

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 13, 2025**

1. Call to Order: The October 13, 2025 action meeting of the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Montgomery Township Municipal Building, 1001 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA. Chairwoman Audrey R. Ware-Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Police Chief William Peoples
Fire Chief William Wiegman
Director of Finance Blaine Bergey
Director of Planning & Zoning, Marianne McConnell
Director of Public Works Greg Reiff
IT Systems Administrator Favian Zendejas
Recording Secretary Deborah A. Rivas

2. & 3. Pledge of Allegiance and Public Comment: Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Ware-Jones called for public comment. Paul Bradshaw of 112 Knollwood Drive requested that the Board provide a porta-potty to be installed at the Bark Park. As many people are visiting the park, he feels it is warranted. Mr. Bradshaw also requested that the Board address the Lansdale Avenue drainage issue. Whenever it rains heavily, he stated that the water flows down and floods Knollwood Drive. It has been a problem since the development was built and has never been adequately addressed. Mr. Reiff explained that the Township is aware of the situation. Being an older development, there is not much that can be done. Some swales run through the properties to help drain the water, but addressing a problem upstream will cause additional significant problems for the properties downstream.

4. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Ware-Jones, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried (5-0), the minutes of the September 23, 2025 Board meeting, the payment of bills for October 13, 2025 in the amount of \$1,351,327.50 and the end of maintenance for Krispy Kreme were approved as submitted.

Recognition:

5. Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Ms. Chimera reported that Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) is a national campaign observed every October, dedicated to raising awareness about domestic violence and supporting survivors. Congress declared October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1989, and since then, organizations and individuals across the country have united to uplift the needs, voices, and experiences of survivors. For DVAM 2025, the Domestic Violence Awareness Project introduces the theme "With Survivors,

Always." This theme encourages communities to explore what it means to be in partnership with survivors, emphasizing safety, support, and solidarity. It is both a call to action and a commitment to advocate for survivors' needs and rights. Throughout October, Montgomery Township and its partners will engage in educational and outreach activities to promote awareness, prevention, and support for survivors of domestic violence.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board adopted Resolution 2025-18, recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Public Safety:

6. Fire Prevention Week: Chief Wiegman reported that this year's theme for Fire Prevention Week is "Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-ion Batteries in Your Home." The theme will focus on education the public about the safe use of Lithium-ion batteries, which are commonly found in many household devices such as smartphones, laptops, e-bikes, and power tools. The Department of Fire Services and the F.D.M.T. will engage in various fire prevention activities throughout the month to promote fire safety in our community, including Emergency Services Night, with Lowes Home Improvement, the Township's Autumn Festival, school presentations, fire inspections, business staff training, and other activities.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Ware-Jones, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board recognized Fire Prevention Week 2025 in Montgomery Township and thanked the Department of Fire Services and F.D.M.T. for their work to promote fire safety throughout our Township.

7. Ratification of Purchase of Replacement Access Control Entry System: Chief Peoples reported that the police department refurbished the Communications Center in 2012. As part of the project, the department installed an Access Control Entry System that enabled card access for department members to specific areas of the police department based on their access level requirements, including the Communications Center, Armory, Evidence, and all exterior doors. The system also recorded the date and time of an individual who accessed secure areas. On September 24, 2025, the Access Control Entry System experienced a catastrophic failure, resulting in a complete system failure. Technicians attempted to repair the system, resulting in a partial restoration of operations. A quote was obtained from CM3 Building Solutions, an authorized vendor under the CoSTARS Cooperative Purchasing Program contract, dated September 26, 2025. The total cost for the project is \$15,500. A total of \$16,000 was requested in the 2025 Budget but was deferred to the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Ware-Jones, seconded by Ms. Long and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board ratified the purchase and installation of an Access Control Entry System from CM3 Building Solutions, an authorized vendor under the Costars Cooperative Purchasing Program, at a total cost of \$15,500.00

Public Works:

8. Purchase of Salt through the 2025-2026 Montgomery County Consortium Cooperative Rock

Salt Contract: Mr. Reiff reported that the Township is participating in the Montgomery County Consortium Rock Salt Contract administered by the Borough of Hatfield. Under public comment, Homer Elizardo of 119 Embassy Drive inquired about the specifications of the Consortium contract and the amount the Public Works Department is committed to purchasing. Mr. Reiff responded that the Township usually commits to 3,000 tons plus/minus in calculating our needs. Mr. Elizardo inquired if the department would need additional salt, as it appeared that the storage shed was full. Mr. Reiff explained that the department purchases and fills the shed at the end of the season at last year's prices to avoid running low and paying the new prices to refill the shed.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Ware-Jones, seconded by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board approved the Township's participation in the Montgomery County Consortium Cooperative Rock Salt Contract, awarded to Morton Salt, Inc. for the purchase of bulk rock salt at a price of \$63.61 per ton delivered.

Administration and Finance:

9. Authorize Sale of Municipal Equipment by Online Auction: Mr. Bergey reported that the Township, by resolution, is authorized to dispose of surplus assets through Municibid, an online auction company. The items being proposed for sale include six vehicles from the Police Department and four vehicles from the Public Works Department, along with a variety of mowers, snow plows, traffic signal controllers, and a concrete saw. Board members inquired if staff were aware of the value of items and how much the Township might receive. Staff will be uploading the items to Municibid and setting any reserves, if needed, prior to the start of the auction. As the items are being auctioned to the highest, staff cannot assume how much will be received. However, the Board will ultimately award the sale amounts, if approved, once the auction closes.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Ware-Jones, seconded by Ms. Long and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board authorized the sale of the attached list of equipment through the online auction company Municibid.

10. Distribution of 2025 Act 205 General Municipal Pension System State Aid:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Ware-Jones, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board accepted the recommendation to allocate the 2025 Act 205 General Municipal Pension System State Aid to the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$397,119.17 and to the Non-Uniformed Employee Pension Plan in the amount of \$295,002.82.

Old Business:

New Business:

11. Adjournment: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford and seconded by Ms. Long, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Rivas, Recording Secretary