

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 26, 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 and Beth A. Staab. Vice Chairman Matthew W. Quigg was absent. Also in attendance was Township Manager Carolyn McCreary and Township Solicitor Sean Kilkenny, Esquire.

At 7:03 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
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Supervisor Annette M. Long
Shoupe 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

Director of Planning and Zoning Bruce
Director of Finance Brian S. Shapiro
Director of Recreation Floyd Shaffer
Director of Public Works Kevin Costello
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 on Saturday, October 31st, between 2pm and 4pm, at the William F. Maule Park at Windlestrae on Kenas Road, please join the Township staff and volunteers for a fun family event. A Halloween Drive Thru event will be presented with fun themes, vehicles, festive tables and decorations on display for all to enjoy from the safety of their cars. The Township Board of Supervisors, Police Department, Department of Fire Services, Public Works Department and Administrative staff will be participating with giveaways for each vehicle while supplies last.

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

Supervisor Candyce Fluehr Chimera made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting and Supervisor Annette M. Long seconded the motion. The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Director of Planning and Zoning Bruce Shoupe reported that an application was received by JPMorgan Chase Bank for a conditional use hearing for a satellite use of a freestanding walk-up ATM location in the Gwynedd Crossing Shopping Center parking lot. Due to some concerns regarding the location of the ATM, a new agreement has been proposed and requires a review. The applicant has requested a new conditional use hearing date. Resolution #20-168 made by Chair Tanya C. Bamford, seconded by Supervisors Beth Staab and adopted unanimously, approved the re-advertisement for a conditional use hearing.

Director of Planning and Zoning Bruce Shoupe stated that Redner's Markets was granted Conditional Use approval on April 13, 2020 to construct a gasoline filling station on the vacant parcel adjacent to their store at the Montgomery Commons Shopping Center. The applicant is now requesting approval of the preliminary/final land development plan. The applicant has agreed to provide an emergency pre-emption at the intersection of Bell Run Blvd. and Welsh Road. The applicant is requesting that if the Township should receive applicable funds in the future from the state for emergency pre-emption improvements for the other traffic signals from DeKalb Pike to North Wales Road, that Redner's would be reimbursed the equivalent funds spent installing the emergency pre-emption signal. Discussion followed and the Board agreed to the request. Resolution #20-169 made by Chair Tanya C. Bamford, seconded by Vice Chair Matthew W. Quigg and adopted unanimously, approved the preliminary/final land development plan for Redner's Markets Gasoline Filling Station.

Chief of Police J. Scott Bendig requested that the Board authorize the advertisement of an ordinance amendment to Chapter 107 of the Montgomery Township Ordinance – Firearms and Hunting. Staff is recommending an amendment for the exception for target practice. Currently, the ordinance allows for the discharge of firearms and bows and arrows for the purpose of target practice on residential properties. Since the adoption of this ordinance in 1992, the residential population has doubled, therefore, the allowance of the discharge of firearms and bows and arrows on residential properties for target practice is unsafe based on population density. Discussion followed. Resolution #20-170 made by Chair Tanya C. Bamford, seconded by Supervisor Beth A. Staab and adopted unanimously, authorized the Township Solicitor to advertise for proposed Ordinance #20-316, an amendment to Chapter 107 of the Township Ordinance-Firearms and Hunting.

Director of Public Works Kevin Costello presented the list of surplus assets to be offered for sale through the online auction company Municibid. Resolution #20-171 made by Vice Chair Matthew W. Quigg, seconded by Supervisor Annette M. Long and adopted unanimously, authorized the sale of the following equipment: 1989 International 1900 Six Wheel Dump Truck with salt spreader; 1990 20-Ton Eager Beaver Trailer; 2006 Chevy Impala; 2007 Dodge Caravan; 1999 Alamo Side Mount Flail Mower 76" Cut; Coats Tire Machine #5065 EX; (4) Onan Generators to be sold separately; 1994 Hallmark enclosed trailer 2,980 lb. GVW; and Karcher HDS-790 heated pressure washer.

Director of Fire Services William Wiegman reported that upon the recommendation of replacing the Township's current 2002 E-One Rear Mount Ladder Truck (Ladder 18), the Department formed a Tower Ladder Replacement Committee consisting of career and volunteer members in March of 2020. The committee participated in several meetings with manufacturers, demonstrations, site visits, and committee meetings during the spring and summer months. The committee is recommending the purchase of a Spartan/Smeal 100' Mid Mount Platform Tower Ladder from Campbell Supply Company Costars Vendor Number 368405. Discussion followed and Resolution #20-172 made by Chair Tanya C. Bamford, seconded by Vice Chair Matthew W. Quigg and adopted unanimously, authorized the purchase of a Spartan/Smeal 100' Mid Mount Platform Tower Ladder from Campbell Supply Company at a total project cost of \$1,359,073.00, of which \$679,537.00 will be paid at the time of the signing of the contract and will result in a savings of \$24,203.00 at the time of final payment.

Director of Planning and Zoning Bruce Shoupe presented five Zoning Hearing Board applications scheduled to be held at the November 18, 2020 Zoning Hearing Board meeting. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Supervisor Candyce Fluehr Chimera, seconded by

Vice Chair Matthew W. Quigg and approved unanimously, to remain neutral and to authorize the Township Solicitor to take no action with regard to the following applications: Nick Paone – 113 Veronica Lane; Tower Health Urgent Care – Gwynedd Crossing Shopping Center; Krispy Kreme Doughnuts – Montgomery Square; GK Evans Enterprise LP – 1110 Bethlehem Pike; and Montgomery Crossing Associates LP – 1200-1210 Bethlehem Pike.

At the request of the Board of Supervisors, Township Solicitor Sean Kilkenny, Esquire, prepared and advertised an ordinance which will follow the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act and establish a Human Relations Commission in Montgomery Township. Mr. Kilkenny reviewed the ordinance with the Board. Discussion followed favorably. Resolution #20-173 made by Chair Tanya C. Bamford, seconded by Vice Chair Matthew W. Quigg and adopted unanimously, adopted Ordinance #20-315 – Creation of a Human Relations Commission.

A motion to approve the payment of bills was made by Supervisor Annette M. Long, seconded by Chair Tanya C. Bamford, and adopted unanimously, approving the payment of bills as submitted for October 26, 2020.

Chair Tanya C. Bamford reported that the Township Departments submitted monthly reports for the month of September in the meeting packet and asked the Board if there were any questions with regard to the reports. Supervisor Annette M. Long thanked Director of Finance Brian Shapiro for his help with the 2021 Budget and the new format. Township Manager Carolyn McCreary thanked the Township departments for pulling together and organizing the drive-thru Halloween event.

Township Manager Carolyn McCreary reported on the status of the Friendship Park project, which is well underway. A few issues have come up that require some additional work to resolve. There is more topsoil at the site than was estimated and rather than haul it offsite, the contractor is proposing to place it in an area that is very rocky between the new trail that's going in and the Enclave Boulevard curve line. The change order for that portion of work is \$5,425.00. This cost also includes the extension of a split rail fence for approximately 25 feet so it extends in front of the light and protects it from cars backing into it. The second concern is the regrading of the accessible parking area. The slopes are over 2%, although the area appeared compliant on the survey, however, the parking area needs to be regraded. The cost of that change order is \$4,600. Chair Tanya C. Bamford made a motion to approve both change orders as presented, seconded by Supervisor Candyce Fluehr Chimera and the motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Tanya C. Bamford asked the Board members to provide updates on any committee activities during the past month. Supervisor Candyce Fluehr Chimera reported that the Planning Commission discussed the drive up ATM location at the Gwynedd Crossing Shopping Center which will be discussed at the Zoning Hearing Board. Supervisor Beth Staab reported on the Shade Tree Commission's meeting to discuss plans for the preparation of tree plantings.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Rivas, Recording Secretary