

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 12, 2020**

At 6:15 p.m., Chair Tanya C. Bamford called to order the Executive Session at the Montgomery Township Municipal Building, 1001 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA. In attendance were Supervisors Candyce Fluehr Chimera, Annette M. Long, Matthew W. Quigg and Beth A. Staab. Also in attendance was Township Manager Carolyn McCreary and Township Solicitor Sean Kilkenny, Esquire.

At 7:00 p.m., Chair Tanya C. Bamford called to order the action meeting at the Montgomery Township Municipal Building, 1001 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA.

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, Esquire

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Police Chief J. Scott Bendig
Director of Fire Services Bill Wiegman
Director of Information Technology Rich Grier
Recording Secretary Deborah A. Rivas

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Tanya C. Bamford called for public comment from the audience and there was none.

Chair Tanya C. Bamford announced that State Senator Maria Collette was hosting a Township Hall Event, acknowledged the passing of Township resident and volunteer firefighter Gary Minnick, and recognized National Fire Prevention Week and the Department of Fire Services participation in a live-stream event for all the elementary school children in the North Penn School District.

Township Solicitor Sean Kilkenny, Esquire, announced that the Board met in an executive session earlier this evening at 6:15 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and a potential litigation matter. Mr. Kilkenny stated that these matters are legitimate subjects of executive session pursuant to Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law.

Chair Tanya C. Bamford made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting and Supervisor Candyce Fluehr Chimera seconded the motion. The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Director of Fire Services William Wiegman reported that Fire Prevention Week was recognized recently with a variety of activities which will continue throughout the month to bring the message of fire safety to the community. In addition, Mr. Wiegman announced that the F.D.M.T. annually recognizes several members who have gone above and beyond for the community and the department at their awards banquet, which was not held this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Wiegman asked the Board of Supervisors to recognize the F.D.M.T. award recipients and also Firefighter Robert Hedden on his retirement from the Department of Fire Services. Resolution #20-161 made by Chair Tanya C. Bamford, seconded by Vice Chair Matthew W. Quigg and adopted unanimously, recognized and commended the following award recipients: President's Award – Joel Silver; Chief's Award – Adam Zwislewski; Dave Bennett Firefighter of the Year Award – Lee Morano; Department Community Sponsor Award – Syrena Collison Center; Past Chief Recognition – Vince Zirpoli; and Recognition on Retirement from the Department of Fire Services for Firefighter Robert Hedden.

Paula Schafer, Executive Director of the Montco Anti-Hunger Network was present to accept a donation check in the amount of \$5,000.00. Ms. Schafer updated the Board on the activities of her organization.

Township Manager Carolyn McCreary reported that the Township previously sent letters to all the residents in Montgomery Knoll, notifying them of the proposed landscaping plan which was part of the approved residential subdivision. Residents who have already landscaped their properties and planted trees were given the opportunity to request a waiver from having more landscaping installed which could compromise the trees and shrubs already planted. Resolution #20-162 made by Supervisor Candyce Fluehr Chimera, seconded by Supervisor Annette M. Long and adopted unanimously, awarded the landscaping work for the Montgomery Knoll residential development to Realty Landscaping Corporation, the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$59,221.00.

Township Manager Carolyn McCreary reported that staff received and opened bids on October 5, 2020 for the Leaf and Yard Waste Collection bid. It is recommended that the bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Republic Services. Resolution #20-163 made by Chair Tanya C. Bamford, seconded by Supervisor Beth A. Staab and adopted unanimously, awarded the bid to Republic Services for a three year contract at a total cost of \$69,825.00.

Township Manager Carolyn McCreary reported that the Township participates in the Montgomery County Consortium Salt Contract administered by Upper Dublin Township. The Consortium recently completed the bidding process for the purchase of bulk salt for the 2020-2021 winter season and has awarded the contract to Morton Salt Inc. Resolution #20-164 made by Chair Tanya C. Bamford, seconded by Supervisor Candyce Fluehr Chimera and adopted unanimously, approved the Township's participation in the purchase of rock salt from Morton Salt Inc. of Chicago Illinois, at a price of \$51.05 per ton delivered.

Township Manager Carolyn McCreary reported that the State requires that the Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution approving the allocation of the State Aid to the pension systems for its employees. Resolution #20-165 made by Supervisor Candyce Fluehr Chimera, seconded by Supervisor Annette M. Long and adopted unanimously, accepted the recommendation to allocate the 2020 Act 205 General Municipal Pension System State Aid to the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$348,194.00 and to the Non-Uniformed Employee Pension Plan in the amount of \$247,589.82.

Resolution #20-166 made by Chair Tanya C. Bamford, seconded by Supervisor Candyce Fluehr Chimera and adopted unanimously, approved Construction Escrow Release 1 for Christian Bros. Automotive, LDS 692 and Start of Maintenance Period in the amount of \$278,270.08.

Resolution #20-167 made by Supervisor Annette M. Long, seconded by Supervisor Candyce Fluehr Chimera and adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, with Vice Chair Matthew W. Quigg abstaining, approved Construction Escrow Release 1 for Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, LDS 710W in the amount of \$118,886.05.

A motion to approve the payment of bills was made by Chair Tanya C. Bamford, seconded by Vice Chair Matthew W. Quigg, and adopted unanimously, approving the payment of bills as submitted for October 12, 2020.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Rivas, Recording Secretary