

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

**1. Call to Order:** The virtual February 22, 2021 action meeting of the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chair Tanya C. Bamford. The meeting was held remotely by a live-stream event due to an unexpected winter storm. The public and all interested parties were invited to view and participate in the meeting via a web link that was accessible on the Township's website and social media pages.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Police Chief J. Scott Bendig  
Director of Finance Brian Shapiro  
Director of Fire Services William Wiegman  
Director of IT Rich Grier  
Director of Public Works Greg Reiff  
Recording Secretary Deborah A. Rivas

**2. & 3. Pledge of Allegiance and Public Comment:** Following the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, Chair Tanya C. Bamford called for public comment from the audience, which was available by previously submitted email questions and a live chat during the meeting. There was no public comment submitted.

**4. Announcements:** Ms. Bamford thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work during the last several snow storms. She also reminded residents that their sidewalks need to be shoveled within 24 hours after the storm ceases. Ms. Bamford also announced that the Township has several employment opportunities available at this time. Interested candidates can view the Township website for information.

**5. Announcement of Executive Session** – Township Solicitor Sean Kilkenny, Esquire, announced that the Board of Supervisors met in an Executive Session immediately following their public meeting on February 8, 2021 to discuss one item of potential litigation and three personnel matters. Mr. Kilkenny stated that the topics discussed are legitimate subjects 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, the minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting and the Bills List dated February 22, 2021 were approved as presented.

**7. Appointments: Human Relations Commission Members** This item was tabled to the next Board meeting.

**Public Works:**

**8. Award of Contract for 2021 Curb & Sidewalk Project:**

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Chimera and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the contract for the 2021 Curb & Sidewalk Project to Drumheller Construction Co., Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$59,492.00 per the recommendation of Gilmore & Associates, Township Engineer.

**9. Award of Contract for 2021 In-House Paving Project:**

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Chimera and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the contract for the 2021 In-House Paving Project to Allan Myers, L.P., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$429,493.32 per the recommendation of Gilmore & Associates, Township Engineer.

**10. Authorization to Purchase Replacement Wheel Balancer:**

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Mr. Quigg and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the contract for the purchase of one 2021 Hunter SmartWeight Touch Balancer from Mohawk Resources LTD, an authorized vendor under the Co-Stars Cooperative Purchase Program, at a total cost of \$9,818.18.

**Planning & Zoning:**

**11. Waiver of Formal Land Development Application – 425 Stump Road Associates, LLC:** Christen G. Pionzio, Esquire, representing 425 Stump Road Associates, formally requested a waiver of land development to construct a new access ramp onto the rear of the existing building located at 425 Stump Road. Ms. Pionzio reported that the building will be adding a new tenant and that tenant requires a very large and expensive printer be installed as part of their production and the ramp is required for the delivery. The Township code defines this new ramp as a structure, which triggers the Township's land development requirement. Discussion followed and all were in favor of approving the waiver.

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Long and unanimously carried, the waiver of formal land development requirements was approved for the construction of the access ramp at 425 Stump Road, based on a review of the Township Engineer and the Department of Fire Services.

**12. Construction Escrow Release 4 and Start of Maintenance Period – 309 Automall Properties, L.P. – Montgomeryville Nissan**

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Mr. Quigg and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the construction escrow release #4 in the amount of \$369,570.50 for the 309 Automall Properties, L.P. – Montgomeryville Nissan, contingent upon the developer satisfying all outstanding Township invoices related to this project, and receipt of an approved maintenance security by the Township Solicitor in the amount of \$61,647.62.**

**13. Board Positions for Zoning Hearing Board Applications:** Mr. Kilkenny presented the four applications to be considered by the Zoning Hearing Board at their March meeting. The four applications are for 108 Major Drive for a fence; 202 Marketplace/411 Doylestown Road for a proposed outdoor play area for a future Day-Care Center in the side yard; 801 & 805 Horsham Road for parking space requirements and 101, 103, 105 & 107 Wynstone Ct. for a variance to construct decks within the 50 foot wide buffer area in the rear of the homes. The Board declined to intervene on any of the applications.

#### **Administration & Finance:**

**14. Agreement with Constellation Energy to Supply Electrical Energy:** Ms. McCreary reported that in December of 2017, the Board authorized staff to execute a contract with Constellation Energy for electric energy for a three-year contract through the PA Municipal League's "Municipal Utility Alliance Program" (MUA). The current contract expired in December. Staff has contacted Constellation to procure new rates and also requested that they provide rates that utilize 100% Green electric generation. Ms. McCreary stated that based on initial pricing, as compared to the rates in 2017, the Township would realize an overall reduction in cost with a 100% Green electric purchase.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Staab and unanimously carried, the Board approved the execution of a contract with Constellation Energy for electrical energy supply for a five-year period for the Township buildings and streetlights and authorized the Township Manager to execute the five-year agreement on behalf of the Township.**

**15. Authorization to Participate in the Montgomery County Consortium Fuel Bid:** Ms. McCreary reported that staff is recommending that the Board authorize the Township's participation in the current Montgomery County Consortium Fuel Bid and to participate in the future fuel bids with the Consortium. By joining the MCC fuel bid, the Township will receive favorable pricing based on bulk purchasing as the MCC has lower pricing for fuel purchases and the Township will realize savings.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Long and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Township's participation in the MCC fuel bid effective immediately and for future bids.**

**16. Authorization to Issue RFP for Investment Consultant – Police Pension Fund:** Ms. McCreary reported that the Township chose Citigroup Global Markets to manage the investment of and maintain custody of all cash, securities and other investments of the Police Pension Fund. Citigroup merged with Morgan Stanley Wealth Management. The Police Pension plan is a defined benefit plan and the Township is required to meet the pension obligations regardless of state aid received, plan performance, etc. As almost 15 years has passed, staff is recommending the Board grant authorization to prepare an RFP for investment consultant services for this plan.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Chimera and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Township Manager to prepare and distribute an RFP for investment consultant services for the Police Pension Fund.**

**17. Adoption of Resolution to Extend Participation in the Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership Intergovernmental Agreement:** Ms. McCreary stated that the Township has participated in the Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership since its inception in 2016. The group is comprised of municipalities, the City of Philadelphia, and other stakeholders including the PA Environmental Council, and the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association. The partnership was established to develop an Alternative to the proposed EPA Total Phosphorus TMDL. Staff is recommending that the Township continue to participate in the partnership.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Chimera and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution #2021-18, extending the Township's participation in the Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership by renewing the intergovernmental agreement.**

**18. Other Business: Department and Committee Liaison Reports:** Ms. Bamford reported on the most recent Sewer Authority Board meeting. The Sewer Authority GIS system was demonstrated and Ms. Bamford provided facts about the Township's sewer system, including the number of manhole covers, length of pipeline, numbers of parcels and various statistics of the Township's sewer system. Ms. Bamford also reported on the latest Bio Bot study which indicated that the number of COVID cases in the Township were decreasing, but also that the virus is still present in the Township. Ms. Bamford recommended that everyone continue to use safety protocols.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Ms. Bamford and seconded by Ms. Staab, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Rivas, Recording Secretary