

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
September 19, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
Solebury Township Hall/Virtual - Hybrid Meeting
MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Baum Baicker, Chair, Hanna Howe, Vice-Chair, John S. Francis, Kevin Morrissey, Christopher Garges, Township Manager, Michele Blood, Assistant Township Manager, and Catherine Cataldi, Secretary. Mark L. Freed, Township Solicitor, Mark Roth, Township Traffic Engineer and Stephanie Butler, Township Traffic Engineer were also in attendance.

Absent: Robert McEwan

The recording device was turned on.

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

II. Approval of Bills Payable – September 14, 2023

Res. 2023-124 – Upon a motion by Ms. Howe, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, the list of Bills Payable dated September 14, were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 5, 2023 Budget Meeting

Res. 2023-125 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Ms. Howe, the Minutes of the September 5, 2023, Budget meeting were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

IV. Announcements / Resignations / Appointments

Resignation of CL Lindsay from the Historical Architectural Review Board and Environmental Advisory Council

Res. 2023-126 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Ms. Howe, it was unanimously agreed to accept the resignation of CL Lindsay from the Historical Architectural Review Board and the Environmental Advisory Council effective immediately.

V. Supervisor Comment

- Mr. Baum Baicker honored New Hope Borough Council Vice President Laurie McHugh with words of remembrance.
- Mr. Baum Baicker honored Patricia Knight with words of remembrance.

VI. Presentation

The Free Library of New Hope and Solebury

Doug Brindley, Board of Trustees President presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy of which is attached). Highlights of the presentation included: Data; Services; Year-to-Date Circulation; Year-to-Date Revenue; Year-to-Date Expenses; Year-to-Date Budget vs. Actual; and 2023 Events.

Mr. Brindley expressed gratitude to Mr. McEwan, Supervisor Liaison.

Mr. Morrissey commented on the data usage and expressed interest in future Boards collaborating to continue efforts for additional usage information.

Mr. Brindley presented background of the Library and commented on the additional funding and free parking spaces approved by New Hope Council.

The Board thanked Mr. Brindley for all his work over the years.

Ingham Road, Lower Mountain Road and Route 202 Intersection – Mark Roth

Mark Roth and Stephanie Butler, McMahon Associates presented background on the project which included: widening of Route 202; design phase; grant application; topographic survey results; and options for the Ingham Road, Lower Mountain Road and Route 202 Intersection.

Mr. Baum Baicker questioned the length of Route 202 proposed to be widened. Ms. Butler noted that the proposed is from Silver Tail to Lower Mountain Road.

Bill Wilson, resident, expressed opposition for the cul-de-sac option and expressed support for the middle lane along Route 202. Mr. Wilson questioned whether both intersections from Lower Mountain Road onto Route 202 would be surveyed for visibility and safety.

Mr. Francis questioned the traffic volume of left turns from Lower Mountain onto Route 202 and suggested merging Lower Mountain Road with Ingham Road prior to the intersection.

Christy Hallas, resident, questioned whether the improvements would affect pedestrian access to Aquetong Spring Park.

Pam Wilson, resident, questioned the location planned for the cul-de-sac.

John DeAndrea, resident, questioned the timeframe of the project.

Following additional discussion, it was determined that McMahon Associates is to research and provide the pros and cons to the four options discussed:

1. Line stripping and signage.
2. One way in at Lower Mountain, Ingham and Route 202 intersection and two way in and out at the Lower Mountain and Route 202 intersection. Potentially with added signage.
3. Cul-de-sac option with emergency access. Research cul-de-sac location.
4. Ingham Road T intersection with Lower Mountain Road prior to connecting with Route 202.

VII. Old Business

Zoning Text Amendment – Farm Accessory Dwelling - Discussion

The Board announced that this topic has been postponed to a future Board of Supervisors meeting.

VIII. New Business

Resolution Designating Christopher Garges and Michele Blood to Execute All Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant Documents for The Police Department Duty Use Replacement Program

Res. 2023-127 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Ms. Howe, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the resolution (copy of which is attached) granting authority to Christopher Garges and Michele Blood for execution of all documents and agreements between the Solebury Township Police Department and the Commonwealth Financing Authority associated with the Local Share Assessment Grant for the Police Department’s Duty Use Replacement Program.

Bid Award – Rock Salt

Bids for rock salt have been received by the Bucks County Consortium and reviewed by Solebury Township Administration.

Included in the Board packet is a copy of the Rock Salt Bid summary from Bucks County Consortium.

The Administration recommends the Board award the Bid for Rock Salt to Silvi Concrete Products (DBA Riverside Construction).

Authorization to Draft Amendment to Motor Vehicles and Traffic Code

The proposed would amend Chapter 15 - Motor Vehicles and Traffic Code of the Township ordinances to restrict unlicensed, uninspected and dismantled vehicles from being stored or parked on Township roads.

Res. 2023-128 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Ms. Howe, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Solicitor and Staff to draft an ordinance to amend Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic Code to restrict unlicensed, uninspected and dismantled vehicles from being stored or parked on Township roads.

IX. Public Comment – No Public Comment

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Cataldi
Secretary



THE FREE LIBRARY
OF NEW HOPE & SOLEBURY

Update for the Solebury Board of Supervisors
19 September 2023

Your library is a *public* library, open to all without question or interrogation

- In the past year, the library had a total of 290 individual donors, many of whom donate multiple times (e.g., during both our spring and fall fund drives).
 - 190 from Solebury.
 - 69 from New Hope.
 - 22 from other jurisdictions (e.g., Yardley, Doylestown, Lambertville, etc.)
 - 9 from indeterminate or ambiguous locations (e.g., out-of-region PO boxes)
- There are more than 2,000 library cards in circulation issued by the FLNHS.
- Cardholders do not update their addresses when they change.
- Over a year ago, the Bucks County Library System installed a new community engagement and collection management application, OCLC WISE.
- FLNHS, as well as the 10 other independent libraries in Bucks County and the 7 BCLS branch libraries, are subscribers to WISE, enabling us to share our collections with each other's users.
- However, WISE doesn't know with certainty *who* uses a card, *where* the user lives, etc.
- WISE purges its records every 90 days.
- In July 2023, for example, 319 *unique* cards were used to obtain library services (check outs, downloads, etc.) that are likely to be Solebury residents.
- WISE does not tell us, however, how many times each card was used, how many individual users used it, etc.; the WISE system could not determine how many actual instances occurred.
- In addition, in July almost 600 people came to the library in person for programs, computer usage, reading or research. No one knows how many were Solebury residents (or New Hope or Lambertville, etc.).



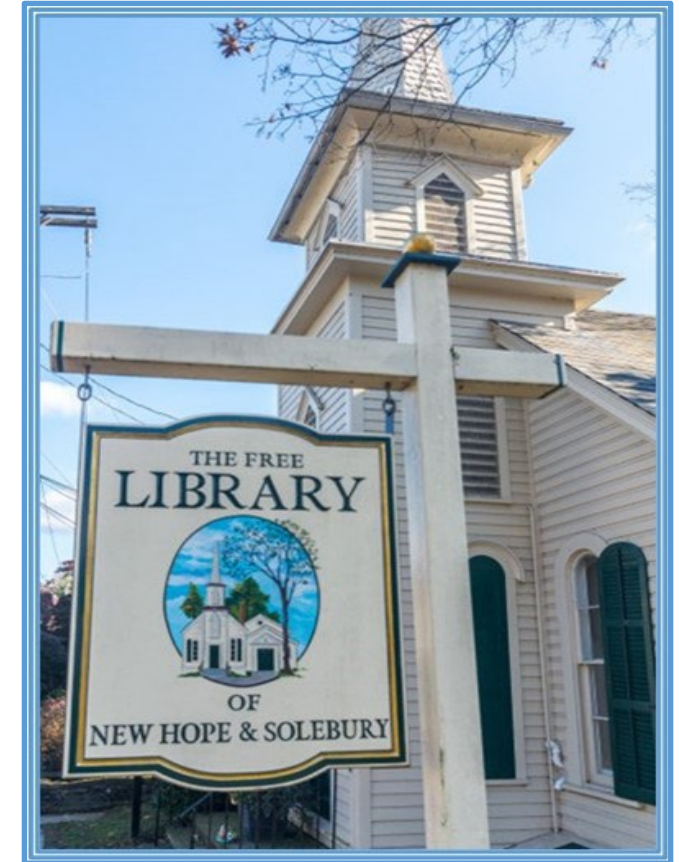
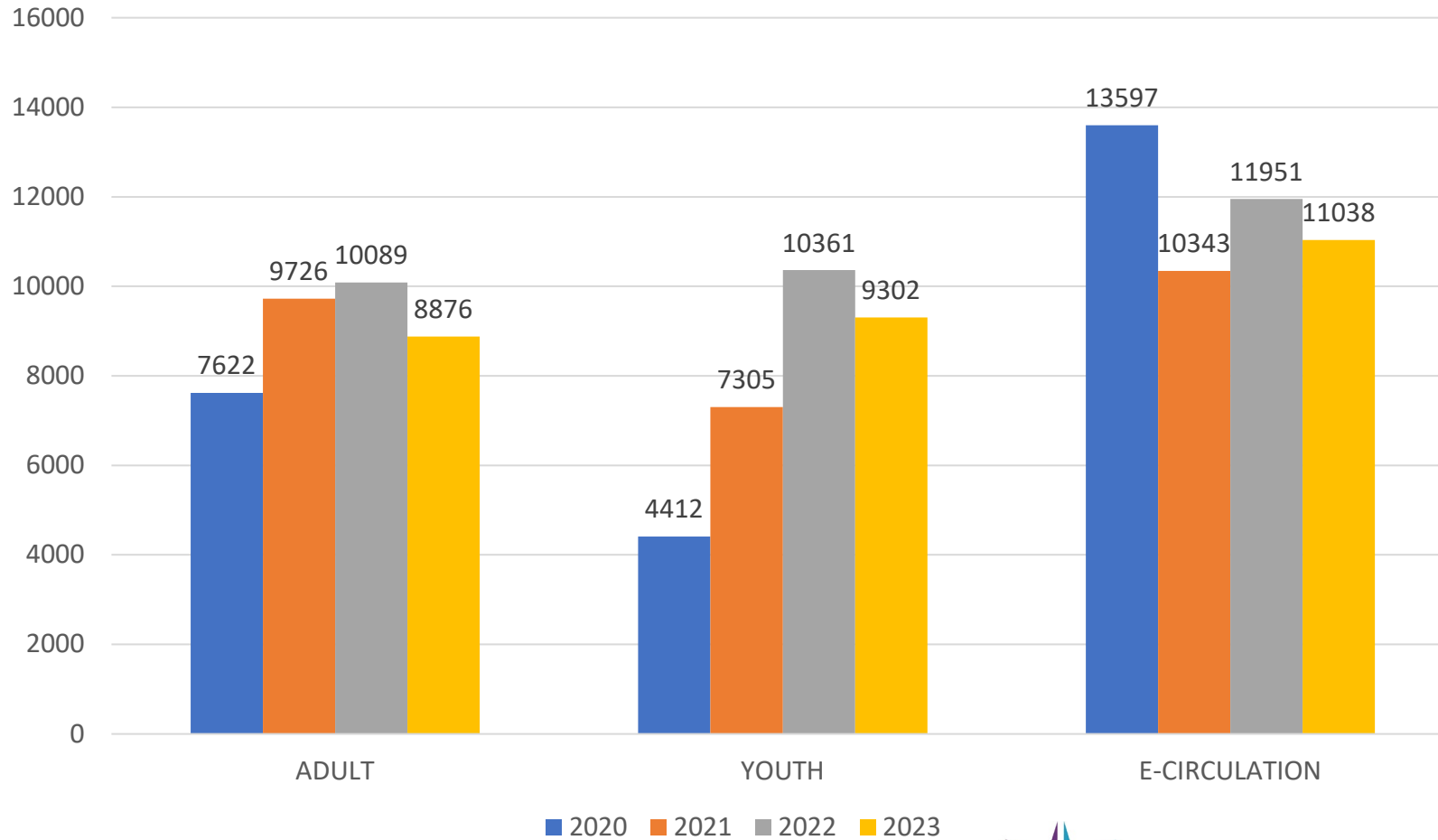
Library Services not requiring a library card

- Computer usage
- Adult programs (including general health, mental health, Medicare and Social Security guidance, and tax preparation information)
- Tutoring spaces
- Story time for preschoolers
- Voting drop box for mail in votes
- Free access to newspapers and magazines
- Air conditioned/heated public space with restroom during power outages and severe weather
- Summer reading program
- Laurel Park Story Walk
- Summer science programs for kids
- Research assistance from library staff
- Technology assistance from library staff
- Food bank collection point
- 3-D printer
- Wireless internet access
- Tax forms and other federal forms, including voter registration forms
- Outreach programming (for example, story times at area preschools)
- Coordination of activities with the school district
- Reservable meeting and workspaces



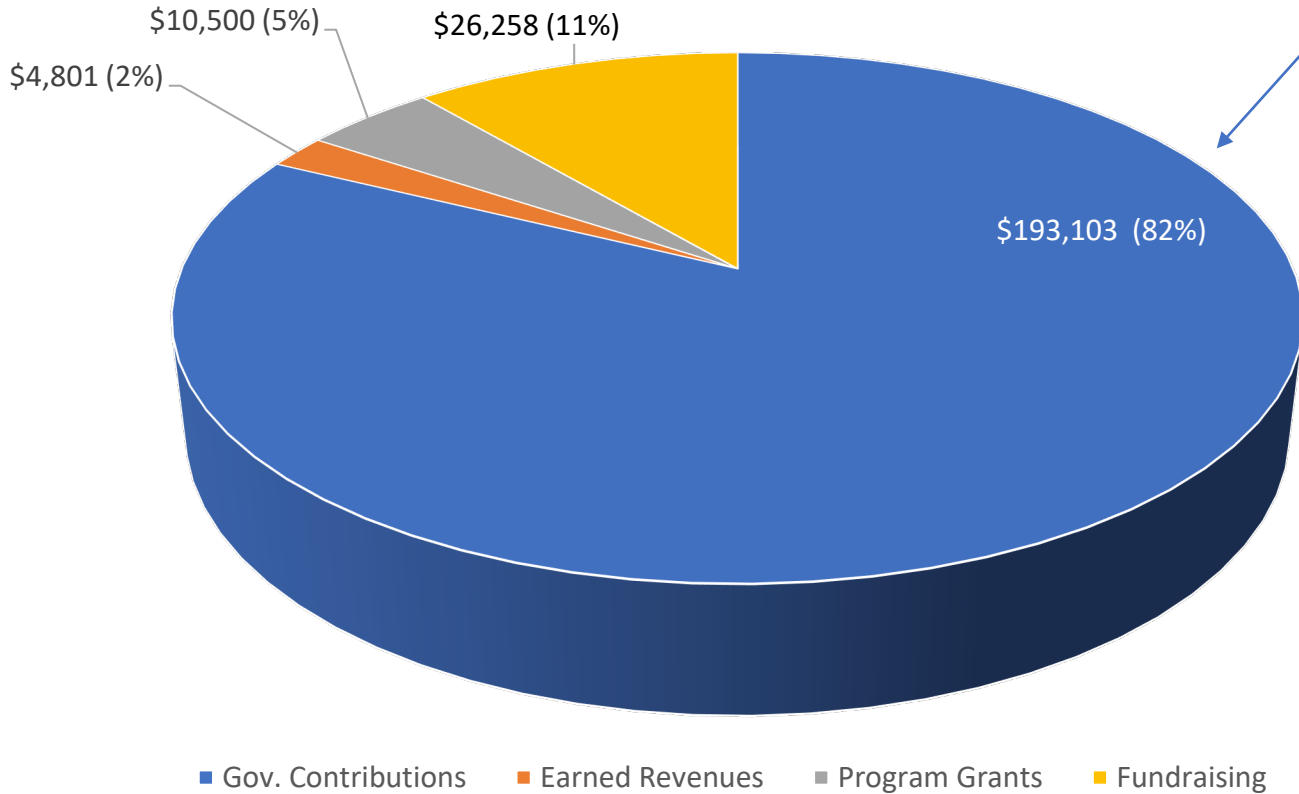
Year-to-Date Circulation

YTD CIRCULATION STATISTICS



Year-to-Date Revenue (through 31 July 2023)

2023 YTD REVENUE = \$234,662

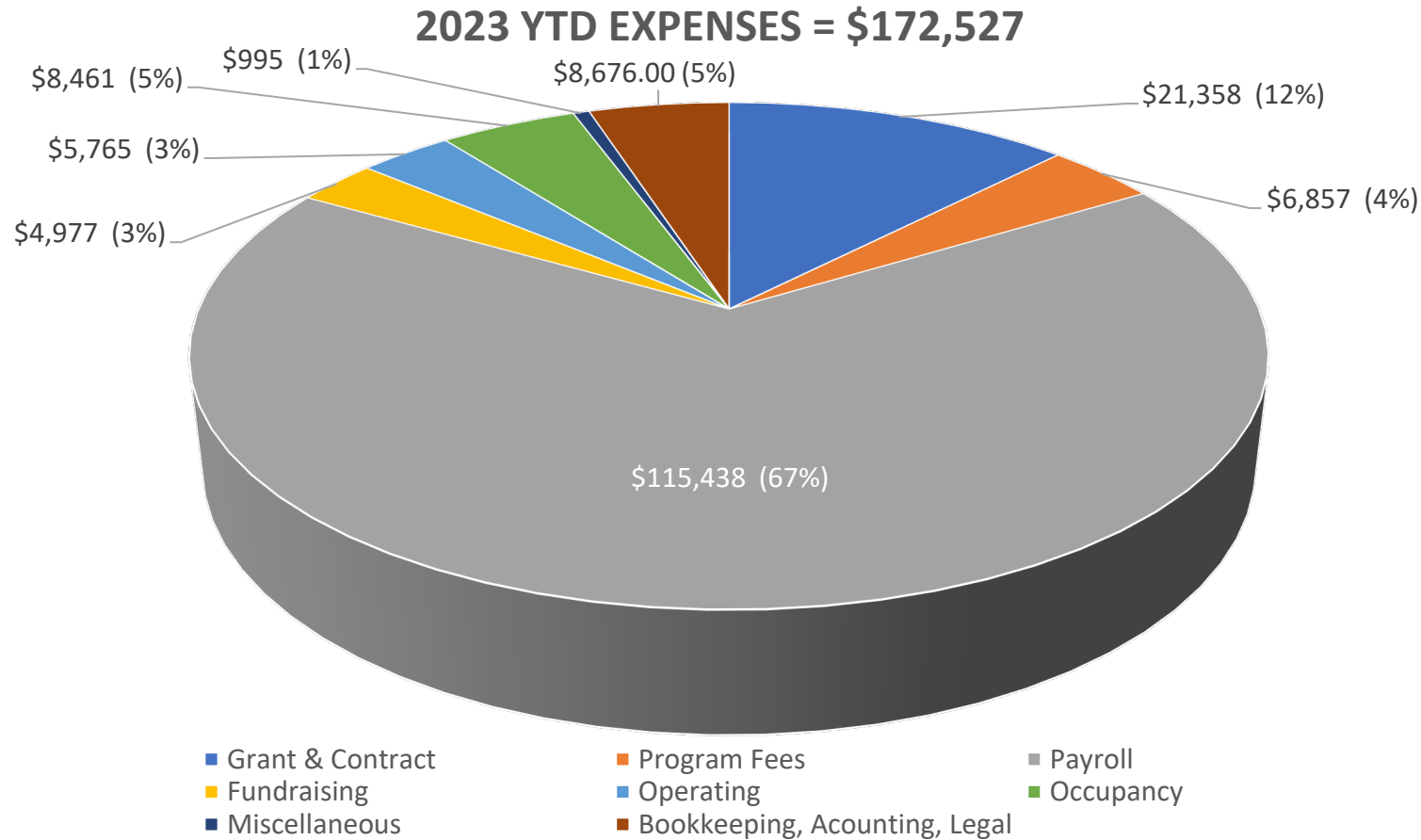


GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

- State Aid \$37,416
- New Hope \$43,687
- Solebury \$112,000

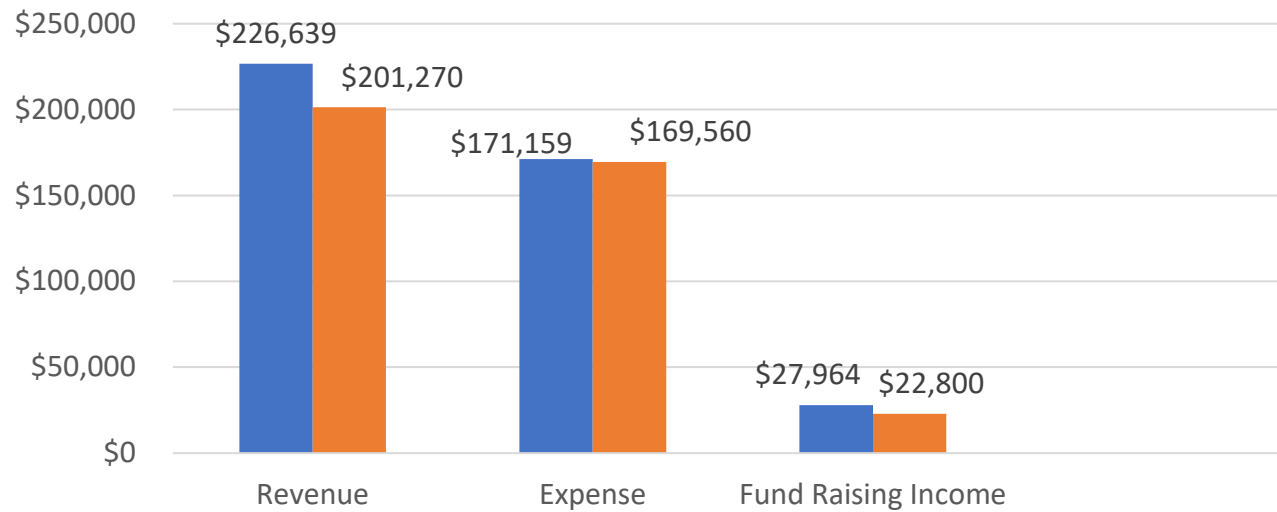


Year-to-Date Expenses (through 31 July 2023)



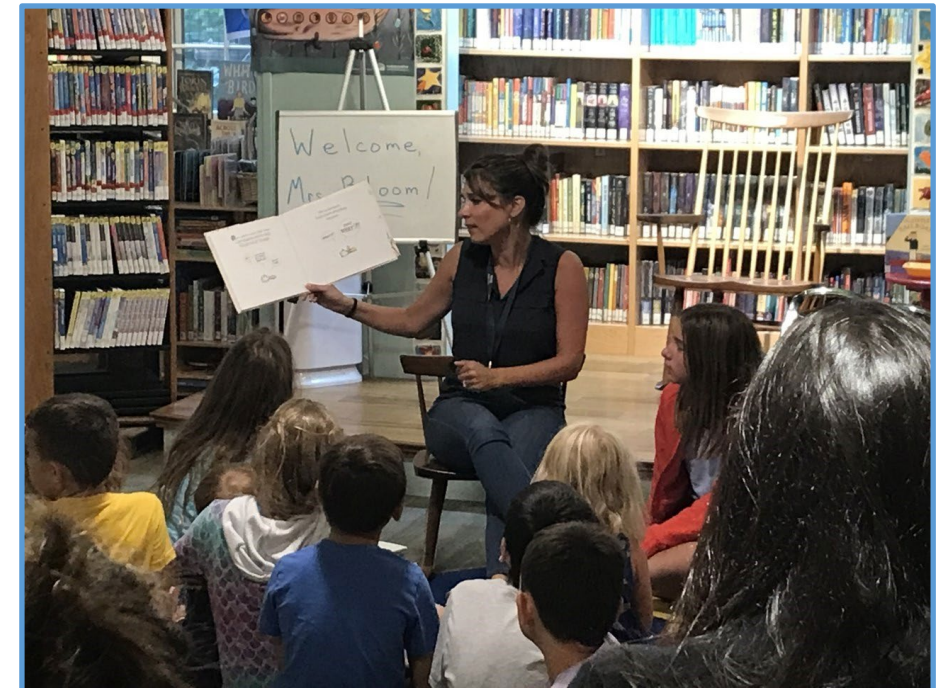
2023 Year-to-Date Budget vs. Actual

YTD 2023 BUDGET vs. ACTUAL



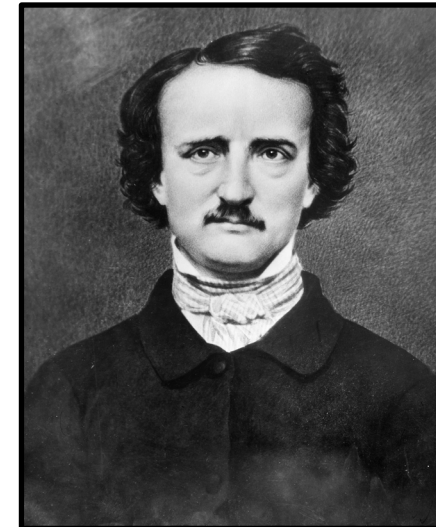
- Total revenue includes grants not anticipated in the forecast.
- Total expenses are slightly higher than forecast, as 2022 inflation affects the library's cost basis significantly.
- Fundraising is above the forecast, but as in 2021 the forecast was intentionally pessimistic due to enduring effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

■ Actual ■ Budget

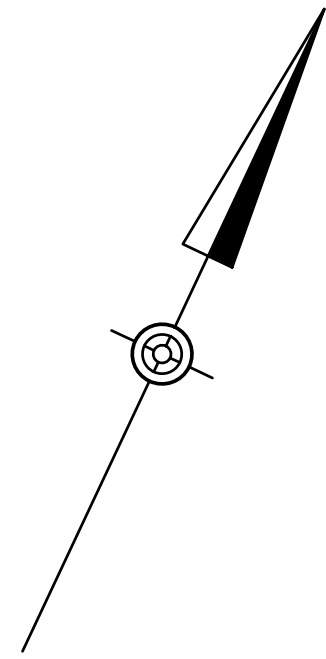


2023 Events

- The Free Library of New Hope & Solebury is holding a Halloween Spectacular on October 19th, from 6-8 pm, in the terrifyingly below-ground theatre at the Logan Inn.
 - In addition to the Logan Inn, our sponsors include Jacqui & David Griffith, Tricia & Scott Reines, McCaffrey's Food Markets, River Valley Properties, and with additional support from Don Goeltz & Karyl Chongas, John & Marilyn Schuster.
 - Tickets are \$50 and go on sale September 15th.
 - All patrons are encouraged to dress as characters from their favorite stories.
 - Mr. Poe himself will “appear” to entertain the assembled library patrons and guests with readings from his memorable works.
 - The Logan Inn may or may not be haunted.
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- The Annual Spelling Bee (“annual” except for 2020 and 2021 and 2023) is slated to return in 2024 after a year’s hiatus for refreshment and enhancement.



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6-0	BUCKS	0202	-	1 OF 1
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ALL TRAFFIC MAY ENTER AND EXIT HERE (OPTIONS A AND B)

1,600 LF OF ROAD BETWEEN INTERSECTION AND CUL-DE-SAC

CUL-DE-SAC

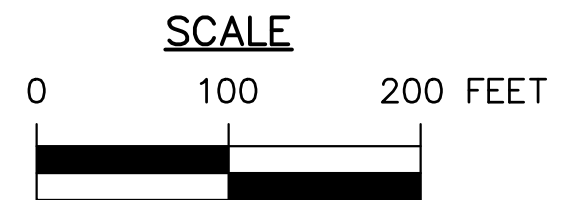
BEGIN TWO-WAY TRAFFIC

END ONE-WAY TRAFFIC

ONE-WAY ENTRANCE ONLY TO INGHAM ROAD

EMERGENCY ACCESS ONLY (IN/OUT) NO LOCAL TRAFFIC

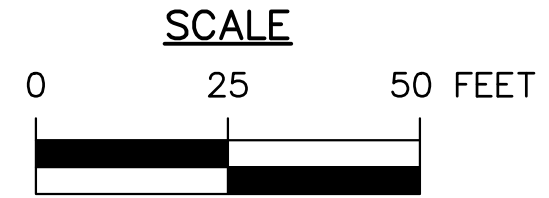
REFER TO INTERSECTION DETAIL BELOW



ONE-WAY ENTRANCE ONLY TO INGHAM ROAD

ALL MOVEMENTS TO/FROM INGHAM ROAD ALLOWED FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES ONLY

ALL MOVEMENTS TO/FROM LOWER YORK ROAD TO/FROM LOWER MOUNTAIN ROAD ALLOWED FOR ALL VEHICLES (OPTIONS A AND B)



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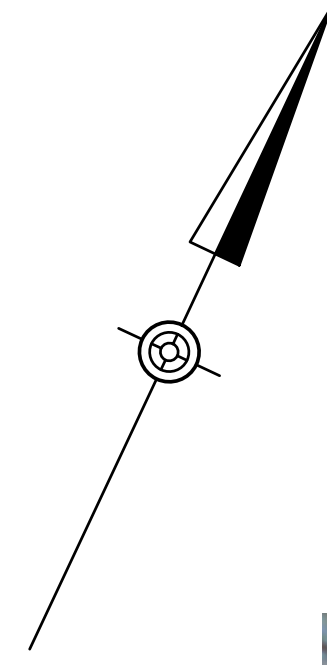
■ OPTION A - ONE-WAY TRAFFIC AT INGHAM ROAD AND LOWER MOUNTAIN ROAD

■ OPTION B - CUL-DE-SAC WITH EMERGENCY ROUTE

TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS WITH SR 0202 WIDENING FOR LEFT TURN LANE INTO LOWER MOUNTAIN ROAD

INGHAM ROAD TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS AT LOWER MOUNTAIN ROAD/SR 0202

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OPTION A



ONE-WAY ENTRANCE ONLY TO INGHAM ROAD

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OPTION B



EXISTING CONDITION

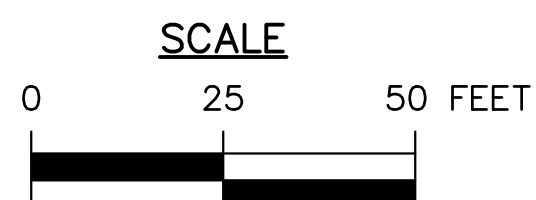


LEGEND:

█ OPTION A - ONE-WAY TRAFFIC AT INGHAM ROAD AND LOWER MOUNTAIN ROAD

█ OPTION B - CUL-DE-SAC WITH EMERGENCY ROUTE

EXISTING TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS FOR INGHAM ROAD



RESOLUTION NO 2023-127

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS A GOVERNING BODY OF SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO DESIGNATE OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS FOR THE STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ASSESSMENT GRANT

Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township, Bucks County hereby request a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of thirty one thousand two hundred seventy eight dollars and forty cents (\$31,278.40) from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the "Duty Use Replacement Program", to purchase Glock 45 MOS models as well as modular optical sights, weapon mounted lighting systems and new duty holsters to replace the older Glock Models 17 (9mm) and 19 (9 mm) currently deployed by Solebury Township Police Department

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Solebury does hereby designate Christopher Garges, Township Manager and Michele Blood, Finance Director as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Solebury Township Police Department and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

ENACTED and RESOLVED, this 19th day of September, 2023.

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



Mark Baum Baicker, Chair



Hanna Howe, Vice-Chair

John S. Francis, Member

Robert A. McEwan, Member



Kevin Morrissey, Member

I, Catherine Cataldi, duly qualified Secretary of the Township of Solebury, Bucks Bount, 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 19, 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 19th day of September 2023.

Solebury Township Police Department
Name of Applicant

Bucks County

County

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Catherine Cataldi". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Secretary