

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
January 21, 2025 – 6:00 P.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** – December 19, 2024, January 9, 2025 and January 16, 2025

**Res. 2025-21 – Upon a motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Ms. Cheever, the list of Bills Payable dated December 19, 2024, January 9, 2025 and January 16, 2025 were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.**

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes** – December 10, 2024 Budget Meeting, January 6, 2025 Reorganization and January 9, 2025 Work Session – Establish Priorities

**Res. 2025-22 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Ms. Howe, the Minutes of the December 10, 2024 Budget Meeting, January 6, 2025 Reorganization and January 9, 2025 Work Session – Establish Priorities were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.**

**IV. Announcements / Resignations / Appointments**

Executive Session

Mr. Baum Baicker announced that an Executive Session was held January 21, 2025, prior to the meeting, dealing with a Legal Matter and Property Acquisition.

**V. Supervisor Comment**

- Mr. Baum Baicker honored retired Police Sergeant Steve Meredith with words of remembrance.
- Mr. Baum Baicker expressed gratitude to Chief Kelly Warner and Public Works Director Christopher Clewell for their attendance and participation at the January 9, 2025 Priorities meeting.
- Mr. Baum Baicker wished Township Manager Christopher Garges a Happy Fiftieth Birthday.

**VI. Presentation**

2024 Township Achievements

The Board of Supervisors presented the accomplishments for 2024 (copy of which is attached).

**VII. New Business**

Solebury Green Master Plan – Authorization to Approve

Mr. Morrissey gave an overview of the process taken to develop the Master Plan.

Katrina Rogus, SALT Design Studio, gave an overview of the Solebury Green Master Plan.

Mr. Francis notated areas for improvement in the next phase of the project. These improvements include an enhancement on the appeal and safety of the center community area, as well as, the development of connections to adjacent trails, particularly to Logan Square and up to Aquetong Spring Park.

**Res. 2025-23 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Ms. Howe, it was unanimously agreed to approve the Solebury Green Master Plan.**

Setback Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Authorize to Send to Bucks County and Solebury Township Planning Commissions and Authorization to Advertise for Adoption

The proposed ordinance amends the Solebury Township Zoning Ordinance regarding special setbacks for preserved land.

Stephen Phillips, resident, commented on the intention of the setback regulation being for new Subdivision / Land Development.

Edward McGahan, resident, agreed with Mr. Phillips perspective of the setback ordinance.

**Res. 2025-24 – Upon a motion by Ms. Howe, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, it was unanimously agreed to authorize Township Administration to send the proposed ordinance to the Bucks County and Solebury Township Planning Commissions for review, as well as, authorize the advertisement of the ordinance for adoption at the March 18, 2025, Board meeting.**

Parks & Recreation Board – Decrease in Membership Ordinance – Authorization to Advertise for Adoption

The proposed ordinance decreases the number of members on the Parks & Recreation Board to seven.

**Res. 2025-25 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Francis, it was unanimously agreed to authorize Township Administration to advertise the ordinance for adoption at the February 18, 2025 Board meeting.**

Aquetong Spring Park – Recommendation for Installation of Three Benches along Bird Loop

On August 2, 2024, a site visit of Aquetong Spring Park was performed to determine enhancements for a greater diversity of wildlife and overall ecological health. A recommendation has been made for the installation of three (3) benches along the Bird Loop at Aquetong Spring Park.

Nancy Stock-Allen, resident, gave an overview of the site visits and upcoming projects throughout the park.

The Board suggested that the three benches be offered to sponsors on a lottery basis to provide a fair opportunity for anyone that is interested.

**Res. 2025-26 – Upon a motion by Mr. Morrissey, seconded by Ms. Cheever, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the installation of three (3) benches along the Bird Loop at Aquetong Spring Park.**

Single Waste Hauler – Discussion Regarding Community Survey

The Board reviewed and held discussion on the drafted Single Waste Hauler Community Survey.

Discussion ensued regarding the survey and community input.

Edward McGahan, resident, commented on the variety of resident’s needs and expressed opposition to a single waste hauler.

Eric Allen, resident, expressed support for the survey and a single waste hauler.

**Res. 2025-27 – Upon a motion by Mr. Baum Baicker, seconded by Mr. Francis, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the distribution of the Single Waste Hauler Community Survey to Township Residents.**

**VIII. Public Comment**

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine Cataldi, Secretary