

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 10, 2025**

1. Call to Order: The March 10, 2025 action meeting of the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Montgomery Township Municipal Building, 1001 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA. Vice-Chairwoman Annette M. Long called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Vice-Chair Annette M. Long
Supervisor Tanya C. Bamford
Supervisor Candyce Fluehr Chimera
Supervisor Beth A. Staab
Township Solicitor Sean Kilkenny, Esq.
Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Police Lieutenant Gerry Dougherty
Fire Chief William Wiegman
Public Works Director Greg Reiff
Director of Planning & Zoning Marianne McConnell
Director of IT Richard Grier
Public Information Coordinator Derek Muller

ABSENT: Chair Audrey R. Ware-Jones

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Announcement: Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Chimera acknowledged the retirement of long-time Public Works Department employee Darren Garrett. Darren joined the Township as an on-call employee in 1997 and became full-time in 1998. He worked in the department's Parks Division for his entire career. His expertise and experience on maintaining and fixing equipment will be sorely missed. We wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

Ms. Long announced that the Township will host The Wall That Heals, a ¾ scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, from July 10th through the 13th. The Township is currently seeking volunteers to assist visitors during this event. Visit our website MontTwp.org/TheWallThatHeals to sign up for a volunteer shift.

Ms. Long also acknowledged International Women's Day which was held on March 8, 2025, honoring the contributions of women in our community.

3. Public Comment: Ms. Long called for public comment. Albert Gelson of 406 Bonnie Lane stated that he needs help addressing a quality-of-life issue caused by excessive noise from modified vehicles and motorcycles speeding along Line Street between Cowpath Road and Route 309. Mr. Gelson cited studies on noise and sought targeted police enforcement in that area. He also sought help finding a long-term solution.

4. Consent Agenda: Ms. Bamford and Ms. Staab questioned invoices for Hoys Landscaping and the Goose Squad. Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Reiff explained that those contractors are on an as needed basis for salting and snow removal at the community center and for geese removal around certain areas of the Township.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Long, seconded by Ms. Chimera, and unanimously carried (4-0), the minutes of the February 24, 2025 Board meeting and the Payment of Bills for March 10, 2025, in the amount of \$658,801.30 were approved as submitted.

Recognition:

5. Emergency Service Responders – Montgomeryville Skilled Nursing Facility Incident: Chief Wiegman reported that on January 24, 2025, the fire department responded to Montgomeryville Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for a fire alarm activation for a broken sprinkler pipe. The broken pipe caused extensive damage, making the facility uninhabitable and necessitating the evacuation of all 144 patients. Public Safety resources and private ambulance providers responded to the facility to assist the Fire Department and the Montgomery Township Office of Emergency Management with evacuating and relocating this vulnerable population. Various public and private resources from Southeastern PA and the NJ EMS Taskforce were utilized to transport patients to several facilities across the Southeastern Region. This operation had several moving parts, and it took the team approximately 13 hours to evacuate the patients to suitable receiving facilities. Certificates of Recognition will be presented to the various organizations this evening.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Long, seconded by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board recognized the following organizations for their life-saving actions at Montgomeryville Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center on January 24 & 25, 2025:

**Montgomery Township Department of Fire Services
Fire Department of Montgomery Township
Montgomery Township Police Department
Montgomery Township Office of Planning & Zoning
Montgomery County Department of Public Safety
VMSC Emergency Medical Services
NJ EMS Task Force
TowerDIRECT – Tower Health
Southeastern Healthcare Coalition**

Public Safety:

6. New Fire Police Officers: Ms. Long administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Egbert and Mr. Wilhelm.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Long, seconded by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board appointed James Egbert and Ralf Wilhelm to the position of Special Fire Police Officers, effective March 10, 2025, and welcomed Mr. Egbert and Mr. Wilhelm to Montgomery Township.

Public Works:

7. Award the Bid for the Township Building Parking Lot Lights:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Long, seconded by Ms. Chimera and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board awarded the contract for the Administration Building Site Lighting to Olsen Services, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$47,060.00 per the recommendation of Gilmore & Associates, Township Engineer.

8. Authorize the Purchase of a Replacement 2025 CAM Superline Trailer: Mr. Reiff reported that the Public Works Department is scheduled to replace the 2001 Eager Beaver Trailer and is proposing to purchase one 2025 CAM Superline Trailer from Cargo Trailer Sales, Inc. as approved in the 2025 Capital Investment Plan. The Eager Beaver Trailer will be sold on Municibid.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Long, seconded by Ms. Bamford and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board awarded the contract for the purchase of one 2025 CAM Superline Trailer from Cargo Trailer Sales, Inc., an authorized vendor under the Co-Stars Cooperative Purchase Program, at a total cost of \$17,454.00 per their quote dated January 17, 2025.

9. Authorize the Bid Advertisement for the Tennis Court Improvements at Spring Valley Park:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Long, seconded by Ms. Bamford and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board authorized the advertisement of the bid for the four tennis court improvements at Spring Valley Park utilizing PennBid.

10. Authorize the Bid Advertisement for the Replacement of the Stump Road Pedestrian Bridge:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Long, seconded by Ms. Chimera, and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board authorized the advertisement of the bid for the replacement of the Montgomery Elementary Pedestrian Bridge utilizing PennBid.

11. Authorization to Purchase a Replacement Zero-Turn Mower:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Long, seconded by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved the purchase of one Toro Z Master 7500 Series (Model #72076) zero-turn mower from Turf Equipment and Supply Company, an authorized vendor under the Co-Stars Cooperative Purchase Program, at a total cost of \$27,982.36 per their quote dated February 13, 2025.

Parks and Recreation:

12. Approval of the Spring/Summer 2025 Programs and Fee Schedule: Mr. Shaffer presented the lineup of activities at the Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center

(MontCRC) for Spring/Summer 2025, including the recommended fees/charges for each program/event.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board approved the 2025 Spring/Summer Recreation Program and Fee Schedule as submitted.

New Business:

13. Update on Red Light Camera Enforcement Initiative: Lt. Dougherty provided an update on the Red Light Camera Enforcement Initiative. Two red light camera intersections will go live this Thursday, March 14, 2025. Those intersections are Route 202 and Horsham Road and Route 309 and North Wales Road. There will be a 60-day written warning period where violators will be notified, but not cited. After 60-days, all violations will be reviewed by Montgomery Township Highway Safety Police Officers. If a vehicle is before the white line when the light turns red and then proceeds through the intersection, that would be a violation. Civil violations will be issued, and a link will be provided so that the motorist can view the violation directly.

14. Adjournment: Upon motion by Ms. Long and seconded by Ms. Chimera, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Rivas, Recording Secretary