

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 22, 2020 – 9:30 A.M.

Solebury Township Hall

WORK SESSION MINUTES

The September 22, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Solebury Township Board of Supervisors work session 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, John S. Francis, Robert McEwan, Noel Barrett, Dennis H. Carney, Township Manager, Michele Blood, Assistant Manager, Dominick Bellizzie, Police Chief, and Catherine Cataldi, Secretary. Mark L. Freed, Township Solicitor was also in attendance.

Zoom recording device was turned on.

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

II. Budget Discussion

Ms. Blood informed the Board that the Administration budgeted conservatively with revenue.

Special Projects/Large Equipment

- Leaf Vacuum/Road Mower
Discussion ensued regarding equipment purchases for Public Works, Liquid Fuels money, and associated grants.
- Deer Management Program
Discussion ensued regarding the existing program, the program in the future, deer culling, and a deer drone study. Tax uncertainties for 2021 were discussed. The budget as presented is balanced with no allocation to the Capital Reserve, Capital Equipment, nor Park Capital. No change to the budget until additional research is completed.
- Aquetong Spring Park
The Administration presented the expected funds to be spent towards the completion of the Park in 2021.
- Township Building – Chiller Replacement
Discussion ensued regarding the chiller replacement. This line item was moved to the 2024 budget. Discussion ensued regarding the age of the chiller and whether it is fixable.
- Public Works Storage Building
Discussion ensued regarding design, engineering, and construction documents to be completed in 2021. The completion of the storage building has been moved to the 2022 budget.
- Solar Panels
Discussion ensued regarding the costs of the Solar Panels. This budget item has been moved to the 2022 budget. The Administration is to continue researching possible grants.

- Electric Charging Stations – Township Building
Discussion ensued regarding the different charging stations, cost associated and possible grants. This budget item is in the 2022 budget.
- Police Department Body Cameras
Discussion ensued regarding the one-time purchase of body cameras; annual software; maintenance costs; and a possible grant.
Discussion ensued regarding the rationale for the body cameras.
- Discussion ensued regarding the Police Department Budget increases, which included: contracted services; telephone; minor equipment; copier lease; public outreach; and diesel fuel.
- Discussion ensued regarding the economic uncertainties impact on the earned income tax for 2021. Ms. Blood explained that the proposed budget is based on the transfer of funds from the Capital Reserve Fund.
- Planning Commission Request for Sustainability Consultant
Discussion ensued regarding the Solebury Township Planning Commission's request for sustainability consultant funds. The Board is to consider the use of the \$10,000.00 in Professional Services for sustainability. The Board discussed a Sustainability Steering Committee. A Sustainability Fund is to be added to the Budget.

III. Additional Topics the Board Wishes to Discuss

- Contribution to The Free Library of New Hope and Solebury
Discussion ensued regarding a contribution to The Free Library of New Hope and Solebury, to be used for health insurance. Mr. Morrissey questioned if the Library would make a similar gesture for the betterment of their employees, specifically health insurance. Mr. Morrissey expressed interest in meeting with the library. There is to be no increase for the Library contribution currently.

IV. Supervisors Comment – No Supervisor comment

V. Public Comment – No public comment

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Cataldi
Secretary