

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

November 19, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.

**Solebury Township Hall**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Attendance: Mark Baum Baicker, Chair, John S. Francis, Vice-Chair, Robert McEwan, Noel Barrett, Kevin Morrissey, Dennis H. Carney, Township Manager, Michele Blood, Assistant Manager, and Catherine Cataldi, Secretary. C. Robert Wynn, Engineer and Mark L. Freed, Solicitor were also in attendance.

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

Audio recording device was then turned on.

**II. Approval of Bills Payable – November 14, 2019**

**Res. 2019-128 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. McEwan, the list of Bills Payable dated November 14, 2019 was unanimously approved as prepared and posted.**

**III. Approval of Minutes – November 7, 2019**

**Res. 2019-129 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Francis, the Minutes of the November 7, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved as written and posted.**

**IV. Announcements/Resignations/Appointments**

- The Free Library of New Hope and Solebury

Mr. Baum Baicker announced the community meeting on funding of The Free Library of New Hope and Solebury to be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the New Hope-Solebury High School, 182 W Bridge St, New Hope, PA 18938. Mr. Baum Baicker encouraged the community to attend and provide input. Mr. Baum Baicker announced that a survey is being constructed for residents that are unable to attend the meeting. Additional information will be offered once the survey is complete.

Discussion ensued between members of the Board. Discussion included: the meeting format; relevant data; and Library feedback on the survey.

- Groundwater Study

Mr. Baum Baicker announced the groundwater study update for the 202 Corridor to be completed by UHL & Associates, Inc.

Discussion ensued between the members of the Board. Discussion included the reasoning for the study; area to be included in the study; and testing of wells.

Barbara Zietchick, resident, questioned if the study is to contain current data only or will it provide insight on future data as well. Mr. Carney stated the study will only contain current data, but the information will be compared to previous studies to determine a trend for the water resources.

The Board agreed to hold off on the study until Mr. Carney, Mr. Morrissey and Mr. McEwan could meet with UHL & Associates, Inc. to discuss the study and answer the Board's questions.

**V. Supervisors Comment**

- Mr. Baum Baicker commented on the upgrade of Solebury Township's Moody's rating to Aa1. The Board congratulated and expressed gratitude to Mr. Carney and Mrs. Blood for their work.

**VI. Public Comment – No Early Public Comment**

**VII. Presentation**

Circuit Trail Presentation and Resolution

Sandra Yerger and Kris Kern, Heritage Conservancy delivered a PowerPoint presentation (copy of which is attached) identifying the Circuit Coalition Steering Committee's objective of seeking a resolution of support for the completion of the Circuit Trails. The presentation included a breakdown of existing, in progress, and planned areas of the trail.

Conversation ensued between Ms. Yerger, Ms. Kern and the Board regarding the time frame of trail completion, aspects of the trail, and funding.

**Res. 2019-130 – Upon a motion by Mark Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the resolution that was proposed (copy of which is attached).**

**VIII. Public Hearing**

Planning Commission – Barrett Conditional Use

The public hearing was opened by Mark Freed, Township Solicitor. A court stenographer was present to record the testimony.

The Applicant, David Barrett was present without counsel.

David and Christine Kershner of Creamery Rd requested and were granted party status.

Following testimony by the applicant the hearing was closed.

**Res. 2019-131 - Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. McEwan, it was unanimously agreed to approve the Conditional Use Application of David and Kira Barrett for a Zone One Riparian Corridor utility crossing under § 27-2208.5 (B) (2), and also to permit a Zone Two Riparian Corridor utility crossing under § 27-2208.5 (D) (2), subject to the following conditions:**

1. **The Applicants shall comply with the requirements and conditions set forth in the C. Robert Wynn Associates, Inc. memo dated November 7, 2019.**
2. **The Applicants shall submit a satisfactory corridor management plan for approval by the Township Board of Supervisors, and the effects of Applicants activities shall be mitigated by the implementation of the corridor management plan, as required by §§ 27-2208.5 and 27-2208.6, or obtain zoning relief therefrom.**
3. **The Applicants shall submit a satisfactory environmental impact assessment report for the proposed use as required by § 27-2914.1.R, or obtain zoning relief therefrom, as set forth in the Curtin & Heefner memo dated November 12, 2019.**

4. The Applicants shall otherwise proceed in accordance with their applications received by Solebury Township on or about October 3, 2019, the plans submitted, all supporting material, the evidence submitted, and all representations made by and on behalf of the Applicants.
5. The Applicants shall pay all Township expenses related to the applications too the extent not paid.
6. The Applicants shall comply with the rules, regulations and the ordinances of Solebury Township, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the United States government and especially with the Solebury Township Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
7. The Applicants shall obtain all permits and approvals from any agencies having jurisdiction over same to the extent applicable.
8. The Applicants shall provide such financial security as the Township Engineer determines to be appropriate in accordance with the provisions of the Solebury Township Zoning Ordinance.

**IX. New Business**

Manager's Contract

The Board agreed to authorize the Chair and Vice-Chair to execute the Manager's Contact.

**Res. 2019-132 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Chair and Vice-Chair to execute the Manager's Contract.**

2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting Dates

The Board reviewed the dates for the Board of Supervisors Meetings for 2020 (copy of which is attached).

**Res. 2019-133 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Francis, it was unanimously agreed to approve the 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting dates.**

**X. Public Comment – No Public Comment**

**XI. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine Cataldi  
Secretary

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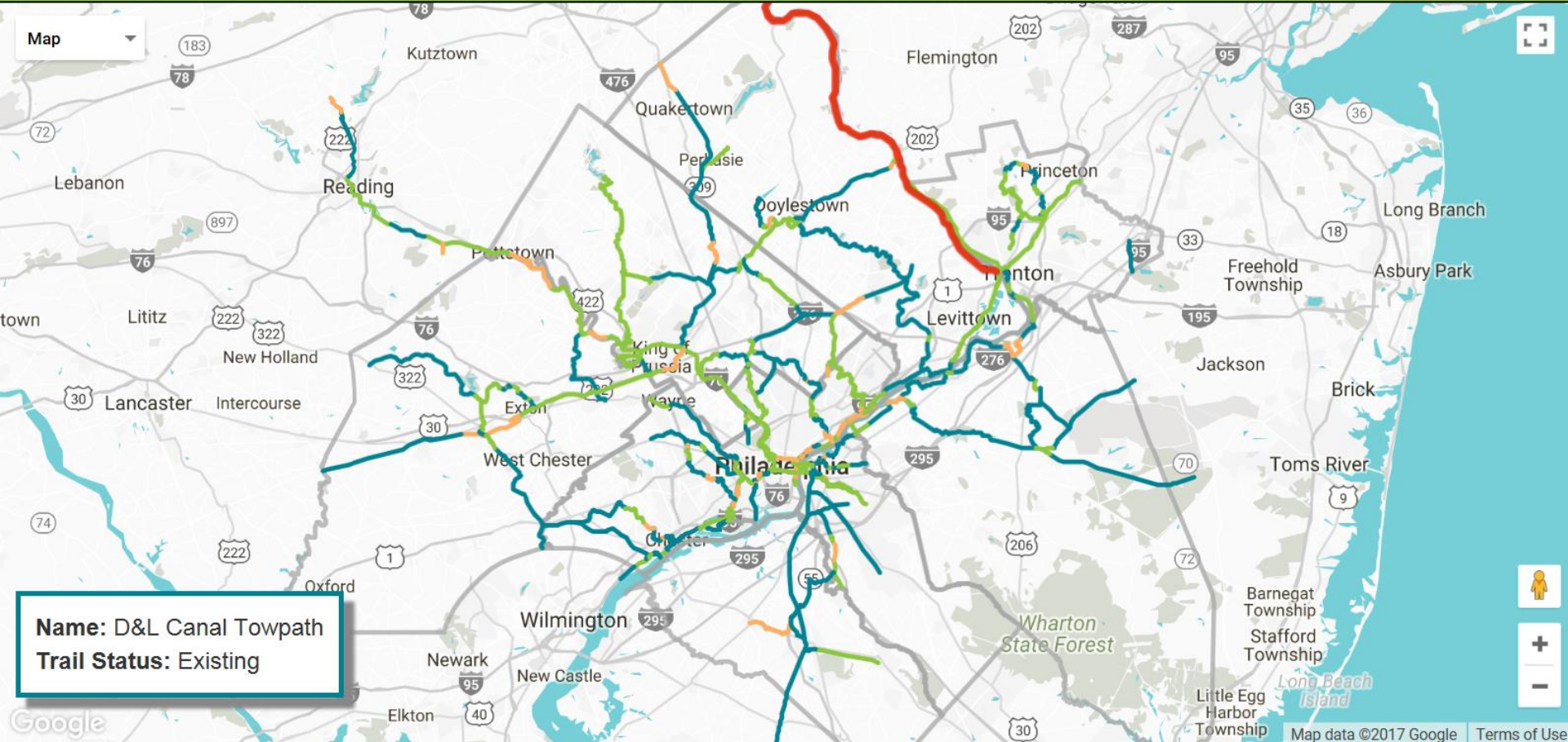


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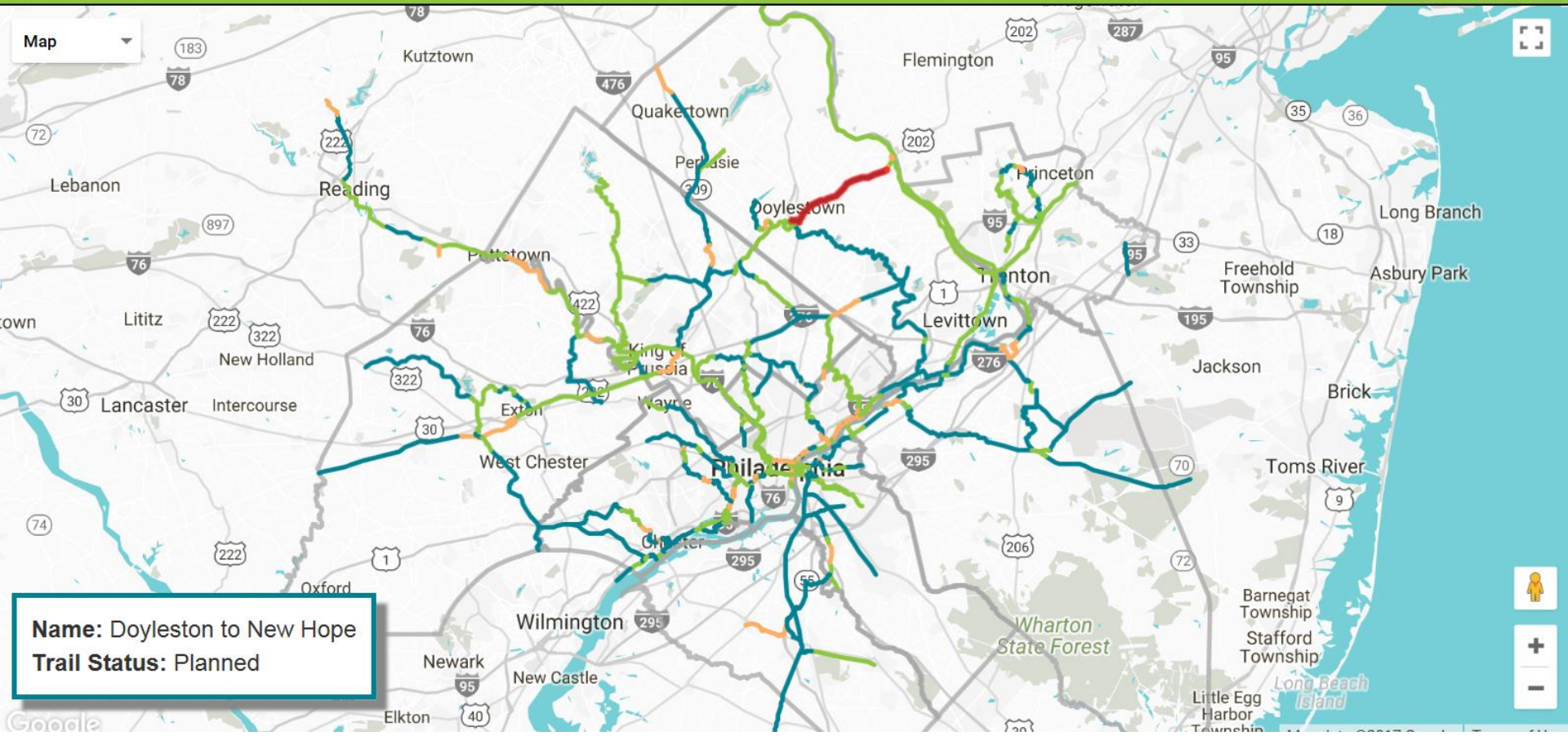


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# New Jersey Municipal Resolutions Received (11-19)

## **MERCER**

East Windsor  
Ewing  
Lawrence  
Princeton  
Hopewell Twp  
Trenton

## **BURLINGTON**

Bordentown City  
Delran  
Mansfield  
Mt. Holly  
Mt. Laurel

## **CAMDEN**

Audubon  
Barrington  
Cherry Hill  
Clementon  
Collingswood  
Haddon Twp.  
Haddon Heights  
Haddonfield  
Hi-Nella  
Laurel Springs  
Lawnside  
Lindenwold  
Magnolia

Merchantville  
Oaklyn  
Pennsauken  
Runnemede  
Somerdale  
Stratford  
Windslow

## **GLOUCESTER**

Monroe

**32 Completed**

# Pennsylvania Municipal Resolutions Received

## **BUCKS**

Bensalem  
Bristol Borough  
Chalfont  
Doylestown Twp.  
Haycock  
Lower Makefield  
Morrisville  
New Hope  
Perkasie  
Quakertown  
Richland  
Sellersville  
West Rockhill

## **MONTGOMERY**

Bridgeport  
Cheltenham  
Conshohocken  
Franconia  
Jenkintown  
Lower Merion  
Lower Salford  
Narbeth  
Norristown  
Pottstown  
Rockledge  
Salford  
Souderton

Telford  
Trappe  
Upper Dublin  
Upper Providence  
Upper Salford  
Whitemarsh  
  
Philadelphia



# Pennsylvania Municipal Resolutions Received

## **CHESTER**

Atglen

Caln

Charlestown

Coatesville

Downingtown

East Bradford

East Coventry

East Goshen

East Pikeland

Easttown

East Vincent

East Whiteland

Kennett

Phoenixville

Schuylkill

Tredyffrin

West Bradford

West Vincent

**62 Completed**

## **DELAWARE**

Chester City

Concord

Eddystone

Haverford

Lansdowne

Marcus Hook

Media

Nether Providence

Rador

Swarthmore

Upper Darby

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 130**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ENDORSING THE  
CIRCUIT TRAILS**

**Circuit Trails – Complete 500 miles of Trails in the Greater Philadelphia Region by 2025**

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails are a connected system of multi-purpose trails (largely off-road) located in the nine (9) counties that comprise the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) region, including Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, Delaware, Mercer, Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties; and

WHEREAS, the building of the Circuit Trails is considered to be one of the largest metropolitan-wide, multi-use trail building efforts in the country and very significant regional accomplishment; and,

WHEREAS the DVRPC set a long term regional goal in the Connections 2040 Plan to complete the Circuit Trails by 2040, and to meet this goal, 180 new miles of Circuit trails need to be completed by 2025 to reach 500 miles (2/3's complete); and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails provide equitable transportation options for all users and will connect communities to places of work, places to shop, places to worship, places to play, places of historic significance, and places to teach our children; and;

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails Coalition, DVRPC, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, New Jersey Department of Transportation, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies have committed to complete non-motorized options for transportation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails will provide safe facilities separated from vehicular traffic to encourage bicyclists, walkers, the physically challenged, and other non-motorized users of all ages to be more active and spend time outdoors, thereby improving their fitness and health; and

WHEREAS, when communities in other areas of the United States and abroad provide for non-motorized transportation options they thrive as places to live and work; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails, by offering both residents and tourists access to natural, cultural and historical sites, will bring health and economic benefits to counties, municipalities and businesses in the region such as revenues to local economies, healthcare savings, enhanced real estate values, and increased activity; and

WHEREAS, 5.7 million people reside in Greater Philadelphia and 85 percent of those surveyed support building more trails in their counties. Furthermore, 70 percent favor spending \$2 per person in public dollars annually to pay for new connected trails.

WHEREAS, The Township of Solebury is one of 351 municipalities in the DVRPC region that is part of the Circuit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township, hereby endorses the concept of the nine county region completing 180 miles of Circuit Trails by 2025 in order to achieve 500 miles of completed Circuit trails and the Circuit Trails passage through the Township, and encourages our neighboring municipalities to do the same; and the Solebury Township supports the existing trails along the alignment of the Circuit Trails being designated as a "Circuit" Trail; and that Circuit guidance signage be installed with the coordination with the Township's Public Works Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Circuit Trails Coalition, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the County of Bucks.

**TOWNSHIP OF SOLEBURY**

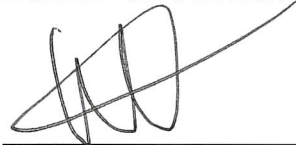
I do hereby certify that I have compared the annexed Resolution with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of the said original Resolution, which was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors, a quorum being present, on this 19th day of November, 2019.

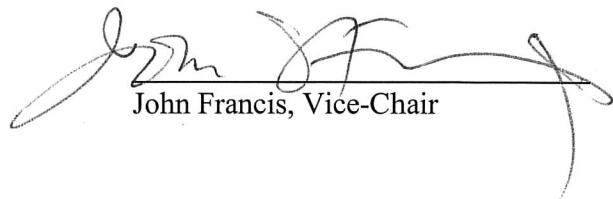
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of the Township of Solebury, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, on this this 19th day of November, 2019.


**ATTEST:**

  
Catherine Cataldi, Township Secretary

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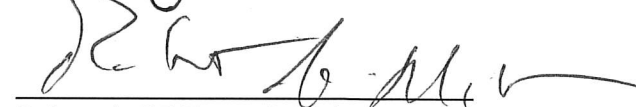
  
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John Francis, Vice-Chair



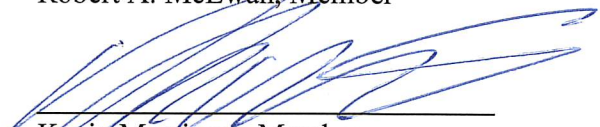
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Noel Barrett, Member



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Robert A. McEwan, Member



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Kevin Morrissey, Member

### 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting Dates

The Board of Supervisors need to authorize the meeting dates for 2020. The meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 pm, unless otherwise noted. There is only one meeting held the third Tuesday in months of June, July, and August. There is only one meeting held the second Tuesday in the month of December.

#### **The 2020 meeting dates are as follows:**

January 6 - Reorganization (First Monday in January)

January 9 @ 10:00 AM - Work Session to Establish Priorities

January 21

February 4

February 18

March 3

March 17

April 7

April 21

May 5

May 19

June 16

July 21

August 18

September 1 – Budget Session

September 15

October 6 – Budget Session

October 20

November 5 - Budget Session (Thursday due to election on Tuesday)

November 17

December 8 (Second Tuesday of the month)