

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APRIL 11, 2022**

1. Call to Order: The April 11, 2022 public meeting of the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Montgomery Township Municipal Building, 1001 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA. Chairwoman Tanya C. Bamford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE:

Police Chief, J. Scott Bendig
Fire Chief, William Wiegman
Director of Finance, Brian Shapiro
Director of Admin & HR, Ann Shade
Director of Public Works, Greg Reiff
Director of Planning, Bruce Shoupe
Director of Information Technology, Rich Grier
Recording Secretary, Deborah Rivas
Information Technology, Wes Whitaker

2. & 3. Pledge of Allegiance and Announcements: Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the following announcement was made by Ms. Bamford:

- Upcoming events: Saturday, April 23, 2022 – Electronic Recycling Event from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the William F. Maule Park at Windlestrae and Arbor Day Tree Giveaway from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at Gazebo Park at the Township building.
- Food Drive at the Giant Supermarket on Saturday, April 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Educational Rain Garden Event, sponsored by the Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee, will be held at the Community and Recreation Center on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

4. Public Comment – Ikram Siddiqui of 111 Eaton Drive expressed his disappointment with the recent real estate tax increase.

Amy Hanson of 116 Gwynmont Drive inquired about the status of the Backyard Chicken Ordinance. The draft ordinance is currently under review with the Montgomery County Planning Commission and the Montgomery Township Planning Commission. After the reviews are received, the ordinance would go before the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Linda Brooks of 217 Mallard Drive expressed her concerns regarding the clearing and deforestation of Windlestrae Park and her request that future spending of funds be applied to the saving of natural resources instead of recreational facilities.

5. Announcement of Executive Session – Township Solicitor Sean Kilkenny, Esquire, announced that the Board of Supervisors met in an Executive Session earlier this evening at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a litigation and personnel matter. Mr. Kilkenny stated that the topic discussed is a legitimate subject of an Executive Session pursuant to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Sunshine Law.

6. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Staab and unanimously carried (5-0), the minutes of the March 28, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

Planning and Zoning:

7. End of Maintenance Period and Escrow Release – Higher Rock Partners Phase 1:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Long and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board authorized an escrow release in the amount of \$248,403.11 as recommended by the Township Engineer for Higher Rock Partners, LP, releasing Letter of Credit #STB375 issued by Fulton Bank.

8. Proclamation of Arbor Day for Tree City USA:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Staab and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board proclaimed Saturday, April 23, 2022 as Arbor Day in Montgomery Township, and urged all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and further urge citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Administration and Finance:

9. TD Bank as New Township Depository – Ms. McCreary reported that on February 14, 2022 the Board of Supervisors established T.D. Bank as the new corporate credit card vendor for the Township. As part of the banking relationship, T.D. Bank has requested that the Township open an account with them to support the credit card services.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Chimera and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board adopted the Governmental Entity Certificate of Resolution to approve T.D. Bank as a new Township Depository.

Information Technology:

10. Wi-Fi Upgrades for Township Facilities – Mr. Grier reported that the 2022 Capital plan includes funds for upgrades to the Township Wi-Fi at the Township building, Battalion 1 and Public Works. Staff reviewed products from three different vendors and determined that

Ruckus wireless access points and their Cloud management software offered the best options and value.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Long and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board approved the purchase of Wi-Fi upgrades for Township facilities per the quote from CDW-G dated April 4, 2022 at a cost of \$13,490.

Public Safety:

11. Discussion on Traffic Signalization Upgrades on County Line Road: Ms. McCreary reported that she had received a communication from Warrington Township's engineer to determine if the Township would be willing to share in the costs of some improvements to the traffic signals at County Line Road and Rt. 152. This was discussed at a staff meeting with the Township's traffic engineer and included Police Chief Bendig and Officer Dunlap, head of the Highway Safety Unit (HSU). It was noted that none of the crashes were due to intersection or traffic signal design. Consensus was that based on the recent improvements to the intersection and the crash data, signal improvements seem unnecessary. Subsequently, a letter was sent to the Township from the Chairman of the Warrington Township Board of Supervisors requesting the Township amend the signal permit and share in the cost for the installation of louvers at the intersection. This was discussed at the March traffic engineers meeting and the Highway Safety Unit reviewed the request again and staff and the traffic engineers reached the same conclusion. After discussion with the Board, and the assessment of staff and engineers, it was agreed that the Board does not recommend the upgrade and the Township will provide notice to the Chairman of the Warrington Township Board of Supervisors.

12. Advertisement of Bid for Pedestrian Improvements – Gwynedd Crossing & Route 309 – Ms. McCreary reported that earlier this year a recommendation was made for a crosswalk with a pedestrian signal at the Gwynedd Crossing Shopping Center and Route 309. Traffic engineers provided an estimate of \$65,685.13 in March. Officer Jenkins reported that there was a pedestrian struck while attempting to cross Rt. 309 at this location on March 18. The consensus of the group was to recommend to the Board to authorize a bid for proposed pedestrian improvements in this area.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Ware and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board authorized the advertisement of the public bid for pedestrian improvements at Route 309 and the Gwynedd Crossing Shopping Center.

Public Works:

13. Lawn Care Application Contract: Mr. Reiff reported that staff attempted to obtain three (3) quotes from three (3) qualified and responsible vendors for lawn care treatments. It was documented that only one of the vendors, Moyer Indoor/Outdoor is able to meet the specifications of equipment and products set forth by the Township. A quote of \$18,684.00 was

obtained from Moyer Indoor/Outdoor. The treatments are for all Township facilities, including parks.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Staab and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board awarded the contract for the 2022 Lawn Care Treatment to Moyer Indoor/Outdoor, the only qualified vendor, in the amount of \$18,684.00.

14. Adjournment: Upon motion by Ms. Long and seconded by Ms. Chimera, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Rivas, Recording Secretary