

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

November 8, 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. Jordan Yeager, Solicitor was 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 2, 2018**

**Res. 2018-129 – Upon a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, the list of Bills Payable dated November 2, 2018, were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.**

**III. Approval of Minutes – October 16, 2018**

**Res. 2018-130 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Francis, the Minutes of the October 16, 2018 Meeting were unanimously approved.**

**IV. Supervisors Comment**

- Mr. Baum Baicker congratulated the Free Library of New Hope Solebury for hosting a successful Spelling Bee.
- Mr. Morrissey made a comment regarding voting turnout. Mr. Morrissey stated the following quotes: “Too many people struggled, suffered, and died to make it possible for every American to exercise their right to vote.” John Lewis; and “To make democracy work, we must be a nation of participants, not simply observers.” Louis L’Amour.
- Mr. Barrett expressed gratitude to the Judge of Elections and Trinity Episcopal Church for a successful voting experience
- Mr. McEwan thanked the Solebury Township Police Department and Chief, Dominick Bellizzie for their work in protecting Solebury Township.

**V. Budget Discussion**

- Budget – Authorization to Advertise for Adoption December 11, 2018  
Mr. Baum Baicker went over the following highlights of the presented budget:
  - Includes a millage increase of .95, bringing the total Township millage to 23.81.
  - Increased the General Fund millage to 8.079 and increased Library to .491 which is to cover a twenty thousand (\$20,000) increase in the annual contribution to the library
  - Includes the costs associated with two (2) full-time police officers

Mr. Baum Baicker stated the hiring of new police officers would be permanent, whereas the library contribution will be evaluated and determined yearly.

Mr. Morrissey thanked Dennis H. Carney for his judicious management of the Township budget, Michele Blood for her analysis of the budget as well as many Solebury Township employees and contractors. Mr. Morrissey also thanked his colleagues on the Board.

**Res. 2018-131 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to advertise the proposed 2019 Budget with the millage increase as recommended and discussed for adoption at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors scheduled for December 11, 2018.**

## **VI. New Business**

- Police Contract – Authorization to Execute

The Collective Bargaining Agreement between Solebury Township and the Police Department has been ratified by the Solebury Township Police Benevolent Association.

Mr. Baum Baicker thanked Dennis H. Carney, Michele Blood and the Solebury Township Police Department for working together to achieve an agreement.

**Res. 2018-132 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was unanimously agreed to authorize execution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Solebury Township and Solebury Township Police Benevolent Association covering the term January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022.**

- Police Pension Ordinance – Amendment – Authorization to Advertise

The proposed ordinance consolidates all police pension plan ordinances; amending and restating the police pension plan for the purpose of providing an early retirement benefit pursuant to Act 24 of 1998.

**Res. 2018-133 – Upon a motion by Mr. McEwan, seconded by Mr. Francis, it was unanimously agreed to advertise the amended Police Pension Ordinance.**

- Resolution to Accept Donation of Property – TMP # 41-002-106-004

The resolution is to accept a 2+ acre property, TMP # 41-002-106-004, with frontage on Sугan and Greenhill Roads. The property owner would like to donate the property to Solebury Township to ensure no home construction takes place on the site.

**Res. 2018-134 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. McEwan, it was unanimously agreed to accept the donation of tax map parcel no. 41-002-106-004.**

- Resolution to Amend Number of Members – Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee

The proposed resolution (copy of which is attached) reconstitutes the Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee with seven (7) members.

**Res. 2018-135 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. McEwan, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the resolution to reconstitute the Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee with seven (7) members.**

## **VII. Announcements/Resignations/Appointments**

- Appointment of Irene Biel to the Land Preservation Committee

**Res. 2018-136 – Upon a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. McEwan, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Irene Biel, Solebury resident, without compensation, to the Land Preservation Committee for term starting January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019.**

- Appointment of Darcy Fair to the Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee

**Res. 2018-137 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Darcy Fair, Solebury resident, without compensation, to the Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee for term starting January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019.**

- Appointment of Barbara Zietchick as Associate Member to the Parks & Recreation Board

**Res. 2018-138 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. McEwan, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Barbara Zietchick, Solebury resident, without compensation, as Associate Member to the Park & Recreation Board for the term starting January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019.**

- Resignation of Patrick Pastella from the Historical Architectural Review Board

Mr. Baum Baicker announced the resignation of Patrick Pastella from the Historical Architectural Review Board. The Board of Supervisors thanked Patrick for his service.

**Res. 2018-139 – Upon a motion by Mr. McEwan, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, the resignation of Patrick Pastella from the Historical Architectural Review Board was unanimously accepted.**

- The Board announced an executive session held on November 8, 2018, prior to the meeting, dealing with Possible Land Acquisition

#### **VIII. Subdivisions/Conditional Uses/Land Developments**

- Shihadeh Escrow Release No. 1

The Township Engineer has reviewed the requested release and has confirmed that the construction items required in connection with the Shihadeh-Honey Hollow land development have been completed to the extent that Eleven Thousand One Hundred Seventy Eight 25/100 Dollars (\$11,178.25) can be release from the escrow fund held by the Township.

**Res. 2018-140 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the release of escrow funds in the amount of Eleven Thousand One Hundred Seventy Eight 25/100 Dollars (\$11,178.25) as approved by the Township Engineer for costs associated with the Shihadeh-Honey Hollow land development.**

**IX. Public Comment - No public comments**

**X. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine Cataldi  
Secretary

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2015-86 TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE AQUETONG SPRING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FROM FIVE TO SEVEN PEOPLE**

**RESOLUTION 2018-135**

**WHEREAS**, the Solebury Township Board of Supervisors created and authorized the Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee (“Committee”) by Resolution 2015-86, dated June 16, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors desires to extend the life of the Committee and to increase the size of the Committee from five (5) to seven (7) members;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township, Bucks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

1. The Aquetong Spring Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) shall consist of seven (7) people who are residents of the Township.
2. The Committee shall continue to exist until further action by the Board of Supervisors.
3. All other provisions of Resolution 2015-86 shall remain in full force and effect.

**RESOLVED, ADOPTED, and APPROVED**, this 8th day of November, 2018 at a regular public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOLEBURY  
TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA

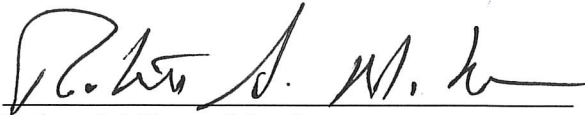
  
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Mark Baum Bajeker, Chair

  
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Keyin Morrissey, Vice Chair

  
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Noel Barrett, Member



John Francis, Member



Robert McEwan, Member

Attest:



Catherine Cataldi, Township Secretary