

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 5, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

Solebury Township Hall/Virtual – Hybrid

MEETING MINUTES

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.

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 30, 2021

Res. 2021-111 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the list of Bills Payable dated September 30, 2021 was unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2021

Mr. Baum Baicker announced that the September 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes will be reviewed at the October 19, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting.

IV. Supervisors Comment

- Mr. Francis and Mr. Baum Baicker commented on the grand opening of Aquetong Spring Park.
- Mr. Baum Baicker commented on political signs and the Township Sign Ordinance. Mr. Freed gave an overview of the Township Sign Ordinance and policy regarding temporary signs.
- Mr. Baum Baicker gave an update on the September 21, 2021 public comment regarding an elderly resident living in a home with unsafe living conditions. The Department of Health and Department of Aging have been contacted and made aware.
- Mr. Baum Baicker gave an update on the September 21, 2021 public comment regarding the flood mitigation and culvert maintenance along River Road. The Township Administration is actively researching options to mitigate what happened with Hurricane Ida.
- Mr. Baum Baicker clarified that all Township owned and maintained roads are opened. Any roads within the Township that are closed are owned and maintained by the State. The link to check the status of PennDOT owned roads is listed on the Township website.
- Mr. Baum Baicker also clarified that the open space funds are designated for open space only.

V. Public Comment

- Edward McGahan, resident, commented on political signs and expressed opposition for the requirement to get a sign permit.

- Nancy Wolff, resident, commented on an email received regarding political signs. Ms. Wolff questioned whether the organization or candidate is to apply for the sign permit.

VI. Budget

Public Works – Dennis H. Carney

Mr. Carney presented the 2022 Public Works Operational and Capital Budgets highlighting the Road Program and Equipment Purchase.

Administration – Dennis H. Carney and Michele Blood

Mr. Carney and Ms. Blood presented the Preliminary 2022 Administration Operational and Capital Budgets highlighting that the Township Administration budgeted conservatively and there is no tax increase with a balanced budget.

Conversation ensued regarding: the chiller; the Deer Management Program; Act 537; High Water vehicle for the Police Department; contribution to the Free Library of New Hope and Solebury; Route 202; and Solar panels for the Township Building.

Additional conversation is to take place at the November 4, 2021 Board of Supervisors' Budget Session.

VII. Public Comment

Mr. McGahan expressed support for the Board of Supervisors to budget conservatively. Mr. McGahan questioned the goals regarding open space.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Cataldi
Secretary