

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JANUARY 2, 2024**

REORGANIZATION MEETING

1. Call to Order: The January 2, 2024 reorganization meeting of the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Montgomery Township Municipal Building, 1001 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA. Supervisor Candyce Fluehr Chimera called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Supervisor Tanya C. Bamford
Supervisor Candyce Fluehr Chimera
Supervisor Annette M. Long
Supervisor Audrey R. Ware
Township Solicitor John Walko, Esquire
Township Manager Carolyn McCreary

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Police Chief J. Scott Bendig
Fire Chief William Wiegman
Director of Public Works, Greg Reiff
Director of Information Technology, Rich Grier
Director of Planning & Zoning, Marianne McConnell
Recording Secretary, Deborah A. Rivas
Public Information Coordinator, Derek Muller

ABSENT:

Supervisor Beth A. Staab

2. & 3. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, upon motion by Ms. Long, seconded by Ms. Ware, and unanimously carried, Ms. Chimera was appointed to serve as the Temporary Chair.

4. Nomination and Election of Chairwoman:

Upon nomination by Ms. Long, seconded by Ms. Ware, Ms. Chimera was nominated to serve as Chairwoman. No other nominations were presented, and the Board unanimously elected Ms. Chimera as Chairwoman for 2024.

5. Nomination and Election of Vice Chairwoman:

Upon nomination by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Long, Ms. Ware was nominated to serve as Vice Chairwoman. No other nominations were presented, and the Board unanimously elected Ms. Ware as Vice Chairwoman for 2024.

6. Resolution 2024-01 – Establish Holidays, Meeting Dates, Official Appointments & Treasurer's Bond:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved Resolution 2024-01 – a resolution establishing the Township Holidays for 2024, the Board of Supervisors meeting dates, the official Township appointments and setting the Treasurer's Bond for 2024.

7. Resolution 2024-02 – Acknowledgement of Professional Appointments, Appointments to Boards, Committees & Commissions, Qualifying Depositories, Authorized Signers, Approval of Authorized Drivers and Mileage Reimbursement.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Long and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board adopted Resolution #2023-02, acknowledging the professional appointments, appointing the Volunteer Committee and Board members to new terms, qualifying the depositories, authorizing bank signers, approving the list of authorized drivers and setting the mileage reimbursement.

8. Approval of 2024 Fee Schedule:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Long and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board adopted the 2024 Fee Schedule as presented, effective January 2, 2024.

9. Township Consultant Fees:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Long and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved the fees for 2024 for the appointed Township consultants effective January 2, 2024.

10. Approve Township Manager's Employment Agreement:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Bamford and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board authorized the execution of the Township Manager's Memorandum of Agreement effective for the period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

11. Certify Delegate to Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Ware and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board certified Supervisor Tanya C. Bamford as the voting delegate to represent Montgomery Township at the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Conference for 2024.

12. Appointment of Board Liaisons to Township Committees:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Bamford and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board appointed the following Board members and staff to serve as liaisons to the following committees, boards and agencies for 2024:

- Business Development Partnership – Beth Staab
- Community & Recreation Center Committee – Annette Long
- Environmental Advisory Committee – Beth Staab

- Finance Committee – Audrey Ware
- Human Relations Commission – Tanya Bamford
- Open Space Committee – Carolyn McCreary
- Park and Recreation Board – Tanya Bamford
- Planning Commission – Candyce Chimera
- Police Pension Committee – Carolyn McCreary
- Public Safety Committee – Annette Long
- Ready for 100 Committee – Beth Staab
- Senior Committee – Audrey Ware
- Sewer Authority Board – Tanya Bamford
- Shade Tree Commission – Tanya Bamford

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Bamford and unanimously carried (4-0), the reorganization meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. Call to Order: The January 2, 2024 action meeting of the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairwoman Chimera at 7:13 p.m.

2. Announcements: Ms. Chimera thanked everyone for their generous donations and support of the food, toy and coat drives during the holiday season.

3. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

4. Announcement of Executive Session: Township Solicitor John Walko, Esquire, announced that the Board of Supervisors met virtually in Executive Session via TEAMS on Wednesday, December 13 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. The Board of Supervisors also met in Executive Session earlier this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Township building to discuss one real estate matter and one potential litigation matter. Mr. Walko stated that the topics discussed are legitimate subjects of an Executive Session under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law.

5. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Bamford and unanimously carried (4-0), the minutes of the December 11, 2023 meeting, the Payment of Bills List dated January 2, 2024, and Escrow Release and Start of Maintenance for 113 Magdalena Lane were approved as presented.

Administration and Finance:

6. Removal of Plaque at the Korean War Memorial and American-Korean Alliance Peace Park: Ms. McCreary reported that the Township had received a communication from an individual questioning the installation of a plaque on the rear of a granite monument which appears to have been placed without the Township's knowledge or permission. The individual stated that he was

made aware of this and visited the site to confirm the plaque's presence before contacting the Township Manager. Staff is seeking formal Board action on this matter.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Bamford and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved the removal of the plaque installed at the Korean War Memorial and American Alliance Peace Park, recognizing Master Bong Pil Yang.

7. Resolution 2024-03 – Intergovernmental Agreement with PennDOT: Ms. McCreary reported that PennDOT approached the Township about installing closed-circuit television cameras on signal poles at intersections within the Township to monitor and manage the flow of traffic. The intersections identified are Bethlehem Pike and Taylor Road/McLaughlin Road and Dekalb Pike and Knapp Road. The Solicitor has reviewed the agreement and found no issues with the document.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Long and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board adopted Resolution 2024-03, authorizing the Township Manager to execute the intergovernmental agreement with PennDOT for the installation of closed-circuit cameras.

8. Formation of Municipal Consortium for Wissahickon Water Quality Improvement Plan: Ms. McCreary reported that the regulatory agencies are seeking more details on the governing structure of the Wissahickon Stormwater Group once the alternative watershed improvement plan is approved. The Management Committee explored options and discussed them at recent meetings with input from the consultants, the members and attorneys from Kilkenny Law. In order to ensure the successful implementation of the plan, completion of projects, and sharing of costs, the committee recommends the group transition to a municipal consortium. This Consortium is recognized by the Pennsylvania Code which allows for intergovernmental cooperation.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Bamford and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board accepted the recommendation of the Management Committee of the Wissahickon Water Quality Improvement Plan to form a municipal consortium to further carry out the projects identified in the plan and apply for available funding.

Other Business:

Under other business, Ms. Chimera thanked the Township Supervisors, Township Volunteer Committees, Township Manager, Department Directors and staff for all their hard work in 2023.

7. Adjournment: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera and seconded by Ms. Long, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Rivas, Recording Secretary