

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 6, 2022 – 9:30 A.M.

Solebury Township Hall

WORK SESSION MINUTES

The January 6, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Solebury Township Board of Supervisors Work Session 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, John S. Francis, Vice-Chair, Hanna Howe, Robert McEwan, Kevin Morrissey, Dennis H. Carney, Township Manager, Michele Blood, Assistant Manager and Catherine Cataldi, Secretary. Mark L. Freed, Township Solicitor was also in attendance.

Meeting recording was turned on.

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

II. Priorities and Objectives for 2022 – Board Discussion

The Board reviewed the draft preliminary List of Solebury Township Objectives for 2022. The preliminary list included recommendations from the most recent Comprehensive Plan in addition to other topics the Board felt should be included. A copy of the Board of Supervisors' 2022 Priority Matrix is attached. Based upon discussion, the top priorities were determined as follows (Please note the priorities are not listed in any particular order):

1. Review and update the Township's Airbnb Ordinance - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Baum Baicker/Mr. Freed
2. Continue to draft an Alternate Energy Ordinance - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Morrissey/Planning Commission
3. Review and clarify the Township's Sign Ordinance - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Baum Baicker/Township Solicitor
4. Maintain focus on Single-Use Plastics Regulation - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Francis/Environmental Advisory Council/Mr. Freed
5. Research and draft a Leaf Burning Regulation Ordinance - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Freed
6. Continue Stormwater and Building Code review - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Morrissey/Planning Commission
7. Continue efforts to hire a new Township Manager and Public Works Director - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Baum Baicker
8. Negotiate new police contract - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Baum Baicker/Mr. Carney
9. Investigate addition ways for paperwork reduction - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Carney/Ms. Blood
10. Continue to identify and pursue grant opportunities - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Carney/Ms. Blood
11. Ongoing efforts for permanent video recordings of Township meetings and remote participation for Board and Committee members - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Carney/Ms. Blood /Mr. Freed
12. Continue sustainability actions including a climate consultant/energy audit/climate action plan - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Francis
13. Continue efforts to expand and evaluate deer management - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Francis/Mr. Carney/United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

14. Continue involvement with potential Tuscarora cleanup - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Francis/Mr. Freed
15. Continue to research and evaluate Township water resources - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. McEwan/Environmental Advisory Council
16. Ongoing focus on development of trails - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Carney/Mr. McEwan/Mr. Francis
17. Continue to monitor the New Hope Crushed Stone situation, including the Quarry reclamation and Primrose Creek Restoration - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Morrissey/Mr. Freed
18. Continue tree plantings at Township owned properties - Leap/Sponsor: Mr. Carney
19. Continue to improve traffic flow, safety and emissions along Route 202 - long term goal - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Baum Baicker/Mr. McEwan
20. Obtain resident and committee member feedback for Route 202 (flea market) property - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Morrissey/Ms. Howe

Barbara Zietchick, resident, commented the following through the Zoom chat feature: The Flea Market property—would you consider a public meeting as a path to getting public opinion?

21. Determine feasibility of trail development from the New Hope Eagle Firehouse to Aquetong Spring Park - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Morrissey/Mr. Carney
22. Set land preservation objectives for the future - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Baum Baicker/Mr. McEwan
23. Seek community feedback on Land Preservation - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Baum Baicker/Mr. McEwan/Community Forum
24. Continue recruitment of potential committee members - Lead/Sponsor: Board of Supervisors/Township Administration
25. Continue coordination among committees - Annual meeting of Committee/Board Chairs with Board of Supervisors - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Baum Baicker
26. Start the preparation and planning for the next Comprehensive Plan update - Included in 2023 Budget - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. McEwan/Planning Commission
27. Continue efforts to dissolve the Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee and merge into Parks & Recreation - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Francis
28. Continue to maintain and improve a positive relationship with, funding of, and pursue service agreement with the Free Library of New Hope and Solebury - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. McEwan
29. Research the development of a dog park – Lead/Sponsor: Mr. McEwan
30. Continue the investigate and develop landowner/farmer match program - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Morrissey
31. Continue to pursue farm awareness efforts - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Morrissey

III. Supervisor Comment – No Supervisor Comment

IV. Public Comment – No Public Comment

V. Adjournment

The work session adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Catherine Cataldi
Secretary

2022 Priorities Summary

	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	IMMINENT	ONGOING	LEAD/SPONSOR
1.0 ORDINANCE REVIEW						
1.1 AirBnB				Y		MF/MBB
1.2 Signs				Y		MF/MBB
1.3 Single Use Plastics	Y			Y		JF/MF/EAC
1.4 Leaf burning			Y			MF
1.5 Alternative Energy	Y					KM/PC
2.0 PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION						
2.1 Hire new Township Manager (Public Works Director?)				Y		MBB
2.2 Negotiate new police contract				Y		MBB/DC
2.3 Paperwork reduction		Y				MBlood/DC
2.4 Grants					Y	MBlood/DC
2.5 Permanent video recording/remote participation for BOS/committees					Y	MBlood/DC/MF
3.0 SUSTAINABILITY						
3.1 Climate consultant/energy audit/Climate Action Plan	Y					JF
3.2 Deer					Y	JF/DC/USDA
3.3 Tuscarora					Y	JF/MF
3.4 Water - web site pages		Y				RM/EAC
3.5 Trails		Y				DC/RM/JF
3.6 Quarry					Y	KM/JF
3.7 Tree planting					Y	DC
3.8 Stormwater/Building code review (PC)	Y					KM/PC
4.0 ROUTE 202						
4.1 Improved traffic low/safety/emissions		Y				MBB/RM
4.2 Resident survey/planning for flea market property	Y					HH/KM
4.3 Eagle Fire House to ASP ("Gateway") trail feasibility		Y				DC/KM
5.0 LAND PRESERVATION						
5.1 Set updated objectives						RM/MBB/Comp Plan 2024
5.2 Community input						RM/MBB/Community Forum
6.0 MISCELLANEOUS						
6.1 Committee recruitment					Y	BOS/Township Administration
6.2 Committee Chairs to BOS meeting					Y	MBB
6.3 Planning for next Comprehensive Plan Update		Y			Y	RM/Planning Commission
6.4 Wind down ASAC, merge into Park & Rec				Y		JF
6.5 Pursue service agreement with library				Y		RM
6.6 Dog Park						RM/Rte 202 Survey
7.0 FARMING						
7.1 Landowner-farmer match program	Y					KM
7.2 Continue farm awareness efforts					Y	KM