

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 15, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.

VIRTUAL BUDGET MEETING

AMENDED MEETING MINUTES

The September 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Solebury Township Board of Supervisors 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, 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.

Zoom recording device was then turned on.

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

II. Approval of Bills Payable – September 10, 2020

Res. 2020-120 – Upon a motion by Mr. McEwan, seconded by Mr. Francis, the list of Bills Payable dated September 10, 2020 was unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

III. Approval of Minutes – August 18, 2020 Virtual Meeting and September 1, 2020 Virtual Budget Meeting

Res. 2020-121 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Francis, the Minutes of the August 18, 2020 Virtual Meeting and September 1, 2020 Virtual Budget Meeting were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

IV. Announcements/Resignations/Appointments

- Executive Session

The Board announced an executive session held on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 dealing with Committee Interview and Legal.

- Appointment of Joseph Kubiak as Associate Member to the Environmental Advisory Council

Res. 2020-122 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. McEwan, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Joseph Kubiak, Solebury resident, without compensation, as Associate Member to the Solebury Township Environmental Advisory Council for term ending December 31, 2020.

V. Supervisors Comment

- Mr. McEwan reminded everyone to complete the census online at my2020census.gov by the September 30, 2020 deadline.

VI. Public Comment – No Public Comment

VII. Presentations

Old Carversville Road Paving Proposal

Wayne Yetter and Robert Ferrier presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy of which is attached) to the Board of Supervisors requesting the paving of Old Carversville Road.

Larry Peseski, resident, expressed support for the paving of Old Carversville Road. Mr. Peseski opposed the installation of signs and guardrails along Old Carversville Road.

Dave Lopez, resident, neutral party regarding the paving of Old Carversville Road.

Stephen Worth, resident, expressed support for the paving of Old Carversville Road.

Teresa Lutz, resident, opposed the paving of Old Carversville Road.

Thomas Patterson, resident, opposed the paving of Old Carversville Road.

Ken Dominski, resident, neutral party regarding the paving of Old Carversville Road. Expressed gratitude and interest in further discussion regarding the erosion on sides or roadway, potholes and road water management.

Paul Leventhal, resident, opposed paving of Old Carversville Road. Mr. Leventhal expressed safety concerns and water management concerns.

Res.2020-123 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Baum Baicker it was authorized not to pave Old Carversville Road, conditioned upon the Township Manager to review other means to maintain the road.

In Favor: Mr. Baum Baicker, Mr. Morrissey, Mr. McEwan, and Mr. Barrett

Opposed: Mr. Francis

VIII. New Business

2020 Budget Amendment

In accordance with the Second-Class Township Code, Section 3202(f), Township Administration recommended that the Board approve the proposed budget amendment as detailed below:

- Increase in General Fund revenues by \$41,000 and increase expenses by \$135,650; the net result is a \$94,650 decrease to the General Fund Reserve Balance.
- Increase Park & Rec Operational revenues by \$6,000 and increase expenses by \$7,000; the net result is a \$1,000 decrease to the General Fund Reserve Balance.
- Decrease Natural Resources Expenses by \$100,000 which increases the Natural Resources Reserve Balance by the same amount.
- Increase Capital Projects Expenses by \$30,000 which decreases the Capital Projects Reserve Balance by the same amount.
- Decrease Park Capital Expenses by \$30,000 which increases the Park Capital Reserve Balance by the same amount.
- Increase Land Preservation Expenses by \$2,300,000 which decreases the Land Preservation Reserve Balance by the same amount.
- Decrease Debt Service Expenses by \$107,724 which increases the Debt Service Reserve Balance by the same amount.

Res. 2020-124 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Francis, it was unanimously agreed to approve the 2020 Budget Amendment as documented.

Resolution Approval – Sustainable Community Essentials Certification Program

The resolution (copy of which is attached) affirms Solebury Township’s commitment to participate in the Sustainable Community Essentials Certification Program of the Pennsylvania Municipal League (PML).

Res. 2020-125 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Resolution 2020-125 affirming Solebury Township’s participation in the Sustainable Pennsylvania community Certification Program to be a recognized leader for sustainable municipal operations.

**Res. 2020-126 to Res. 2020-135 – Secretary error. Missed Resolution numbers. Numbers not active.*

Resolution Approval – Execute Documents for the Purchase of TMP Nos. 41-022-135-001 & 41-022-137

The resolution (copy of which is attached) authorizes the Chairman of the Solebury Township Board of Supervisors to execute documents on behalf of Township for the purchase of a property owned by Anthony C. Canike and a property owned by Country Host, Inc

Res. 2020-136 – Upon a motion by Mr. McEwan, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to approve the resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute all documents necessary to consummate the purchases of the properties, subject to the review and approval of the Township Solicitor.

IX. Public Comment

Christian Whooley, resident, expressed disapproval and disappointment in the process and dealings with Solebury Township Permit Department and Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Whooley requested a refund for fees associated with his Zoning Hearing Board application.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Cataldi
Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-125

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A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ESSENTIALS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (PML)

WHEREAS, The Township has included in its Mission Statement that it will “endeavor to manage its resources allowing planned, sustainable growth while preserving the quality of life and its unique characteristics,” and;

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Municipal League has offered the Sustainable Community Essentials Certification Program to Pennsylvania Municipalities who have demonstrated a commitment to sustainable practices in several areas of governance, and;

WHEREAS, The Township, as part of its effort to execute its Mission Statement, has implemented several initiatives to advance sustainability in its operations, management, facilities planning, and community development.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same to participate in the Sustainable Community Certification Program of the Pennsylvania Municipal League.

RESOLVED this 15th day of September 2020.

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA



Mark Baum Baicker, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Catherine Cataldi, Township Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-136

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP
AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN OF THE SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF TOWNSHIP FOR
THE PURCHASE OF A PROPERTY OWNED BY
ANTHONY C. CANIKE AND A PROPERTY OWNED BY COUNTRY HOST, INC.**

WHEREAS, Anthony C. Canike is the owner of that real property with an address of 6502 Lower York Road in Solebury Township and identified as TMP #41-022-137 consisting of 1.068 acres more or less (the "Canike Property").

WHEREAS, Country Host, Inc. is the owner of that real property located along Lower York Road in Solebury Township and identified as TMP #41-022-135-001 consisting of 11.47 acres more or less of vacant land (the "Country Host Property").

WHEREAS, on or about August 19, 2020, the Township entered into an Agreement of Sale to purchase the Canike Property for approximately \$254,035.00, an amount that does not exceed the appraisal of the Canike Property.

WHEREAS, on or about August 19, 2020, the Township entered into an Agreement of Sale to purchase the Country Host Property for approximately \$2,095,965.00, an amount that does not exceed the appraisal of the Country Host Property.

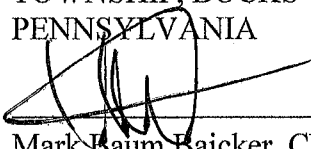
WHEREAS, the settlement and closing hereunder for the purchase of the Canike Property and Country Host Property is presently scheduled to occur on September 18, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors as follows:

The Board of Supervisors approves and authorizes Mark Baum Baicker, as Chairman of the Solebury Township Board of Supervisors, to execute all documents necessary to consummate the purchase of the Canike Property and the Country Host Property, including all documents required by the title company, subject to the review and approval of the Township Solicitor.

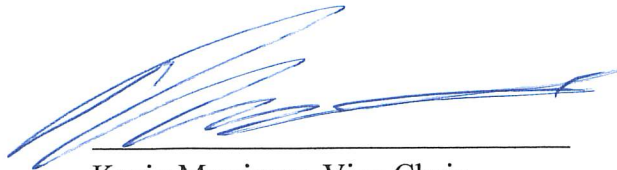
This Resolution was approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township on the 15th day of September, 2020.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOLEBURY
TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA



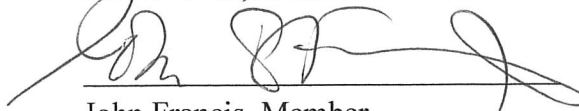
Mark Baum Baicker, Chair

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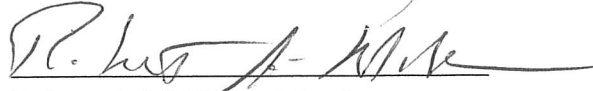


Kevin Morrissey, Vice-Chair

Noel Barrett, Member

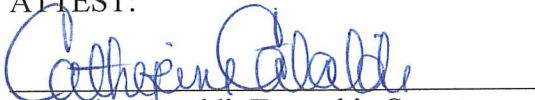


John Francis, Member



Robert A. McEwan, Member

ATTEST:



Catherine Cataldi, Township Secretary