

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APRIL 08, 2024**

1. Call to Order: The April 8, 2024 action meeting of the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Montgomery Township Municipal Building, 1001 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA. Chairwoman Candyce Fluehr Chimera called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair Candyce Fluehr Chimera
Supervisor Tanya C. Bamford
Supervisor Annette M. Long
Supervisor Beth A. Staab
Vice Chair Audrey R. Ware
Township Solicitor Sean Kilkenny, Esq.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Police Chief J. Scott Bendig
Fire Chief Bill Wiegman
Director of Finance Brian Shapiro
Director of Planning & Zoning Marianne McConnell
Director of Public Works Greg Reiff
Director of IT Richard Grier
Recording Secretary Deborah Rivas

2. & 3. Pledge of Allegiance and Announcements: Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Chimera made the following announcements:

- Local Government Week is April 8th through the 14th. Montgomery Township is proud to acknowledge this occasion, celebrating the foundational role local government plays in the vitality and well-being of our community, serving as the backbone that supports our residents and businesses in countless ways.
- Upcoming Events: April 13 – Leaf and Yard Waste Curbside Pickup, April 20 – Electronic Recycling Event, April 27 – Arbor Day Tree Giveaway in Honor of Roy Rodriguez, and May 24 – Stars, Stripes and Remembrance.

4. Public Comment: Ms. Chimera asked for public comment from the audience, and there was none.

5. Announcement of Executive Session: Township Solicitor Sean Kilkenny, Esquire, announced that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session earlier this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Township building to discuss one real estate matter, one litigation matter and one potential litigation matter. Mr. Kilkenny stated that the topics discussed are legitimate subjects of an Executive Session under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law.

6. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried (5-0), the minutes of the March 25, 2024 Board meeting, the payment of bills for April 8, 2024, the ratification of the Real Estate Tax Appeal Settlement for 140 Domorah and the ratification of the Real Estate Tax Appeal Settlement for 749 Bethlehem Pike were all approved as submitted.

Public Hearing:

7. Adoption of Ordinance #24-339 – Amendments to Zoning Chapter 230 – Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, second by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried, the public hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Kilkenny entered the exhibits into the record, T1 – Advertisement, T2 – Ordinance Amendment 24-339, and T3 – Review letters from the Montgomery County Planning Commission and the Montgomery Township Planning Commission. Ms. McConnell reported that Township staff and consultants are recommending amendments to the Zoning Code, Chapter 230, to create provisions for “Standby Generators”; to revise the definition and provisions for “Special Events”; to create separate provisions for “Temporary Outdoor Sales”; to permit changeable copy signs for institutional uses located in residential districts and amend the copy change rate; to create provisions for “Menu/Drive-Through Signs”; and to prohibit storage above ground or partially above ground of inflammable or explosives materials over 550 gallons. Ms. Bamford questioned the wording of standby generators and the confusion between portable and whole-house generators. This ordinance refers to whole-house generators. The hearing closed at 7:11 p.m.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board adopted Ordinance #24-339 – Amendments to Zoning Chapter 230 for standby generators, special events/temporary outdoor sales, changeable copy signs, drive-through signage and above ground storage tanks.

Planning and Zoning:

8. Village Shopping Center – Sewage Facilities Planning Module – Carl Weiner, Esquire, representing the applicant, Harry Hassan, stated that they are requesting the Board’s approval to submit a sewer planning module to the DEP for the renovations of the Village Shopping Center. The purpose is to allow the DEP to undertake its review of the planning module. Ms. Chimera explained that the matter had been tabled at the prior meeting to allow the Board to take additional time to do their due diligence and review the matter with Township consultants. The Board has had the opportunity to do so and is comfortable moving forward.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Staab, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board adopted Resolution 2024-07, Plan Revision DEP Review for New Land Development relating to the Village Shopping Center.

Public Works:

9. Award Contract for Stormwater Improvement Project at Bedford Basin:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board awarded the contract for the Storm Sewer Infrastructure Improvements at Bedford Basin at AH Cornell and Son, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$66,699.50 per the recommendation of Gilmore & Associates, Township Engineer.

10. Award Contract for 2024 Lawn Care Treatment:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board awarded the contract for the 2024 Lawn Care Treatments to Moyer & Son, Inc., the only responsible bidder, in the amount of \$20,013.00 per the recommendation of the Township.

Administration and Finance:

11. Installation of CCTV and Access Control for Public Works Building: Mr. Grier reported that \$36,500 was budgeted to install an access control and security camera system for the Public Works Building at 90 Domorah Drive. After additional review of the Public Works buildings, it was recommended that additional cameras and locks be included. The final cost will be \$48,168.97.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board awarded the contract for the purchase of an Avigilon Access Control and Camera system from CM3 Building Solutions, an authorized vendor under the Co-Stars Cooperative Purchase Program, at a total cost of \$48,168.97 per their quote.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Ms. Bamford expressed condolences on the Board's behalf for the loss of longtime Public Works employee Steve Wiater, who passed away on April 3, 2024. Mr. Reiff stated that the department feels the loss, and Steve will be unreplaceable with his knowledge of everything and unique personality. Ms. Chimea commented on a letter from a woman traveling through the Township who had broken down on the side of the road. The traveler was genuinely surprised by the number of people and emergency personnel who stopped to assist her. She specifically mentioned Officer Jake Millevoi as being extra helpful.

12. Adjournment: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera and seconded by Ms. Long, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Rivas, Recording Secretary