

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
April 15, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.  
**Solebury Township Hall/Virtual - Hybrid Meeting**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Attendance: Mark Baum Baicker, Chair, Hanna Howe, Vice-Chair, Kevin Morrissey, Christy Cheever, Christopher Garges, Township Manager, and Catherine Cataldi, Secretary. Mark L. Freed, Township Solicitor was also in attendance.

Absent: John S. Francis

The recording device was turned on.

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

**II. Approval of Bills Payable – April 10, 2025**

**Res. 2025-64 – Upon a motion by Ms. Howe, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, the list of Bills Payable dated April 10, 2025 was unanimously approved as prepared and posted.**

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2025 and April 1, 2025**

The March 18, 2025 meeting minutes were tabled from the April 1, 2025 meeting to allow for the updates requested by Supervisor Francis.

**Res. 2025-65 – Upon a motion by Ms. Cheever, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, the Minutes of the March 18, 2025 and April 1, 2025 meetings were unanimously approved and posted.**

**IV. Announcements / Resignations / Appointments**

Executive Session

Mr. Baum Baicker announced that an Executive Session was held April 15, 2025, prior to this meeting, dealing with Property Acquisition, Attainable Housing, Personnel, Zoning and Legal matters

**V. Supervisor Comment**

- Mr. Baum Baicker announced that the Federal Grant Funds for the Emergency Boat Launch project at Hal Clark Park have been frozen.

**VI. Public Hearing**

Historical Architectural Review Board – Certificate of Appropriateness – Patty Patterson (3780 Aquetong Road, TMP No. 41-004-042)

The applicant, Patty Patterson, is interested in replacing the siding and trim of the residence, renovating the three existing chimneys and the installation of a 3-rail spear top fence on the property

1. *Upon a Motion by Patrick Strzelec, seconded by Nancy Ruddle, it was agreed to recommend issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness to Patricia Patterson, 3780 Aquetong Road, TMP # 41-004-042, for the construction of copper chimney caps only. Such approval was done after the fact.*

*The motion passed 6-1. Mr. Peseski voted against the motion.*

2. *Upon a Motion by Larry Peseski, seconded by Scott Minnucci, the Board unanimously voted to continue part of the application for the fencing.*  
*At the meeting, Ms. Patterson withdrew the consideration for window trim work and siding work.*

**Res. 2025-66 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Ms. Howe, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Certificate of Appropriateness to 3780 Aquetong Road, TMP # 41-004-042, as per the recommendation from the Historical Architectural Review Board. Issuance of the Certificate of Appropriateness does not relieve the applicant from obtaining any and all applicable permits prior to commencement of work.**

Historical Architectural Review Board – Certificate of Appropriateness – Erin and Robert Russin (3792 Aquetong Road, TMP No. 41-004-039)

The applicants, Erin and Robert Russin, are interested in the installation of an English Hurtle style fence in the rear yard of the property at 3792 Aquetong Road.

*Upon a Motion by Marnie Newman, seconded by Nancy Ruddle, it was unanimously agreed recommend issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness to Robert & Erin Russin, 3792 Aquetong Road, TMP # 41-004-039, for the construction of rear yard fencing, as described in the application dated February 13, 2025.*

**Res. 2025-67 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Ms. Cheever, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Certificate of Appropriateness to 3792 Aquetong Road, TMP # 41-004-039, as per the recommendation from the Historical Architectural Review Board. Issuance of the Certificate of Appropriateness does not relieve the applicant from obtaining any and all applicable permits prior to commencement of work.**

Alternative Energy & Passive Energy Ordinance – Authorization to Adopt

This topic was eliminated from the agenda. Due to a format issue the Ordinance is to be readvertised for authorization to adopt at a future Board meeting.

## **VII. New Business**

Motor Vehicle Ordinance Update - Authorization to Advertise

The proposed ordinance amends the Solebury Township Code of Ordinances Chapter 15 Section 307 to limit through traffic correct on Lower Mountain Road.

**Res. 2025-68 – Upon a motion by Ms. Howe, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to authorize Township Administration to notify the residents in the vicinity of the restricted area to seek comments, as well as, authorize the advertisement of the ordinance.**

Authorization to Bid – Mowing Contract

The Mowing Bid includes a three (3) year agreement. The Township is to seek prices for two separate options: Gas Powered Equipment; and Electric Powered Equipment which will be considered and awarded at the Tuesday, June 17, 2025 Board meeting.

**Res. 2025-69 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Ms. Cheever, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Bidding for mowing for 2026 to 2028.**

Authorization to Sell on Municibid – 2016 Chevrolet 2500 HD Pickup Truck

The Administration requested the Board for authorization to sell the 2016 Chevrolet 2500 HD Pickup Truck on Municibid.

**Res. 2025-70 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Ms. Howe, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Administration to sell the 2016 Chevrolet 2500 HD Pickup Truck, Vin # 1GC2KUEG4GZ203253 on Municibid.**

Edward Aquilino Zoning Hearing Board Application – Authorize Solicitor to Attend

This topic was eliminated from the agenda.

2025 Sustainability Forum – Authorize and Announce – May 1, 2025 at 6:00 PM

**Res. 2025-71 - Upon a motion by Ms. Cheever, seconded by Ms. Howe, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the 2025 Sustainability Forum to be held on May 1, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the New Hope Solebury High.**

Discussion and Approval of Settlement Agreement – Old Carversville Road

Discussion ensued between the Board, Township Administration and Township Solicitor on the settlement agreement for Old Carversville Road.

Wayne Yetter, resident, expressed appreciation for all the Township’s efforts to reach a settlement in this matter. Mr. Yetter commented on the scope of work defined in the settlement and how it addresses road safety challenges and maintenance.

**Res. 2025-72 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Ms. Howe, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the approval of the Old Carversville Road Settlement Agreement.**

#### **VIII. Public Comment**

- Andrea Henson, resident, questioned the Historical Architectural Review Board’s requirements when approving the Carversville Inn signage. Ms Henson also commented on curbing and pea gravel within the historic district.
- Ms. Henson questioned the Township’s purchase of the New Hope Crushed Stone property.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine Cataldi, Secretary