

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
September 2, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.
Solebury Township Hall/Virtual - Hybrid Meeting
MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Baum Baicker, Chair, Kevin Morrissey, John S. Francis, Christy Cheever, Christopher Garges, Township Manager, Michele Blood, Assistant Township Manager, and Catherine Cataldi, Township Secretary. Chief Kelley Warner, Detective/Sergeant Jonathan Koretzky, Annelise Dahlin, Recreation Program Coordinator and Mark L. Freed, Township Solicitor were also in attendance.
Absent: Hanna Howe

The recording device was turned on.

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

II. Approval of Bills Payable – August 28, 2025

Res. 2025-128 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Francis, the list of Bills Payable dated August 28, 2025 was unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2025

Res. 2025-129 – Upon a motion by Ms. Cheever, seconded by Mr. Francis, the Minutes of the August 19, 2025 meeting were approved and posted by a 3-0 vote. Mr. Baum Baicker abstained as he was not at the August 19, 2025 meeting.

IV. Supervisor Comment – No supervisor comment.

V. Budget

Police Department

Chief Kelley Warner and Detective/Sergeant Jonathan Koretzky presented the 2026 Police Department Operational and Capital Budgets highlighting areas of change. Contracted services, departmental telephones, dues and subscriptions, training and education, K9 Funds, police equipment and police vehicles were discussed.

Parks and Recreation

Annelise Dahlin, Recreation Program Coordinator presented the 2026 Parks & Recreation Operational and Capital Budgets highlighting a minimum change to the overall budget. Training, education, travel expenses, new Parks and Recreation programs, facility updates and mowing were discussed.

VI. Presentations

The Free Library of New Hope and Solebury

Stacy Smith, Board of Trustees President and Kara Gasiorowski, Board of Trustees presented an overview of updates to the Free Library of New Hope & Solebury. 2025 Programming, Community Building, Partnerships, Cost Analysis, Contributions, and Fundraising were outlined in the presentation (copy of which is attached). The Free Library of New Hope and Solebury asked the Board to consider an increase in funding by ten percent.

VII. Old Business

Amendment to the Central Bucks EMS Emergency Services Agreement – Authorization to Approve
Discussion on this topic was tabled until a future Board of Supervisors meeting.

VIII. New Business

Land Preservation – Nakashima-Yarnall Property (Aquetong Road, TMP Nos. 41-036-087-006, 41-036-087-010 and 41-036-109-010) – Resolution for Approval of Acquisition of Conservation Easement

The resolution authorizes the acquisition of a conservation easement on 21.73 acres comprising Tax Map Parcel Nos. 41-036-087-006, 41-036-087-010 and 41-036-109-010 in Solebury Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The Board approved the Agreement of Sale for a Conservation Easement on the Nakashima property at the August 19, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Res. 2025-130 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Francis, it was unanimously agreed to approve the Resolution for Approval of Acquisition of Conservation Easement on the Nakashima Property (1858 Aquetong Road, TMP Nos. 41-036-087-006, 41-036-087-010 and 41-036-109-010).

Revised New Hope Borough – Solebury Township Intergovernmental Agreement (Parks/Recreation) – Authorization to Approve

Mr. Garges gave an overview of the agreement.

Res. 2025-131 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to approve the revised New Hope Borough – Solebury Township Intergovernmental Parks and Recreation Agreement.

Former New Hope Crushed Stone Quarry Property, 6970 Phillips Mill Road (TMP No. 41-028-010) – Working Title

The Board held discussion on the temporary working title for the 6970 Phillips Mill Road property.

Res. 2025-132 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Baum Baicker, it was unanimously agreed that Lake Solebury is to be the working title for the 6970 Phillips Mill Road property. The use of this name is to expire September 2, 2027.

Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of the Township Fire Marshal

The resolution (copy of which is attached) establishes a job description, compensation and appointment of the Township Fire Marshal.

The Board and Administration expressed gratitude to Scott Fleischer for over twenty (20) years of service as Township Fire Marshal.

Res. 2025-133 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis and Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to approve the resolution creating a job description, setting compensation and appointing Scott Fleischer as the Township Fire Marshal.

Annual Block Grant to the Fire Companies – Contribution for 2026

The Board discussed the Block Grant contribution for 2026.

Res. 2025-134 – Upon motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Ms. Cheever, it was unanimously agreed that the contribution for 2026 will be budgeted at \$650.00 per active firefighter and active fire police

who reside in Solebury Township and volunteers with any of the three fire companies that serve Solebury Township (New Hope Eagle, Midway and Point Pleasant).

Bid Award – Rock Salt Bid

Bids for rock salt have been received by the Bucks County Consortium and reviewed by Solebury Township Administration.

Res. 2025-135 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to award the Bid for Rock Salt to Morton Salt, Inc.

IX. Public Comment – No public comment

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Cataldi, Secretary

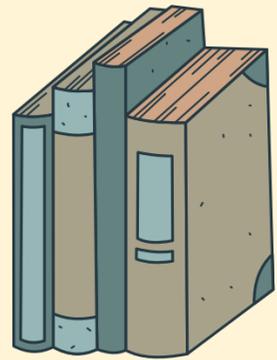


FREE LIBRARY OF NEW HOPE AND SOLEBURY

UPDATES 2025

Presented by: Sam Pharo and Stacy Smith

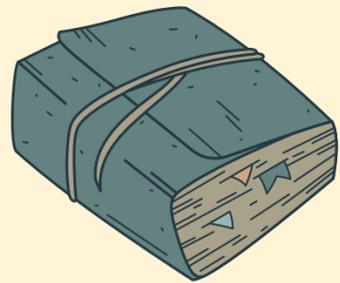
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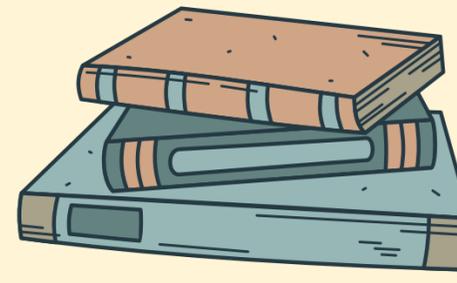
NEW IN 2025



COSTS



**COMMUNITY
BUILDING**

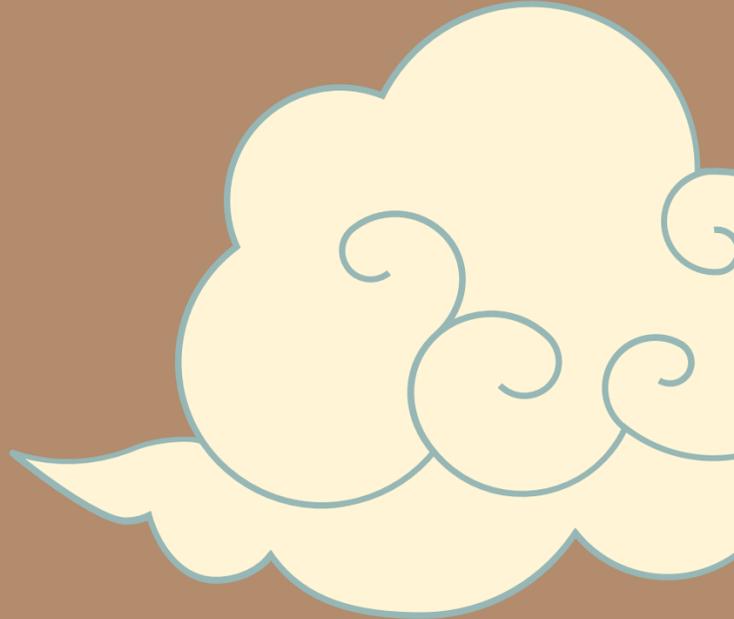
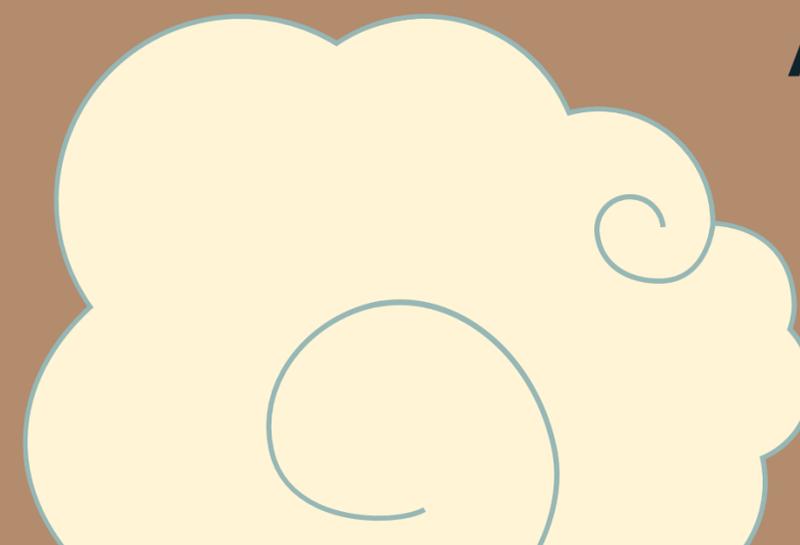


CONCLUSION



THE LIBRARY IS BUSTLING

AN ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY
GATHERING SPACE





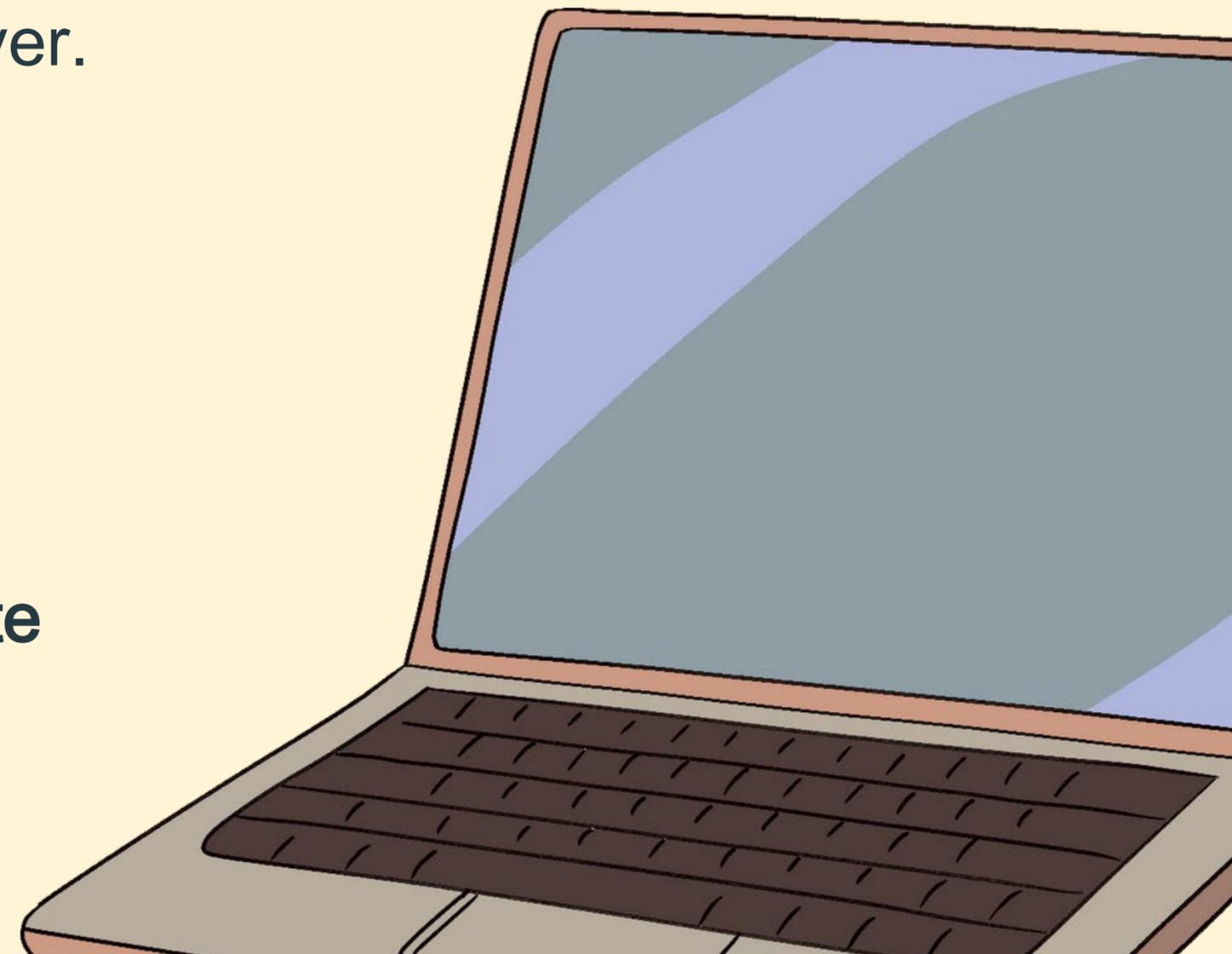
PROGRAMMING 2025



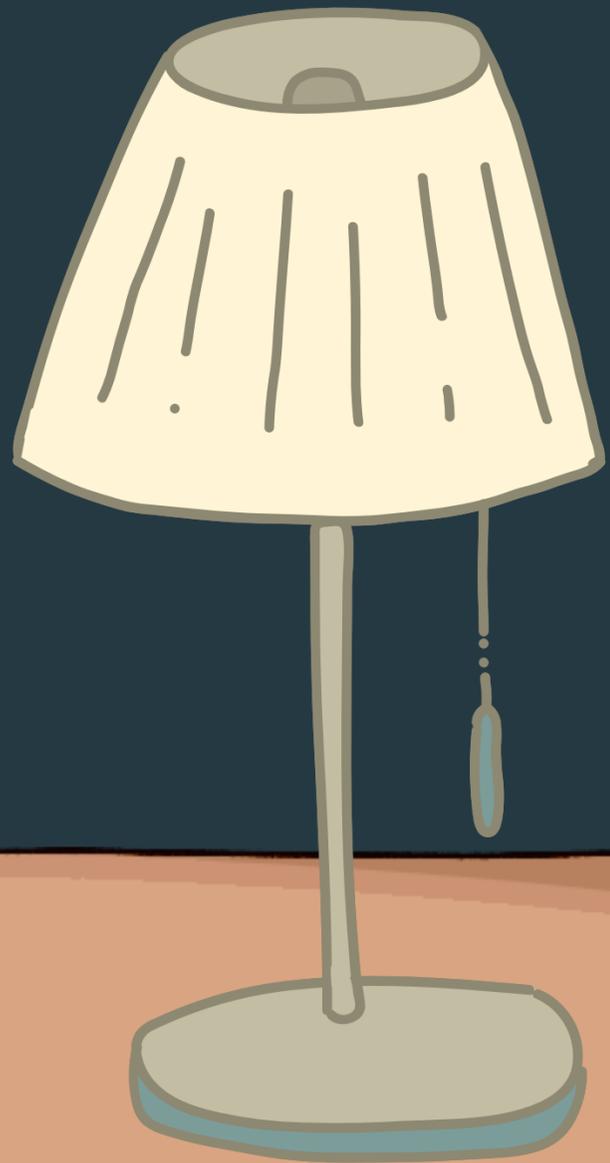
- Summer Reading program- 1,750 children in attendance!
 - After school programs - creative writing, nerd studio, chess club, Lego club
 - Adult Programming - Magic, mah jong, needlecrafts, guided drawing, knitting
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COME ON IN

- The Library is truly for everyone and the community is showing us more love than ever.
- As of August 1, we have had over 25,000 patrons come in to use the Library.
- Overall circulation is up by 6%
- Program attendance is up **216% year to date** compared to last year.

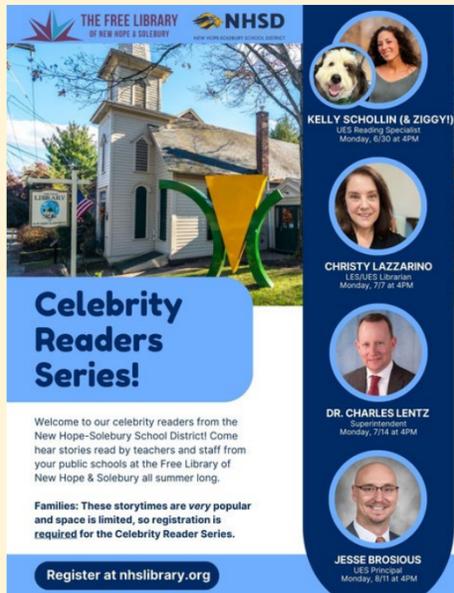


COMMUNITY BUILDING



COMMUNITY

PARTNERSHIPS



THE FREE LIBRARY OF NEW HOPE & SOLEBURY

NHSD

Celebrity Readers Series!

Welcome to our celebrity readers from the New Hope-Solebury School District! Come hear stories read by teachers and staff from your public schools at the Free Library of New Hope & Solebury all summer long.

Families: These storytimes are very popular and space is limited, so registration is required for the Celebrity Reader Series.

Register at nhslibrary.org

KELLY SCHOLLIN (& ZIGGY)
1st Reading Specialist
Monday, 6/30 at 4PM

CHRISTY LAZZARINO
ESOLUS Librarian
Monday, 7/7 at 4PM

DR. CHARLES LENTZ
Superintendent
Monday, 7/14 at 4PM

JESSE BROSIOWSKI
S.E.S. Principal
Monday, 8/11 at 4PM



Thank You!

We are SO grateful to our Summer Reading Log prize sponsors!

THE FREE LIBRARY OF NEW HOPE & SOLEBURY

soulberry NATURAL MARKET

DILLY'S

MANOFF MARKET GARDENS

Pierre's CHOCOLATES

ELUSTREE



Angel's Cards & Gifts

ESOTERICA

Farley's Bookshop

jaZams

PHANTASM COMICS

Tabletop Games

Thank You!

We are so grateful to our Summer Reading Raffle prize sponsors!

THE FREE LIBRARY OF NEW HOPE & SOLEBURY



Thank you to our 2025 Summer Reading Sponsors!

Programming Sponsors

The Haley Foundation

Friends of the Free Library of New Hope & Solebury

Reading Log Sponsors

Pierre's CHOCOLATES

soulberry NATURAL MARKET

Raffle & Prize Sponsors

PHANTASM COMICS



- Celebrity Readers with NHSD
- Summer Reading local business sponsors (14 total)
- Doylestown Health programming
- APEX and BRIDGE partnerships
- Trivia Night at the Logan Inn
- Murder Mystery at Cradle Valley Farm (coming soon)



OUR YEAR SO FAR



STORYTIME YOGA



TRIVIA NIGHT 2025



LOLLY HOPWOOD!

COSTS



ANALYSIS

PERSONNEL COSTS

- Our amazing staff of 3 full time and 2 part time employees cost \$210,000/year
- We cannot provide health care benefits, only a stipend towards their purchase (\$4000/ea)

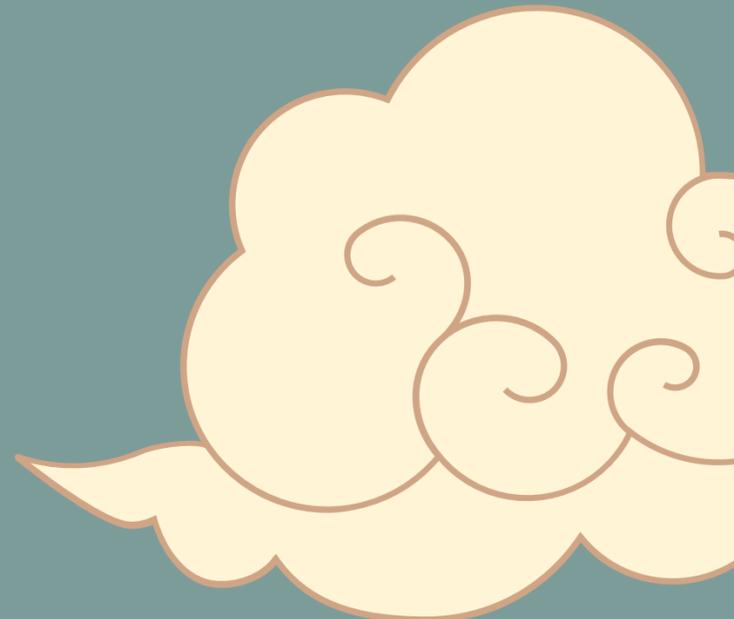
PAYROLL

Librarian: \$75,000
Asst Librarian: \$43,070
Youth Services: \$42,000
Part time staff: \$19,874
(\$17.69/hr)

Open 6 days/week, 52 weeks a year!



CONTRIBUTIONS



Solebury
Township
\$130,000

State Aid
\$37,800

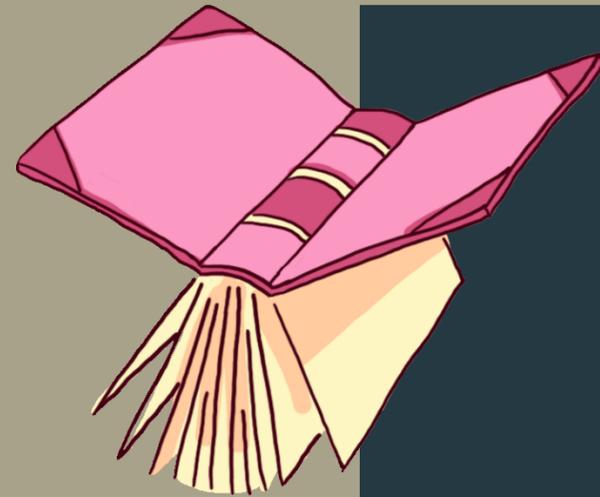
New Hope Borough
\$55,600



The current contributions cover our payroll.
All other funding (programming, maintenance,
utilities and collection) must be donated.



Fighting the Deficit



HELPING TO CLOSE THE GAP

While the library remains a very lean operation, we continue to face planned yearly deficits of \$37,000+

HARD WORK DESERVES REWARD

Our staff is committed to year-round community engagement with the goal of broadening our reach and our patron base, all of which needs sufficient support





FUNDRAISING

2025 Trivia Night

Murder Mystery Night

Friends of the NHS Library

Spring and Fall Fund Drives

Generous Private Donations

Total Raised in 2024:

\$96,697

(Annual Appeals, Spelling
Bee, fines and fees, etc.)



THE LIBRARY DOES ITS PART!

YOU'RE INVITED!

You are invited to a...

Murder Mystery

FALL FUNDRAISER
FOR THE FREE LIBRARY OF
NEW HOPE & SOLEBURY



Friday, September 26th

7:00 p.m.

Cradle Valley Farm



**TICKETS
AVAILABLE
NOW!**



A top-down photograph of a cup of dark coffee on a light-colored saucer, placed next to an open book. The scene is set on a white, wrinkled fabric surface. The book's pages are filled with text, and a small green sprig is tucked between the pages. The overall aesthetic is cozy and intellectual.

Bad libraries
build collections.
Good libraries
build services.
Great libraries
build communities.

~R. David Lanke

CONCLUSION



- The Library continues to offer a great ROI.
- All metrics, attendance especially, are on the rise.
- Programming has doubled!
- Enhanced support is essential.

Thank
you!

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-133

**A RESOLUTION CREATING A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A TOWNSHIP FIRE
MARSHAL, SETTING COMPENSATION FOR THE FIRE MARSHAL AND
APPOINTING THE FIRE MARSHAL**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to create a job description (attached hereto) to establish minimum standards and qualifications for the Fire Marshal;

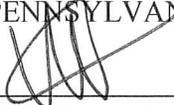
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to establish a level of annual compensation the Township Fire Marshal job classification to be set at Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$2,500);

WHEREAS, Scott Fleischer has faithfully served in this role for several years;

WHEREAS, Scott Fleischer meets all the requirements as set forth in the Job Description for such appointment;

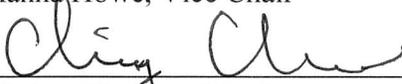
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 2nd day of September, 2025 that the Board of Supervisors approve the appointment of Scott Fleischer as Township Fire Marshal.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOLEBURY
TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA



Mark Baum Baicker, Chair

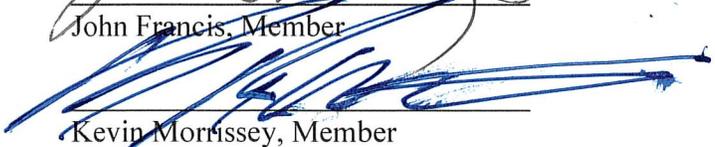
Hanna Howe, Vice Chair



Christy Cheever, Member



John Francis, Member



Kevin Morrissey, Member

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Catherine Cataldi", written over a horizontal line.

Catherine Cataldi, Township Secretary