

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

1. Call to Order: The February 12, 2024 action meeting of the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Montgomery Township Municipal Building, 1001 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA. Chairwoman 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
Vice Chair Audrey R. Ware
Township Solicitor Sean Kilkenny, Esq.
Township Manager Carolyn McCreary

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Police Chief J. Scott Bendig
Fire Chief Bill Wiegman
Director of Finance Brian Shapiro
Director of Planning & Zoning Marianne McConnell
Director of Public Works Greg Reiff
Director of IT Richard Grier
Public Information Coordinator Derek Muller
Recording Secretary Deborah Rivas

2. & 3. Pledge of Allegiance and Public Comment: Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Chimera asked for public comment from the audience, and there was none.

4. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried (5-0), the minutes of the January 22, 2024 Board meeting, the payment of bills for February 12, 2024, the Escrow Release #4 – Higher Rock Residential Development, and Escrow Release #8 and Start of Maintenance – Firefox Phase 2 (Northern Village) were all approved as submitted.

Public Safety:

5. Purchase of Portable Speed Trailer – Chief Bendig reported that the department proposes purchasing a second SpeedAlert 24 Radar Message Sign Trailer. Last year, a similar model was purchased to replace the portable 2005 Kustom Signals speed trailer. This unit was highly effective in mitigating speeding concerns raised by residents. A second unit would allow the placement of units at locations for more extended periods.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board awarded the contract for the purchase of a SpeedAlert 24 Radar Message Sign Trailer from All-Traffic Solutions, an authorized vendor under the Co-Stars Cooperative Purchase Program, at a total cost of \$18,425.13 per their quote.

6. Purchase Replacement Generator for Battalion 1 Firehouse: Chief Wiegman reported that the Battalion 1 firehouse needs a new generator as the existing generator has reached the end of its life cycle and does not provide the essential functions of the Battalion as a firehouse and EOC.

West Generator Services of Kulpsville PA, who currently services the generators at both fire battalions, provided the Township with a quote of \$99,774.00 for purchasing and installing a new generator. There is \$100,000.00 in the 2024 Capital Investment Plan for replacing the generator at Battalion 1.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board approved the purchase and installation of a replacement generator for the Battalion 1 firehouse from West Generator Service, an approved COSTARS vendor, for \$99,774.00.

7. Office of State Fire Commissioner Grants for DFS and FDMT: Chief Wiegman reported that the DFS and FDMT applied for the 2023-2024 PA Office of State Fire Commissioner Grant in the Fall of 2023. Both agencies were notified on February 2, 2024 that they were awarded the grant for \$16,951.99 each. The DFS will use the grant money to purchase rope rescue equipment and the FDMT will use the grant money to purchase turn-out gear for volunteer firefighters.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Staab, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board approved the PA Office of State Fire Commissioner Grant Awards of \$16,951.99 each for the Department of Fire Services and the Fire Department of Montgomery Township.

8. Authorize the FDMT 2024 Fundraising Activities: Chief Wiegman reported that the Fire Department of Montgomery Township must advise the Board of Supervisors annually in advance of planned fund-raising activities in accordance with the Fire Services Agreement dated February 14, 2024. The FDMT is seeking the Board's approval of its planned fund-raising activities for 2024. The following FDMT fund-raising activities are proposed for 2024: Residential fund-raising mailer in Winter 2024; Business fund-raising mailer in Summer 2024; Car Washes in Fall 2024; and Dine and Donate Events throughout 2024.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board approved the 2024 planned fund-raising activities for the FDMT.

Public Works:

9. Advertisement of Bids for 2024 Concrete Curb and Handicap Ramp Replacement:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Ware, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board authorized the advertisement of the Concrete Curb and Handicap Ramp Replacement for the 2024 Paving Project utilizing PennBid.

10. Advertisement of Bids for 2024 Road Projects:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board authorized the advertisement of the 2024 Paving Project utilizing PennBid.

11. Advertisement of Bids for the Mill and Overlay of the FDMT Battalion 1 Parking Lot:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board authorized the advertisement of the bids for the Mill and Overlay of the FDMT Battalion 1 Parking Lot utilizing PennBid.

12. Advertisement of Bids for the Storm Sewer Infrastructure Improvements on Bedford Lane:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board authorized the advertisement of the Storm Sewer Infrastructure Improvements on Bedford Lane utilizing PennBid.

13. Advertisement of Bids for Lawncare Treatment at Township-Owned Parks and Buildings:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board authorized the advertisement of the bids for Lawn and Field Care Treatment utilizing PennBid.

14. Purchase of the Replacement Street Sweeper: Mr. Reiff reported that in 2024, the Public Works Department is scheduled to replace a 2012 Elgin Whirlwind Street Sweeper. The department is proposing to purchase one Elgin Whirlwind-MV Street Sweeper from GranTurk Equipment Co., Inc. as approved in the 2024 Capital Investment Plan.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board awarded the contract for the purchase of one Elgin Whirlwind-MV Street Sweeper from GranTurk Equipment Co. Inc., an authorized vendor under the Co-Stars Cooperative Purchase Program at a total cost of \$405,934.75 per their quote dated January 22, 2024.

Administration and Finance:

15. Wissahickon Stormwater Consortium: Ms. McCreary reported that the Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership is a coalition of 13 municipalities and four wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) collaborating to improve the health of the Wissahickon Creek. The partnership is working with the PA DEP and the US Environmental Protection Agency to address the impaired health of aquatic life in the creek. The goal is to create a holistic watershed plan that protects and improves the Wissahickon Creek for all to enjoy. To further carry out this plan, the partnership must form a consortium to implement the Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP), as an alternative to the May 2015 Draft Total Phosphorous TMDL.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Staab, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board adopted Resolution No. 2024-04 to form a municipal consortium to further carry out the projects identified in the Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership Plan.

16. Recognition of Government Communicators Day – February 24, 2024: Mr. Muller reported that Government Communicators Day will be held on February 24, 2024, recognizing the role of government communications to inform, educate, and engage their communities.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried, the Board recognized Government Communicators Day to be held on February 24, 2024 by proclamation.

17. Grant Application to Montco 2040 Program: Ms. McCreary reported that the new round of applications for the Montgomery County Montco 2040 Program is open with applications due by March 1, 2024. Staff has previously identified a gap along Stump Road and is seeking the Board's consensus to submit the grant application for this project, which was included in the Capital Investment Plan for 2023. The estimate cost of the project is \$313,128, with the proposed Township Match of \$100,000.00 coming from the Township's capital reserves.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board adopted Resolution No. 2024-05 supporting the grant application to the Montgomery County Montco 2040 Program for the installation of sidewalk and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons and pedestrian improvements along Stump Road.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

18. Adjournment: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera and seconded by Ms. Long, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Rivas, Recording Secretary