

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 13, 2023**

1. Call to Order: The March 13, 2023 action meeting of the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Montgomery Township Municipal Building, 1001 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA. Chair Candyce Fluehr Chimera called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

2. & 3. Pledge of Allegiance and Announcements: Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the following announcements were made:

- The Community and Recreation Center will host a Spring Craft Fair on March 25th from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, please visit MontCRC.com.
- Ms. Staab and Ben Hartranft of 105 Bellows Way announced that an Autism Awareness and Acceptance event will be held at the Montgomery Mall on Sunday, April 2, 2023. The event will have inclusive activities, program sponsors, helpful resources, businesses, service providers and raffles to support the Eagles Autism Foundation. Ms. Staab inquired if Montgomery Township could become a sponsor of the event and include Police and Fire staff as participants and provide communications and social media posts to help promote the event. Discussion followed. Concerns were raised regarding what a sponsorship would entail and liability issues, as well as the parameters in general that the Board would like to follow with regard to sponsoring and/or participating in events that are not official Township events. There were also concerns about inexperienced young police canines being in an environment with non-verbal children. It was agreed that the Township could certainly participate in the event. Chief Bendig indicated that Officer Jason English was already a participant, and Chief Wiegman reported that the Fire Department would also be participating. All were in favor of not bringing the Police canines to this event. The Board consensus was not to sponsor the event but to participate and provide promotional communications support through social media, etc.

4. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

5. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Bamford and unanimously carried, the minutes of the February 27, 2023 meeting, the Payment of Bills List dated

March 13, 2023, and the Construction Escrow Release No. 7 for Firefox Phase 2 were approved as presented.

Introduction:

6. Volunteer Committee Appointments: Ms. McCreary reported that several applications were received from residents interested in volunteering to serve on Township Boards and Committees. They are present this evening to introduce themselves and provide some information about their interest in serving.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Long and unanimously carried, Linda Block-Love was appointed to the Environmental Advisory Committee for the remainder of the term that expires on January 1, 2024; Barb Galante was appointed to the Senior Committee for the remainder of the term which expires on January 1, 2024, and Alex Rigney was appointed to the Planning Commission as an Alternate for the remainder of the term which expires on January 1, 2025.

Public Safety:

7. Purchase of Replacement Computers: Chief Bendig reported that the department is scheduled to replace eight (8) computers in accordance with the replacement schedule advocated by Rich Grier, Director of Information Technology for the Township. A quote was received from an authorized vendor under the Co-Stars Cooperative Purchase Program, Computer Design & Integration, LLC at a total cost of \$14,256.61.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Bamford and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the contract for the purchase of eight (8) desktop computers from Computer Design & Integration, LLC, an authorized vendor under the Co-Stars Cooperative Purchase Program, at a total cost of \$14,256.61 per their quote.

8. Purchase of Replacement Sidearms, Shotguns and Accessories: Chief Bendig reported that the department proposes to replace the current Glock sidearms carried by officers on duty and shotguns secured in the police vehicles. Quotes were received for the sidearm duty holsters and shotguns. The sidearms were bid on PennBid Online Bid Management and a bid was received from Witmer Public Safety Group, the lowest responsible bidder, to provide the replacement sidearms and sighting system.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the contract for the purchase of replacement sidearms, shotguns, and accessories, from Witmer Public Safety Group and Aliengear Holsters at a total cost not to exceed \$46,407.39.

Public Works:

9. Purchase of Trench Shoring: Mr. Reiff reported that the Public Works Department attempted to obtain three quotes from qualified and responsible vendors for the purchase of trench shoring. Two vendors provided quotations. The trench shoring will provide wall stability to ensure the safety of the Public Works staff while digging trenches and was approved in the 2023 Capital Investment Plan. Under public comment, Vince Tulio of 101 Glasgow Circle stated that if digging more than four feet deep, OSHA law requires that the trench shoring is OSHA certified and that an OSHA certified ladder is used, otherwise, there are steep fines. Mr. Tulio inquired if the trench shoring was OSHA certified. Mr. Reiff will check. Later in the meeting, it was noted that OSHA does not cover local government. However, it is always in the Township's best interest to purchase and utilize the safest equipment available for staff.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of the trench shoring from United Rentals for a total cost of \$8,450.00 per the quote dated February 7, 2023.

10. Award 2023 Curb and Curb Ramp Project: Mr. Reiff reported that bids were received and opened utilizing PennBid on March 2, 2023. Gilmore & Associates, Township Engineer, reviewed the eight bids ranging from \$84,588.00 to \$206,870.00 and recommended award of the bid to LB Construction Enterprises, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder with a bid of \$84,588.00. Ms. Long inquired about the inspection process. Mr. Reiff indicated that the Township Engineer, Gilmore & Associates, is paid to inspect and recommend payments as the project moves along. If there are any issues, payment would be withheld until resolved.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the contract for the 2023 Curb and Curb Ramp Project to LB Construction Enterprises, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$84,588.00 per the recommendation of Gilmore & Associates, Township Engineer.

11. Award 2023 In-Place Paving Project: Mr. Reiff reported that bids were received and opened utilizing PennBid on March 2, 2023. Gilmore & Associates, Township Engineer, reviewed the five bids ranging from \$1,287,705.34 to \$1,663,892.00 and recommended award of the bid to James D. Morrissey, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder with a bid of \$1,287,705.34.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Ware, and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the contract for the 2023 In-Place Paving Project to James D. Morrissey, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,287,705.34 per the recommendation of Gilmore & Associates, Township Engineer.

12. Replacement of K-9 Kennel HVAC Unit: Mr. Reiff reported that the Public Works Department is scheduled to purchase a new HVAC unit for the K-9 Kennel. The current unit is original to the building and is failing. Three quotes were obtained from qualified and responsible

vendors and documentation has been kept on file indicating that Scatton's Heating and Cooling, Inc. provided the lowest quote at a cost of \$9,287.00.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of the replacement HVAC unit for the K-9 Kennel from Scatton's Heating and Cooling, Inc. for a total cost of \$9,287.00 per the quote dated February 14, 2023.

Old Business: None.

14. Adjournment: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera and seconded by Ms. Bamford, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Rivas, Recording Secretary