

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 2, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.

Solebury Township Hall

BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Baum Baicker, Chair, Kevin Morrissey, Vice-Chair, Robert McEwan, Noel Barrett, John S. Francis, Dennis H. Carney, Township Manager, Michele Blood, Finance Director/Treasurer and Catherine Cataldi, Secretary.

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 – September 28, 2018

Res. 2018-121 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. McEwan, the list of Bills Payable dated September 28, 2018, were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

III. Approval of Minutes – The minutes were rescheduled to the October 16, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting.

IV. Announcements/Resignations/Appointments

• Executive Session

The Board announced an executive session held on October 2, 2018, prior to the meeting, dealing with Personnel.

V. Supervisors Comment

- Mr. Baum Baicker expressed concern regarding the Spotted Lanternfly. The USDA recommends that residents have their tree company or the USDA complete an assessment of their property for Spotted Lanternflies. Spotted Lanternflies are a danger to the agriculture in this area as they feed off of grape vines, Hops, Stonefruit, Hardwood and Ornamental trees. Mr. Baum Baicker encouraged residents that see evidence of the Spotted Lanternfly to contact the local USDA at 215-233-6610. Additional information is on the Solebury Township website.
- Mr. Morrissey commented that a PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources representative will be making a presentation regarding the Spotted Lanternfly at the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting on October 16, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Information will be on the Solebury Township website.

VI. Presentations

Grant Presentation

State Representative Helen Tai presented a DCED grant to the Solebury Township Police Department. This grant is to cover the costs of window installation in the Police Station and cost of a bicycle.

Grant Presentation

State Representative Helen Tai presented a DHS Grant in the amount of \$259,000 to New Hope Solebury (NHS) Cares. Zack from NHS Cares accepted the grant and thanked State Representative Helen Tai. NHS Cares mission is to work together to support a safe, healthy and addition free New Hope and Solebury. This grant allows NHS Cares to extend their work to the Council Rock area. It will help with: training; recruitment; transportation; and food for families.

VII. Public Hearing

Speed Limit on Carversville Road Ordinance – Authorization to Adopt

The proposed ordinance (Copy of which is attached) amends the Solebury Township Code of Ordinances to extend the existing 25 mph speed limit zone on Carversville Rd from its current endpoint at Stovers Mill Road, an additional ¼ mile westward, to the Brendon Knoll/McNeal Road intersection.

Mr. Baum Baicker and Mr. Barrett thanked PennDot for the speed limit change.

Mr. Baum Baicker expressed concern that the roadway is in need of repairs.

Res. 2018-122 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Speed Limit on Carversville Road Ordinance.

VIII. 2019 Budget Presentation

Public Works – Dennis H. Carney

Mr. Carney presented the preliminary 2019 Public Works Operational and Capital Budgets, highlighting areas of increase: the Road Maintenance Program; Road Department Equipment; and Natural Resource Protection. Discussion ensued regarding the chiller replacement and roads scheduled for paving. There were no significant changes to the 2019 Public Works budget

Administration – Dennis H. Carney and Michele Blood

Mr. Carney and Ms. Blood presented the Preliminary 2019 Administration Operational and Capital Budgets highlighting areas of increase: Labor expenses; contract services; full time salaries and employee benefits; and Land Preservation.

Discussion ensued between the Board regarding the millage increase of .95 Mills for the employment of two full time police officers and the increase of \$20, 000 to the Free Library of New Hope Solebury.

The Board agreed with the hiring of two full time police officers.

The Board agreed with giving the Free Library of New Hope Solebury an additional \$20,000.00 with the requirement of a mid-year Strategic Plan Review.

Ron Ewer, resident, commented that Solebury Township should not give any more tax money to the Library.

Another resident commented that Doylestown has a Library that is accessible to Solebury residents.

Res. 2018-123 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed that the budget presented, including the .95 Mills, is to be presented to the Board at the next Board of Supervisors Budget meeting for Advertisement.

IX. Public Comment – No additional public comment

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Cataldi
Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-008

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOLEBURY,
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING THE
SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES
CHAPTER 15 SECTION 201 TO REDUCE THE SPEED
LIMIT ON A SECTION OF CARVERSVILLE ROAD**

WHEREAS, Section 1527 (53 P.S. Section 66527) of the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code provides that the corporate powers of the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township (the "Board of Supervisors") include the ability to secure the safety of persons and property within the Township;

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code provides that altering speed limits is presumed to be a reasonable exercise of police power by local authorities, 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 6109(a)(10);

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation conducted an engineering and traffic study on Carversville Road (also known as State Route 1004) and issued Permit No. 61346 to the Township in connection with lowering the speed limit to 25 miles per hour on the section of Carversville Road/Fleecy Dale Road from River Road ending at the Brendon Knoll Road/McNeal Road intersection;

WHEREAS, Section 1601 of the Second Class Township Code provides that the Board of Supervisors may adopt Ordinances in which general or specific powers of the Township may be exercised, and, by the enactment of subsequent Ordinances, the Board of Supervisors may amend, repeal, or revise existing Ordinances (53 P.S. § 66601);

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments have been advertised, considered, and reviewed in accordance with Pennsylvania law;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, be it **ENACTED** and **ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, that Chapter 15 of the Solebury Township Code of Ordinances is **AMENDED** as follows:

I. AMEND Section 15-201 as follows:

A. STRIKE the following references from **Section 15-201.1** under "Street," "Location," and "Maximum Speed Limit," respectively:

Carversville Road Entire Length 40 mph

B. ADD the following language to **Section 15-201.1** under "Street," "Location," and "Maximum Speed Limit," respectively:

Carversville Road	Between Fleecy Dale Road/Aquetong Road and Brendon Knoll Road/McNeal Road	25 MPH
Carversville Road	From Brendon Knoll Road/McNeal Road west to the Buckingham Township line	40 MPH

II. Partial Repealer

All other provisions of the Ordinances of Solebury Township, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect. All other Ordinances or provisions of the Ordinance inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the terms hereof are, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, hereby specifically repealed.

III. Severability

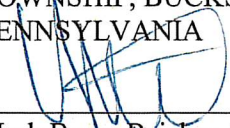
The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any section, clause, sentence, part or provision thereof shall be held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections, clauses, sentences, parts or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Township Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional section, clause, sentence or part of a provision had not been included herein.

IV. Effective Date

All provisions of this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after the approval and adoption.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 2nd day of October, 2018.


BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOLEBURY
TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA



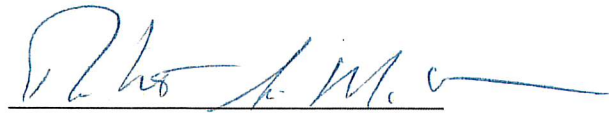
Mark Baum Baiker, Vice Chair



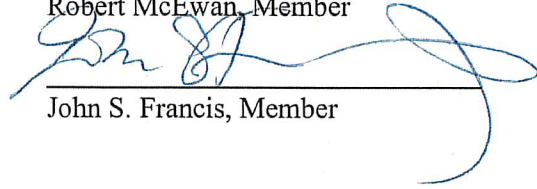
Kevin Morrissey, Member Vice-Chair



Noel Barrett, Member




Robert McEwan, Member



John S. Francis, Member

Attest:


Catherine Cataldi, Township Secretary