



# NHSRC

## Local & Logical

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### Hate Motivates

**Apparently. Bucks County Republicans got shellacked. What happened? Were Republicans lulled into a false sense of accomplishment after the Presidential Election and took for granted that their candidates would win again, even if they did not get out to vote? Or was there voter fatigue after having completed an exhausting election cycle the year before? Or is it really the case that voters were so filled with hatred for President Trump that they mailed their ballot or marched down to the voting booths to express their displeasure?**

**Whatever the true reason is, the Democrats swamped the vote this time around. Prior to Election Day, in Bucks County, Democrats had already returned over 55,000 ballots verses 20,000 returned for Republicans. The lead proved to be insurmountable for the Republican candidates and we can see the results.**



**I don't have an answer for what is next, but I don't think it is to match hate with hate. There is another election on the horizon. We need to re-group, find good candidates to run and represent us. We hope you will join us in making New Hope, Solebury Township and Bucks County great again.**



# PA Budget Passed - What You Need to Know

Four months late, Gov. Josh Shapiro and state lawmakers agreed on a state budget deal. The agreement spends \$1.4 billion less than Shapiro's reckless, extreme proposal, and uses excessive special fund balances and unspent department allocations to prevent tax hikes and preserve the Rainy Day Fund.

The agreement includes several wins for families and employers, including welfare reforms, expediting permits for business development, blocking energy taxes on working families, and expanding tax credit scholarships for low-income students. Still, the agreement spends too much, expanding a structural deficit, relying on one-time sources, and threatening a tax increase in 2026 or 2027. The Commonwealth Foundation will focus energies over the next year to control spending growth, work with lawmakers to enact cost-saving measures and reforms, and prevent tax hikes on families.

## Key Points

- The 2025–26 budget increases state spending to \$50.09 billion, a 5.1 percent increase.
- Carries forward a \$5.1 billion structural deficit.
- Preserves the Rainy Day Fund and draws from “shadow budget” and lapsed funds.
- Maintains scheduled reduction in Corporate Net Income Tax rate.
- Withdraws from RGGI and blocks new energy taxes.
- Expands permitting reforms and adds transparency.
- Includes cuts for public cyber charter schools.
- Expands EITC—via Economically Disadvantaged Schools—by \$50 million.
- Includes some human services cost savings.

Over the past 15 years, Pennsylvania has lost a net 315,716 residents to other states through migration. Pennsylvanians have been moving to low-tax, economically competitive states, such as Florida, Texas, and North Carolina, which have more competitive tax and regulatory environments.

Thankfully, the budget deal maintains planned tax reductions, prevents energy taxes, and improves the permitting process for business development.

For more information, click [here](#) or go to [CommonwealthFoundation.org](https://CommonwealthFoundation.org)



# Strong Showing at the September Board Meeting

Thirty plus members of the community showed up on a Thursday night at the District Office to express their displeasure for the current School Board President's recent Facebook posts. While she didn't resign - and that was not a response we expected- she did acknowledge that the post left her in an uncomfortable position with the rest of the Board. It also showed that there is a strong contingent in the Township that does not agree with her political beliefs and personal opinions.

Interestingly enough, of the few members that came to her defense at the end of the Public Comment portion of the meeting, the majority of them are elected Democrat Public Officials and/or Committee Officers for the New Hope Solebury Democrat Party. And while we are all for getting involved politically at the local level, it is interesting that the President says that her political views do not instruct her judgement regarding the direction of the School Board and yet the community members that showed up at the end of meeting (were called in) to speak in her defense are prominent Democrat figures in the community.

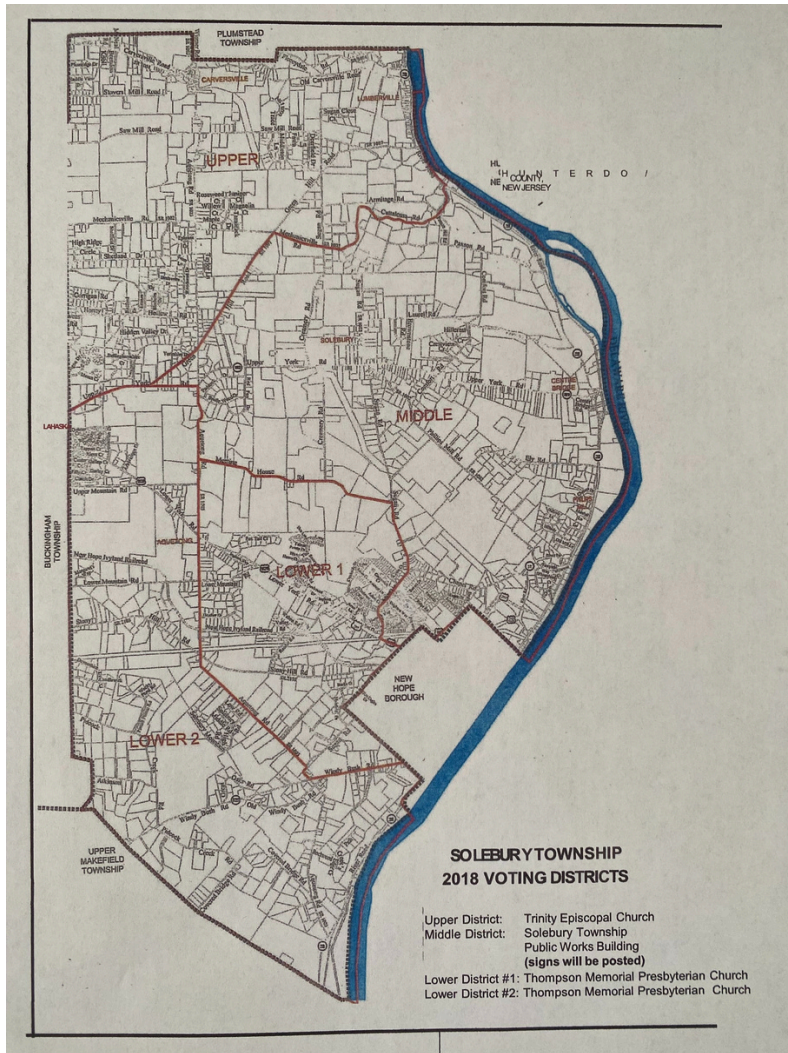
The election has taken place. There were four Democrats elected (or re-elected) to the Board positions. The Republican side did not have any candidates this election cycle. The Re-Org Meeting will take place on **December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm**. We are asking that you show up and express your opinion if you agree with us that Judy Finn should not continue as School Board President and that another member of the Board should instead assume that role.





# VOTE VOTE VOTE

## All Voting Is Local



### Polling Places:

**Lower District #1 - Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church  
1680 Aquetong Road**

**Lower District #2 - Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church  
1680 Aquetong Road**

**Middle District - Solebury Township Public Works Building  
3092 Sugan Road**

**Upper District - Trinity Episcopal Church  
6587 Upper York Road**

**New Hope/Solebury:  
House of Representatives - District 1  
PA State Senate - District 10  
PA State House - District 29**

## Our Beliefs:

- \* A belief in smaller government, and by extension, a belief that the size and reach of the federal government should be limited.
- \* A belief that the proper function of government is to provide those few things that have to be done but cannot be done, or done well, by the private sector.
- \* A belief in fiscal conservatism, embodied in limited taxation and limited government spending.
- \* A belief in strong national defense to preserve the peace and protect our national interests abroad.

**The New Hope Solebury Republican Club meets every third Wednesday of the month  
at 7pm.**

**Contact us for more information:**

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