

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
September 5, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.  
**Solebury Township Hall/Virtual - Hybrid Meeting**  
**BUDGET MEETING MINUTES**

Attendance: Mark Baum Baicker, Chair, Hanna Howe, Vice-Chair, John S. Francis, Robert McEwan, Christopher Garges, Township Manager, Michele Blood, Assistant Township Manager, and Catherine Cataldi, Secretary. Mark L. Freed, Township Solicitor was also in attendance.  
Absent: Kevin Morrissey

The recording device was turned on.

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

**II. Approval of Bills Payable – August 31, 2023**

**Res. 2023-119 – Upon a motion by Mr. McEwan, seconded by Ms. Howe, the list of Bills Payable dated August 31, 2023, were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.**

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 15, 2023 Meeting**

**Res. 2023-120 – Upon a motion by Mr. McEwan, seconded by Ms. Howe, the Minutes of the August 15, 2023, meeting were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.**

**IV. Supervisor Comment**

- Mr. Baum Baicker commented on the US News & World Report ranking of Best High Schools. Mr. Baum Baicker congratulated the New Hope Solebury School District on ranking ninth in the state and among the best in the nation.

**V. Budget**

Mr. Baum Baicker opened the Budget discussion of the agenda advising that the draft preliminary budget will be posted to the Township website.

Parks & Recreation – Dudley Rice

Ms. Blood presented the 2024 Parks & Recreation Operational and Capital Budgets highlighting a minimum change to the overall budget. The Bond house renovations, new roof at Pat Livezey Park and the mowing and maintenance of Township owned properties were discussed.

Police Department – Chief Dominick Bellizzie

Chief Dominick Bellizzie presented the 2024 Police Department Operational and Capital Budgets highlighting areas of change. The cost associated with phones, K-9 Unit, gas, outreach-public events, equipment maintenance, Youth Aid Panel, police vehicles, equipment and technology were discussed.

**VI. New Business**

Acknowledgement of Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2024

The Administration informed the Board of the pension plans anticipated financial obligations for 2024. This notification must be provided to the Board no later than the end of September.

**Res. 2023-121 – Upon a motion by Ms. Howe, seconded by Mr. McEwan, it was unanimously agreed to acknowledge receipt of Solebury Township’s 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligations for the Township Pension Plans as follows:**

<b>Uniform MMO:</b>	<b>\$367,215</b>
<b>Non-Uniform – Defined Benefit:</b>	<b>\$ 2,864</b>
<b>Non-Uniform – Cash Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 60,628</b>

Annual Block Grant to The Fire Companies – Contribution for 2024

The Board discussed the Block Grant contribution for 2024.

Ms. Zietchick questioned if the contribution was taxed.

**Res. 2023-122 – Upon motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Ms. Howe, it was unanimously agreed that the contribution for 2024 will be budgeted at \$500 per active firefighter and active fire police who reside in Solebury Township and volunteers with any of the three fire companies that serve Solebury Township (New Hope Eagle, Midway and Point Pleasant).**

Resolution in Support of PennDOT Bridge Dedication in Memory of William E. Tinsman

**Res. 2023-123 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. McEwan, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the resolution (copy of which is attached) to request that the Senate and General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania take such steps as are necessary to dedicate the bridge over the Paunacussing Creek on State Route 32 in Lumberville, Solebury Township (Bridge Key 41338/Bridge ID 09003204900798) to the memory of William E. Tinsman and make it known hereafter as the William E. Tinsman Bridge.**

**VII. Public Comment – No public comment**

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine Cataldi  
Secretary

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PENNDOT BRIDGE DEDICATION IN MEMORY OF  
WILLIAM E. TINSMAN**

**RESOLUTION 2023-123**

**WHEREAS**, Solebury Township has a long history of preserving its many natural resources;

**WHEREAS**, William E. Tinsman, a lifelong resident of Lumberville in Solebury Township and a member of a family which has inhabited the area for generations, was dedicated to many environmental causes, including protection of the Delaware River and the Paunacussing Creek;

**WHEREAS**, William E. Tinsman passed away in August of 2023;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township, Bucks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that The Township hereby requests that the Senate and General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania take such steps as are necessary to dedicate the bridge over the Paunacussing Creek on State Route 32 in Lumberville, Solebury Township (Bridge Key 41338/Bridge ID 09003204900798) to the memory of William E. Tinsman and make it known hereafter as the William E. Tinsman Bridge.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to State Senator Steve Santarsiero, State Representative Timothy Brennan and Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro.

**RESOLVED, ADOPTED and APPROVED**, on the 5th day of September, 2023, at a regular public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township.

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

  
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Mark Baum Baicker, Chair

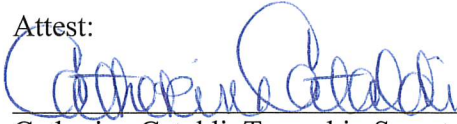
  
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Hanna Howe, Vice-Chair

  
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Kevin Morrissey, Member

  
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Robert A. McEwan, Member

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John S. Francis, Member


Attest:

  
Catherine Cataldi, Township Secretary

September 5, 2023  
Date

I, Catherine Cataldi, duly qualified Secretary of the Township of Solebury, Bucks County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors, at a regular meeting held September 5, 2023 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Township of Solebury, this 7th day of September, 2023.

  
Township Secretary  
Solebury Township, Bucks County