

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 20, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.

Solebury Township Hall

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Baum Baicker, Chair, John S. Francis, Vice-Chair, Robert McEwan, Kevin Morrissey, Noel Barrett, Dennis H. Carney, Township Manager, Michele Blood, Assistant Manager, and Catherine Cataldi, Secretary. Mark L. Freed, 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. Approval of Bills Payable – August 1, 2019 and August 15, 2019

Res. 2019-92 – Upon a motion by Mr. McEwan, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the list of Bills Payable dated August 1, 2019 and August 15, 2019 were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

III. Approval of Minutes – July 16, 2019

Res. 2019-93 – Upon a motion by Mr. McEwan, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, the Minutes of the July 16, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved as written and posted.

IV. Announcements/Resignations/Appointments

- Executive Session
The Board announced an executive session held on August 20, 2019, prior to the meeting, dealing with Land Preservation and Legal Issues regarding Tuscarora.
- Mr. Baum Baicker announced that the Solebury Township Board of Supervisors submitted an entry to the Free Library of New Hope Solebury Community Spelling Bee. The second annual Spelling Bee is to be held Thursday, October 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the High School Auditorium. The entry fee is \$150.00 per team. Mr. Baum Baicker encouraged all residents to form their own 3-person team, sponsor a team or come out and support the Library.

V. Supervisors Comment – No Supervisors Comment

VI. Public Comment – No Public Comment

VII. Public Hearing

Historic Architectural Review Board – Certificate of Appropriateness – Douglas and Kathleen Shaw (TMP # 41-004-006, 6175 Carversville Road)

Upon a Motion by Nancy Ruddle, seconded by Buz Teacher, it was unanimously agreed to recommend issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness to TMP#41-004-006, 6175 Carversville Road, for the construction of a 5'5" x 6' tool shed addition at the rear/west side of the existing smokehouse.

Res. 2019-94 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to TMP# 41-004-006, 6175 Carversville Road Road as recommended by the Historical Architectural Review Board. Issuance of the Certificate of Appropriateness does not relieve the applicant from obtaining any and all applicable permits prior to commencement of work.

VIII. Presentations

Malcom Crooks Tribute

Mr. Morrissey honored Malcolm Crooks with words of remembrance.

Mr. Baum Baicker read the inscription on the painting donated at the June 18, 2019 Board meeting: "HOW TO MAKE A HAYROLL" BY PAM MILLER IN MEMORY OF MALCOLM CROOKS (1923-2019) PROTECTOR OF OUR LAND AND WATER DONATED BY THE ARTIST" The painting hangs in the Township for public viewing.

The office of State Representative Wendi Thomas presented Mrs. Crooks with a certificate in recognition of all Malcom Crooks' accomplishments.

Mr. Morrissey presented the new bridge plaque. In September 2019, the Township will rededicate the walking bridge over the Delaware Canal at Canal Park with the new plaque. The public will be invited to attend.

The Board and Residents expressed gratitude for Malcom Crooks, honored him with stories, and expressed their condolences.

Flag Presentation

Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick presented the Flag of the United States of America to Solebury Township on June 6, 2019 in recognition of all Solebury does to promote and enhance the quality of life of the residents, the vitality of neighborhoods and opportunities for business by striving for excellence and value in all services provided by the Township. The Flag of the United States of America is to be hung up in the Solebury Township Building.

Aquetong Park TA Project – Public Update

The Aquetong Park TA public handout (copy of which is attached), which provided a summary of the project and the plans to date, were posted to the Township website on July 31, 2019. Mr. Carney presented a brief overview of the project and opened the room for public questions and comments.

Ed McGahan, resident, asked if there were plans to extend the trail down State Road (S.R.) 202 and if any incentives were in place for property owners. Mr. Carney advised that the plan is to extend and connect all trails along S.R. 202 and that no incentives have been discussed.

IX. New Business

Land Preservation Committee – Property # 157 – Inclusion into the Program

Property # 157 consists of a 14.931-acre parcel located on Comfort Road. The Land Preservation Committee recommended the inclusion of property # 157 into the Land Preservation Program.

Res. 2019-95 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to acknowledge the eligibility of Property # 157 into the Solebury Township Preservation Program

Land Preservation Committee – Property # 158 – Inclusion into the Program

Property # 158 consists of an 11.81-acre track located on Aquetong Road. The Land Preservation Committee recommended the inclusion of property # 158 into the Land Preservation Program.

Res. 2019-96 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. McEwan, it was unanimously agreed to acknowledge the eligibility of Property # 158 into the Solebury Township Preservation Program

Authorization to Sell on Muncibid – 1992 Centerville Tilt Trailer

The Administration requested the Board for authorization to sell the 1992 Centerville Tilt Trailer on Muncibid.

Res. 2019-97 – Upon a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. McEwan, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Administration to sell the 1992 Centerville Tilt Trailer, Vin # 1C9TT1418N1193460, MG43516 on Muncibid.

Authorization to Sell on Muncibid – FMC Bean Sprayer

The Administration requested the Board for authorization to sell the FMC Bean Sprayer on Muncibid.

Res. 2019-98 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. McEwan, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Administration to sell the FMC Bean Sprayer on Muncibid.

Authorization to Sell on Muncibid – Panasonic Toughpad Computer

The Administration requested the Board for authorization to sell the Panasonic Toughpad Computer on Muncibid.

Res. 2019-99 – Upon a motion by Mr. McEwan, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Administration to sell the Panasonic Toughpad Computer, Model No. UT-MB5000, CORE i5 vPro on Muncibid.

Discussion on Lighting Standards and Possibility of Establishing a New Ordinance

Mr. McEwan discussed the need to update Solebury Township's Lighting Standards in the Historical District. Mr. Morrissey added that standards need to be updated for the whole Township.

Res. 2019-100 – Upon a motion by Mr. McEwan, seconded by Mr. Baum Baicker, it was unanimously approved to authorize the Township Management to study and report what is recommended to bring Solebury Township's Lighting Ordinance up to a useful standard. Including an estimate of cost for the recommendations.

Statement on Racism and Inclusion

Mr. Morrissey read the following statement on racism and Inclusion

Back in November of 2016, our then-Board Chair Helen Tai read the following statement at a Board of Supervisors meeting:

*“The Solebury Township Board of Supervisors condemns all hateful and illegal acts that recently occurred in our area and across the country.
We state unequivocally that Solebury Township is a community of respect, caring and inclusion.*

As a township, we will continue to welcome, value and do our best to protect every person, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, political affiliation or nationality.”

I know we can all agree that given recent events seemingly motivated by racism these words if anything are even more appropriate and need to be restated and respected.

Regardless of our political orientation, I know our community supports the respect for the individual irrespective of a person’s composition. I also know our community and I believe the majority of the country views that racism should not be supported in any form by anyone.

We urge our elected state and federal representatives to take a strong stand against racism.

Res. 2019-101 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Baum Baicker, it was unanimously agreed to adopt these words as their own and requested the Township Administration to send a copy of the complete statement to state and federal representatives.

X. Public Comment – No Public Comment

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Cataldi
Secretary