mark Baum Baicker was elected as Chairman of the Solebury Township Board of Supervisors for year 2021.

Election of Vice-chair

Res. 2021-3 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Francis, Kevin Morrissey was elected as Vice-chair of the Solebury Township Board of Supervisors for year 2021.

Res. 2021-4 – Upon a motion by Mr. McEwan, seconded by Mr. Francis, it was unanimously agreed to relinquish the temporary Chair, John S. Francis, from his position and for the Chair, Mark Baum Baicker to take over the meeting.

Appointments

Res. 2021-5 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Francis, the following appointments were made:

Appointment of Township Manager

Dennis H. Carney was reappointed as Township Manager for year 2021 with salary commensurate with the 2021 approved budget and benefits as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

Appointment of Assistant Manager

Michele Blood was reappointed as Assistant Manager for year 2021 with salary commensurate with the 2021 approved budget and benefits as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

Appointment of Secretary

Catherine Cataldi was reappointed as Township Secretary for year 2021 with salary commensurate with the 2021 approved budget and benefits as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

Appointment of Treasurer

Michele Blood was reappointed as Township Treasurer for year 2021 with salary commensurate with the 2021 approved budget and benefits as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

Appointment of Zoning Officer

Zachary Zubris was reappointed as Township Zoning Officer for year 2021 with salary commensurate with the 2021 approved budget and benefits as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

Appointment of Code Enforcement Officer

Zachary Zubris was reappointed as Township Code Enforcement Officer for year 2021 with salary commensurate with the 2021 approved budget and benefits as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

Appointment of Assistant Code Enforcement Officer

Nicole Slack was reappointed as Assistant Township Code Enforcement Officer for year 2021 with salary commensurate with the 2021 approved budget and benefits as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

Appointment of Deputy Tax Collector

Res. 2021-6 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. McEwan, Robert Carr was reappointed as Deputy Tax Collector for year 2021.

Appointment of Professionals and Consultants

Res. 2021-7 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Francis, the following professionals and consultants are appointed for 2021 and their fee schedule approved as set forth in Exhibit “B”:

1. Curtin & Heefner LLP as Township Solicitor;
2. Terry W. Clemons, Esquire of Clemons Richter & Reiss as Township Land Preservation Solicitor and Solicitor to Appeals Board;
3. Neil A. Morris, Esquire of Offit Kurman as Township Labor Counsel;
4. Wynn Associates, Inc. as Township Engineer;
5. Curtis J. Genner Jr., of Wynn Associates, Inc. as Township Floodplain Administrator;
6. McMahon Associates, Inc. as traffic consultants;
7. Land Trust of Bucks County, Heritage Conservancy and Bucks County Planning Commission as Township consultants;
8. United Inspection Services as Electrical Code Enforcement;
9. Building Inspections Underwriters as Building Code Official.

Appointment of Fire Marshall

Res. 2021-8 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Barrett, Scott Fleischer of Pipersville, PA shall be reappointed Solebury Township Fire Marshall for 2021 with no compensation.

Appointment of Solebury Township Board of Appeals

Res. 2020-9 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. McEwan, C. Robert Wynn, J. Peter Grover, and TJ Francisco were reappointed to the Solebury Township Board of Appeals without compensation for 2021.

Resignation of Douglas Shaw From the Environmental Advisory Council

Mr. Baum Baicker announced the resignation of Douglas Shaw from the Environmental Advisory Council.

Res.2020-10 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. McEwan, the resignation of Douglas Shaw from the Environmental Advisory Council was unanimously accepted.

Appointment to Township Boards/Committees/Commissions

Res. 2020-11 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, the following residents are appointed, without compensation, to the Township advisory boards, committees and commissions for the terms specified:

1. **Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Council for 2021 – Eric Allen**
2. **Vacancy Board Chairman for 2021 – Kevin MacDonald**
3. **Solebury Township Police Pension Resident Representative – Peter Augenblick for one (1) year term;**
4. **Environmental Advisory Committee – Joseph Kubiak, to fill the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Douglas Shaw for the term expiring December 31, 2021;**
5. **Farm –Stephen Phillips, Thomas Mancini, and Buz Teacher as Associate Members for one (1) year terms;**
6. **Historical Architectural Review Board – Buz Teacher for one (1) year term; Margaret Newman for five (5) year term;**
7. **Land Preservation Committee – Elaine Crooks, Phil Johnson, Edric Mason, Jr., and Kay McBride for two (2) year terms;**
8. **Parks and Recreation Board – Nancy Stock-Allen and Kim Wilson for five (5) year term;**
9. **Solebury Township Planning Commission – Keith Deussing, TJ Francisco, Lesley Wright Marino, and Amishi Castelli for four (4) year terms.**

Approval of Township Depositories and Financial Policies/Fees

Res. 2020-12 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, the following financial institutions are approved as depositories for Township funds, including those of the locally elected Tax Collector, with said depositories providing proof of collateralized guarantee:

1. **US Bank;**
2. **First National Bank & Trust of Newtown;**
3. **Wells Fargo**
4. **Penn Community Bank**

Res. 2020-13 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. McEwan, the Bond for the Treasurer shall continue at \$6,700,000.00 for 2020.

Res. 2020-14 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the Solebury Township Employee Appointments and Non-Uniform Employee Benefits establishing employee benefits and staff positions for current non-uniform employees as of January 7, 2020, is approved and adopted as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

Res. 2020-15 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the Schedule of Filing Fees, Escrows, Park & Recreation Fee In Lieu, Ordinance Prices, Permit and Inspection Fees and Police Department Fees, dated January 4, 2021, is approved and adopted as set forth in Exhibit “C” attached hereto.

Res. 2020-16 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Francis, Herb Elsner’s Auto Repair and Towing, New Hope Mobil Towing & Recovery, Fred Beans Towing & Recovery, and Jim Jacobs Towing & Garage shall be designated as approved towing and storage garages for 2020 and their fees schedules approved as set forth in Exhibit “C” attached hereto.

Res. 2020-17 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Francis, the Township Treasurer shall be authorized to pay bills which do not exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), and which provide for a discount period which would be financially beneficial for the Township, prior to them being approved by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors.

Announcement of Supervisor Committee Liaisons

Res. 2020-18 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Francis, the Township Supervisor Liaisons for 2021 will be as follows:

**Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee – John S. Francis
Environmental Advisory Council – John S. Francis
Farm Committee – Kevin Morrissey
Historical Architectural Review Board – Noel Barrett
Land Preservation Committee – Robert McEwan
Parks & Recreation Board – John S. Francis
Planning Commission – Kevin Morrissey**

**Deer Management Committee – John S. Francis
Emergency Medical Services – Mark Baum Baicker
Finance Committee – Robert McEwan
Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River Management Council – Robert McEwan
New Hope/Solebury Committee – Mark Baum Baicker
New Hope-Solebury School District – Mark Baum Baicker
Police Pension – Mark Baum Baicker
The Free Library of New Hope and Solebury – Robert McEwan**

Appointment of Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector – Adoption of Ordinance

Res. 2020-19 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to adopt AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOLEBURY, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA APPOINTING THE TOWNSHIP’S ELECTED TAX COLLECTOR AS THE DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR FOR SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020, as advertised.

Authorization to Extend the Term of Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee

Res. 2020-20 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Francis, it was unanimously agreed to extend the term of the Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee to December 31, 2021 and the committee memberships were extended for the same length of time.

Appointment of Hanna Howe to the Land Preservation Committee

Res. 2020-21- Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Hanna Howe, Solebury resident, without compensation, to the Solebury Township Land Preservation Committee to fill the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Ralph

O'Banion for term ending December 31, 2021.

Public Comment – No Public Comment

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Catherine Cataldi
Secretary

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