

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 9, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.

Solebury Township Hall

WORK SESSION MINUTES

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

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

Audio recording device was then turned on.

II. Priorities and Objectives for 2020 – Board Discussion

The Board reviewed the draft preliminary 2019 List of Solebury Township Objectives for 2020. The preliminary list included recommendations from the most recent Comprehensive Plan in addition to other topics the Board felt should be included.

Based upon discussion, the top priorities were determined as follows (Please note the priorities are not listed in any particular order):

1. Determine land preservation goals for the future - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. McEwan/LPC
2. Research potential initiatives to deal with climate change crisis - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Francis/with help from EAC
3. Groundwater protection with focus on 202/Aquetong Aquifer - Discussion continued to the January 21, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting
4. Continue to pursue possible plastic regulation and/or recycling - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Baum Baicker/EAC
5. Continue efforts to expand and evaluate deer management - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Francis/Deer Management Committee
6. Continue to participate in efforts to force Tuscarora cleanup - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Francis
7. Continue to monitor the Quarry through reclamation and Primrose Creek Restoration - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Morrissey/Mr. Francis
8. Continue to work toward traffic flow improvements along 202 - Lead/Sponsor: Board of Supervisors
9. Review and Revise TNC District Guidelines - Lead/Sponsor: Planning Commission
10. Continue to pursue PENNDOT to better care for State Roads in the Township - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Baum Baicker
11. Investigate trail possibilities on either side of Aquetong Spring Park - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. McEwan
12. Focus on recreation programs for elder residents - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. McEwan
13. Continue to maintain and improve a positive relationship with New Hope - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Baum Baicker
14. Coordinate with New Hope and the School District on tax issues - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Baum Baicker
15. Develop oversight procedures for the Free Library of New Hope and Solebury - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Baum Baicker

16. Review and Update the Lighting Ordinance - Lead/Sponsor: PC & EAC
17. Update the water zoning regulations to fix typos - Currently being worked on
18. Update Sign Ordinance - Discussion continued to the January 21, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting.
19. Continue to pursue initiatives to support farmers - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Morrissey
20. Investigate possible matching program for farmers and landowners - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Morrissey
21. Hold a public Farm Forum - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Morrissey
22. Publicize the 2020 Census and the need for community participation - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. McEwan
23. Review of Consultants: engineers, solicitor, planner, etc. - Lead/Sponsor: Board of Supervisors
24. Continue to identify and pursue grant opportunities - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Carney / Ms. Blood
25. Board of Supervisors to review the Governance, Sunshine Act, etc. - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. Baum Baicker
26. Investigate automated payment processes - Lead/Sponsor: Mr. McEwan
27. Present additional forums through Township Committees - Lead/Sponsor: Board of Supervisors

III. Other Topics Discussed

- Extension of the Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee
Res. 2020-21 – 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, 2020 and the committee memberships were extended for the same length of time.
- Pension System Update IRS Required
 The Township’s Administration Pension Plan is no longer compliant. Discussion ensued between the Board, Mr. Carney, and Ms. Blood regarding changes that need to be made and optional changes.
- Outdoor Storage – Public Works
 Mr. Carney opened the discussion regarding additional outdoor storage for the Public Works Department. The Township Administration is to explore costs and designs for the project. This item is to be included in the 2021 budget.
- New Borrowing
 Discussion ensued between the Board, Mr. Carney, and Ms. Blood. The Board decided to ask Jamie from PFM to attend a future Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss the new borrowing and to start the process.
- Electronic Recycling
 Discussion ensued regarding an E-waste Recycling event in 2020. The Board voted on the topic – majority opposed.
 In favor: Mr. Morrissey and Mr. Baum Baicker
 Opposed: Mr. McEwan, Mr. Francis, and Mr. Barrett

No public comment was offered.

The work session adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
 Catherine Cataldi
 Secretary