

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
April 1, 2025 – 9:30 A.M.
Solebury Township Hall/Virtual - Hybrid Meeting
MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Baum Baicker, Chair, Hanna Howe, Vice-Chair, Kevin Morrissey, John S. Francis, Christy Cheever, Christopher Garges, Township Manager, Michele Blood, Assistant Township 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 – March 27, 2025

Res. 2025-60 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Ms. Howe, the list of Bills Payable dated March 27, 2025 was unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2025

A motion was made by Ms. Howe, seconded by Ms. Cheever to approve the Minutes of the March 18, 2025 meeting.

Mr. Francis commented on the following corrections to the minutes:

1. Name correction from John F. Francis to John S. Francis
2. Addition of research and outcome to acreage for the topic of *Land Preservation – Doan Property (2200 Aquetong Road, TMP No. 41-022-174) – Agreement of Sale for Conservation Easement*. Discussion ensued on the request as the research and outcome took place following the March 18, 2025 meeting.
3. Addition of Brent Alderfer’s comments under the topic of *Agricultural Use Ordinance– Authorization to Send to Bucks County and Solebury Township Planning Commissions and Authorization to Advertise*.

The motion was tabled until April 15, 2025 to allow time to review the corrections.

IV. Announcements / Resignations / Appointments

Executive Session

Mr. Baum Baicker announced that an Executive Session was held April 1, 2025, prior to the meeting, dealing with Land Preservation, Lease of Real Property, Possible Property Acquisition and Personnel Matters.

V. Supervisor Comment

- Mr. Baum Baicker announced the new Annual Egg Hunt for Hounds hosted by Solebury Township Parks & Recreation. The Egg Hunt for Hounds will be held at Aquetong Spring Park on April 19, 2025 at 10:00 am.
- Mr. Baum Baicker announced that Chris L. Mikolajczyk, CLM, PrincetonHydro will be presenting an abstract at the 2025 Society for Ecological Restoration Conference. The abstract discusses the entire Aquetong Creek project, from dam removal to current day and the Township’s efforts

as it continues to move forward. PrincetonHydro will be working with Administration for input and accuracy of the presentation.

VI. New Business

Land Preservation – Doan Property (2200 Aquetong Road, TMP No. 41-022-174) – Resolution for Approval of Acquisition of Conservation Easement

The proposed resolution authorizes the acquisition of a conservation easement on 22.498 acres comprising Tax Map Parcel No. 41-022-174 in Solebury Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The Board approved the Agreement of Sale for a Conservation Easement on the Doan property at the March 18, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Mr. Francis questioned the acreage notated on the resolution. Mr. Freed confirmed that the number of acres (22.498) documented on the resolution was the correct acreage. The number documented in the Agreement of Sale is incorrect. The Agreement of Sale is to be corrected at the closing to conform with the resolution.

Res. 2025-61 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Ms. Howe, it was unanimously agreed to approve the Resolution for Approval of Acquisition of Conservation Easement on the Doan Property (2200 Aquetong Road, TMP No. 41-022-174).

Land Preservation - Act 153 – Certification of Eligible Properties to New Hope Solebury School District
Annually, the Board certifies the list of properties that are eligible for the Act 153 program. The Act 153 program authorizes the New Hope Solebury School District Board to exempt by resolution certain real property from further millage increases imposed on real property. The list will be forwarded to the School District.

A motion was made by Sally Drayer and seconded by Phil Johnson the Solebury Township Land Preservation Committee agreed to recommend approval of the Act 153 list of New Hope Solebury School Board tax freeze eligible properties.

Res. 2025-62 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Francis, it was unanimously agreed to certify the list of preserved properties eligible for the Act 153 program.

Resolution Recognizing April 2025 as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month

The proposed resolution proclaims April 2025 as “Pennsylvania Safe Digging Month”, and encourages all Pennsylvanians to visit the Pennsylvania 811 website at www.paonecall.org for information about digging safely.

Res. 2025-63 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Francis, it was unanimously agreed to approve the resolution proclaiming April 2025 as “Pennsylvania Safe Digging Month”, and encourage all Pennsylvanians to visit the Pennsylvania 811 website at www.paonecall.org for information about digging safely.

VII. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Cataldi, Secretary

Resolution

Township of Solebury, Bucks County, Pennsylvania



WHEREAS, the month of April 2025 recognized as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month”, and the initiative sponsored by Pennsylvania 811, a utility notification information center with 53 years of continuous service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and

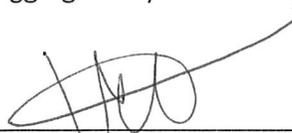
WHEREAS, Pennsylvania 811 received a million excavation notifications in 2024, over 3,000 construction projects in Coordinate PA, and transmitted approximately 6 million notifications to their member facility owners and operators allowing essential utility and construction crews to provide vital underground services and repair of critical infrastructure to communities throughout Pennsylvania, and

WHEREAS, their mission is to prevent damage to underground facilities, to promote safety, provide an efficient and effective communications network among project owners, designers, excavators, and facility owners, and

WHEREAS, when dialing 811, at least three business days before digging, a homeowner or a contractor is connected to a unique service that notifies the appropriate underground utility operators in the municipality in which the work will be performed, and

WHEREAS, by notifying 811 of their intent to dig, the homeowner or contractor is knowingly helping to protect the underground utilities, themselves, work crew, and their neighbors from any unsafe digging practices within their community, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Township of Solebury, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in support of the Pennsylvania Underground Utility Line Protection Law, PA Act 287 of 1974, as amended, we do hereby proclaim April 2025 as “Pennsylvania Safe Digging Month”, and encourage all Pennsylvanians to visit the Pennsylvania 811 website at www.paonecall.org for information about digging safely.


SIGNED Mark Bawn Baicker, Board Chairman

April 1, 2025

DATE