

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 6, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.

Hybrid Budget Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Baum Baicker, Chair, John S. Francis, Vice-Chair, Hanna Howe, Robert McEwan, Kevin Morrissey, Christopher Garges, 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 – October 3, 2022

Res.2022-131 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. McEwan, the list of Bills Payable dated October 3, 2022 was unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2022 Work Session and September 20, 2022

Res.2022-132 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. McEwan, the Minutes of the September 15, 2022 Work Session and September 20, 2022 Meeting were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

IV. Announcements/Resignation/Appointments

Resignation of James Trammell from the Parks & Recreation Board

Res.2022-133 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, the resignation of James Trammell from the Parks & Recreation Board was unanimously accepted.

V. Supervisor Comment – No Supervisor Comment

VI. Presentations

Chief Dominick Bellizzie announced the passing of retired Solebury Township Officer Corporal Larry A. Gawe.

Solebury Township Police Department – Swear in Officers

Chief Dominick Bellizzie expressed gratitude to Honorable Maggie Snow for Swearing in the Officers and to those that attended the meeting.

Officer Anthony Viruet-Melendez and Officer Kenneth Berger were sworn in as full-time police officers with the Solebury Township Police Department by Magisterial District Judge Maggie Snow.

Solebury Township Police Department – Commendations

Chief Dominick Bellizzie presented commendations to Officer Brendan Murphy, Officer Patrick Dorsey and Sergeant Kevin Edwards for their devotion to duty during an incident in May 2022.

VII. New Business

Resolution for Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Community Conservation Partnership Program Grant

The resolution (copy of which is attached) grants authority to Christopher Garges to execute documents associated with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Community Conservation Partnership Program Grant to be used for the Solebury Township Parks, Recreation, Open Space Trails & Greenway Plan.

Res.2022-134 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to approve the Community Conservation Partnership Program Resolution granting authority to Christopher Garges to execution of all documents associated with the Community Conservation Partnership Program Grant for the Solebury Township Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Trails & Greenway Plan.

Pickleball Court – Noise Mitigation

At the Parks & Recreation meeting, September 22, 2022, on a motion by Dan Dupont, second by Dan Morrin Jr., the Board of Parks & Recreation by unanimous vote "recommends that the Solebury Township Board of Supervisors take immediate steps to alleviate pickleball noise levels at Laurel Park through the use of noise-dampening barriers, as well as to ensure posted hours of play are better advertised and enforced, including by locking the courts daily."

Mr. Garges gave an overview of mitigation options.

Rich Strucker, resident, expressed interest in noise barriers like AcoustiFence.

Conversation ensued between the Board, Mr. Garges, Mr. Rice and Mr. Strucker. Township Administration is to research noise mitigation products and future discussions are to take place.

Bridge Tender's Agreement

Mr. Freed gave an overview of the agreement.

Mr. McEwan questioned if the agreement was regarding the Lumberville walking Bridge and Mr. Freed advised that yes, the agreement is regarding the Lumberville walking bridge and that the agreement is a waiver for the subdivision of the property with the Bridge Commission only.

Res.2022-135 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to approve the Bridge Tenders Agreement.

VIII. Public Hearings

Historical Architectural Review Board – Certificate of Appropriateness – Mark Worth (TMP # 41-030-002, 2610 River Road)

Upon a Motion by Scott Minnucci, seconded by CL Lindsay, it was unanimously agreed to recommend issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness to TMP # 41-030-002 as follows:

- 1. Remove the exterior cinderblock chimney on the outbuilding.*
- 2. Restore the wall with stone and mortar joints to match existing.*
- 3. Repair any charring that is found after chimney is removed.*

Res.2022-136 – Upon a motion by Ms. Howe, seconded by Mr. Francis, it was unanimously agreed to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to TMP # 41-030-002, 2610 River Road as recommended by the Historical Architectural Review Board. Issuance of the Certificate of Appropriateness does not relieve the applicant from obtaining any and all applicable permits prior to commencement of work.

Historical Architectural Review Board – Certificate of Appropriateness – William Holmes (TMP # 41-004-032, 3761 Aquetong Road)

Upon a Motion by Larry Peseski, seconded by CL Lindsay, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness to TMP # 41-004-032 as follows:

1. Porch Roof is to be painted Benjamin Moore Amber Slate (CW-685)
2. Porch is to be painted Benjamin Moore Harwood Putty (CW-5)
3. Porch Trim is to be painted Benjamin Moore Harwood Putty (CW-5) with the option of Flat or Satin finish.
4. Front Door is to be painted Benjamin Moore Black (HC-190) with the option of semi-gloss finish.
5. Other doors and shutters are to be painted Benjamin Moore Black (HC-190)

Res.2022-137 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Ms. Howe, it was unanimously agreed to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to TMP # 41-004-032, 3761 Aquetong Road as recommended by the Historical Architectural Review Board. Issuance of the Certificate of Appropriateness does not relieve the applicant from obtaining any and all applicable permits prior to commencement of work.

Historical Architectural Review Board – Certificate of Appropriateness – Carversville Land Co (TMP # 41-004-010, 6205 Fleecydale Road)

At the request of the applicant, this topic was rescheduled to the October 18, 2022 Board of Supervisors' meeting.

IX. Budget

- Public Works & Administration

Christopher Garges presented the 2023 Operational and Capital Budgets for the Public Works and Administration. Highlights included: Township continues to be in excellent financial condition; no tax increase proposed; preliminary general fund budget is balanced; projected fund revenue represents an increase over 2022; discussion on the six (6) revenue categories; proposed 2023 expenditures; and Project list.

Raul Arrazcaeta, resident, questioned the herd reduction and deer processing costs.

Stan Marcus, resident, asked for addition details on the solar panels project and expressed interest in the data on the return of investment.

John DeAndrea, resident, expressed gratitude to Ms. Blood. Mr. DeAndrea commented on the real estate taxes and questioned the bond debt decrease projected for 2029. Mr. DeAndrea questioned the propane and electric expenses and commented on Solar.

Ben Miller, resident, questioned when the preliminary budget would be available to the public and what the Township would do with the operating margin. Mr. Miller suggested reevaluating the figure for propane costs due to the increase.

The Board announced the next Budget meeting scheduled for November 1, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

X. Public Comment

- Kurt Leasure, resident, commented on how the Design Guidelines for Solebury Township Historic Districts were applied to the review of the Carversville Inn Historical Architectural Review Board application.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Cataldi
Secretary

DCNR-C2P2	Applicant Information (* indicates required information)
Applicant/Grantee Legal Name: SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP	Web Application ID: 2005577
Project Title: Solebury Township Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Trails & Greenway Plan	

WHEREAS, **SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP** ("Applicant") desires to undertake the project, "**Solebury Township Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Trails & Greenway Plan**" ("Project Title"); and

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to receive from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("Department") a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project; and

WHEREAS, the application package includes a document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant" and

WHEREAS, the applicant understands that the contents of the document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant," including appendices referred to therein, will become the terms and conditions of a Grant Agreement between the applicant and the Department **if the applicant is awarded a grant**; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that:

1. The grant application may be electronically signed on behalf of the applicant by "**Christopher Garges**" who, at the time of signing, has a **TITLE** of "**Township Manager**" and the email address of "**cgarges@soleburytp.org**".
2. If this Official signed the Grant Application Electronic Authorization prior to the passage of this Resolution, this grant of authority applies retroactively to the date of signing.
3. If the applicant is awarded a grant, the Grant Application Electronic Authorization, signed by the above Official, will become the applicant/grantee's **executed** signature page for the Grant Agreement, and the applicant/grantee will be bound by the Grant Agreement.
4. Any amendment to the Grant Agreement may be signed on behalf of the grantee by the Official who, at the time of signing of the amendment, has the "**TITLE**" specified in paragraph 1 and the grantee will be bound by the amendment.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the

Solebury Township Board of Supervisors

(identify the governing body of the applicant, e.g. city council, borough council, board of supervisors, board of directors)

of this applicant, this 6 day of October, 2022.

(signature of the governing body)



Mark Baum Baicker, Chair

