

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MAY 10, 2021**

**1. Call to Order:** The May 10, 2021 public meeting of the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Montgomery Township Municipal Building, 1001 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA. Chair Tanya C. Bamford called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**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 Fire Services, William Wiegman  
Director of Planning & Zoning, Bruce Shoupe  
Director of Administration & HR, Ann Shade  
Director of Public Works, Greg Reiff  
Director of IT, Rich Grier  
Public Information Coordinator Derek Muller  
Recording Secretary Deborah A. Rivas

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

Ms. Bamford provided a COVID update reporting that over the past 30 days, there have been 136 positive cases and two deaths in the Township. She also reported that the British variant of COVID is present in Montgomery Township as it was confirmed in the Biobot wastewater study. Ms. Bamford reminded everyone to be careful and get vaccinated. The new Montgomery County vaccination clinic is open at Montgomery Mall and Pfizer announced today that the vaccine can be given to children ages 12 and up.

Ms. Bamford read the resolution and proclamation recognizing National Public Works Week which will be May 16 – 23, 2021.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Chimera and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolution #2021-23, recognizing May 16 – 23, 2021 as National Public Works Week and urging all residents and businesses to recognize our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and the substantial contributions they make to protect our national health, safety, and quality of life.**

Ms. Bamford read the resolution and proclamation recognizing National Police Week which is May 9 – 15, 2021.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Quigg, seconded by Ms. Long and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolution #2021-24, recognizing May 9 – 15, 2021 as National Police Week and paying tribute to law enforcement personnel who make our community safer**

**and to law enforcement personnel who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.**

Chief Bendig stated that in honor of Police Week, the Police Department would like to recognize several members of the Department for their exceptional performance in the line of duty as recommended by the Police Department's Award Committee:

- Officer Nicholas Eufrazio – Arrest for weapons offenses and recovery of an illegal firearm.
- Officer Anne Marie Dobson and Detective Todd Walter – Arrest for weapons violations, recovery of an illegal firearm and investigation into illegal straw purchases and arrests of 13 subjects.
- Officer Tim Woch – Arrest for weapons offenses and recovery of an illegal firearm.
- Officer Andrew Bouch – Arrest of juvenile and recovery of a stolen firearm.
- Officer Andrew Haber – Arrest for weapons offenses, violations of the drug act and recovery of a stolen firearm.
- Officer Andrew Haber – Arrest for weapons offenses and recovery of an illegal firearm.
- Sergeant Thomas Ward and Officer Matthew Seydel – Official Commendation for Lifesaving

In conclusion, Chief Bendig presented one last commendation, and that was to the sworn and unsworn members of the police department:

"It has been a very difficult 14 months for the men and women of your Department. Safe to assume the most trying time ever experienced for all in the law enforcement profession.

Despite all these challenges, each one of the men and women of this Department has persevered. They have answered the call, overcoming the obstacles that have confronted them, writing their own narrative of being one of the premier departments in our commonwealth. They are proud professionals dedicated to those we serve, determined to provide the very best law enforcement services.

I am honored and privileged to serve as your Chief. I commend you all for your dedication and service, especially during these trying times."

**4. Public Comment** – Under public comment, two residents who reside on Newport Lane stated that they were aware that the Board would be considering the installation of a sidewalk along Stump Road from Gwynedd Lea to Newport Lane. They wanted the Board to know that they were very much in favor of a sidewalk and grateful that this would be happening in their neighborhood.

**5. Announcement of Executive Session** – Township Solicitor Sean Kilkenny, Esquire, announced that the Board of Supervisors met in an Executive Session prior to this public meeting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss one personnel matter and two matters of litigation. 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. Chimera, seconded by Mr. Quigg and unanimously carried, the minutes of the April 26, 2021 meeting and the Bills List dated May 10, 2021 were approved as presented.**

**7. Introduction and Welcome New Employee:** Ms. Shade introduced Kristin Maas as the Senior Human Resources Administrator. Kristin began employment on May 3, 2021 and comes to the Township with a diverse background in all areas of human resources, including benefits, recruiting and policy implementation.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Staab and unanimously carried, the Board welcomed Kristin Maas to the Township as the Senior Human Resources Administrator in the Administration Department effective May 3, 2021.**

## Planning & Zoning:

**8. Preliminary/Final Land Development Approval for Costco Gasoline Sales:** Mr. Shoupe provided the final plan as well as Township and consultant reviews for the consideration of the installation of Costco gasoline sales located at 740 Upper State Road. Mr. Shoupe also addressed the Board's concern with regard to the Costco Drive and Garden Golf Boulevard intersection. The plan will include a 4-way stop at this intersection. Construction could begin as early as July or August and should take approximately 75 days to complete. Discussion followed.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Chimera and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolution #2021-27 approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development Subdivision for Costco Gasoline sales, LDS 712.**

**9. Minor 2-Lot Subdivision – Walnut Knoll (Vilsmeier Road):** Mr. Shoupe stated that an application has been received for a minor two lot subdivision at 1109 Vilsmeier Road. The applicant proposes to create two buildable lots for new single-family dwellings. Township and consultant reviews were provided. Tom Borghetti, P.E., representing the applicants, provided a description of the subdivision plan and the location of the proposed houses and driveways, taking into consideration the current landscaping and a Montgomery Township Legacy Tree, a 36' Black Walnut.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Mr. Quigg and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolution #2021-25, approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development Subdivision for Walnut Knoll, LDS 713.**

**10. 2020-2021 PA State Fire Commissioner Grants for the DFS and FDMT:** Mr. Wiegman reported that the Department of Fire Services (DFS) and the Fire Department of Montgomery Township (FDMT) applied for and were notified that both agencies were awarded the full grant amount of \$15,000.00 each. The DFS will utilize the grant money for technology upgrades in the training

room at the Battalion 1 firehouse. The FDMT will utilize the grant money to purchase new water rescue equipment including dry suits, life vests, and helmets that will replace the department's aging equipment.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Long and unanimously carried, the Board approved the grant awards of the PA Office of State Fire Commissioner for the DFS and FDMT.**

**11. 2021 FDMT Fundraising Activities:** Mr. Wiegman reported that the FDMT is required to advise the Board on an annual basis in advance of planned fundraising activities per the Fire Services Agreement dated May 2009. The FDMT is seeking the Board's approval of its planned activities for 2021, dependent upon restrictions due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The following activities are proposed for 2021: Residential fundraising mailer in Winter 2021; Business fundraising mailer in Spring 2021; Car washes in Summer 2021; Coin toss in Fall 2021; and Dine and Donate events throughout 2021.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Long, seconded by Mr. Quigg and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2021 planned fundraising activities for the FDMT.**

#### **Public Works:**

**12. Authorization to Bid Stump Road Sidewalk Installation (Gwynedd Lea to Newport Lane):** Ms. McCreary reported that as a result of a resident's recent and previous concerns regarding pedestrian safety, she requested Gilmore & Associates evaluate the area of Stump Road between Gwynedd Lea and Newport Lane, and prepare a cost estimate to install sidewalk, ramps, and a crosswalk in the area. The probable cost to install would be \$70,322.00. While this work was not included in the capital budget, there are funds available since the curb and sidewalk bid came in under budget.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Chimera and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the advertisement of the Stump Road sidewalk installation project between Gwynedd Lea and Newport Lane.**

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

**13. Approval of Real Estate Tax Assessment Appeal: 422 Stump Road:** Ms. McCreary reported that the North Penn School District and the property owner of the parcel located at 422 Stump Road have reached an agreement as to the assessment appeal, which now requires action by the Board.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Staab and unanimously carried, the Board approved the stipulated settlement for 422 Stump Road and authorized the Township Solicitor to execute the settlement stipulations.**

**14. Adoption of *Ready for 100 Renewable Energy* Resolution:** Ms. Bamford thanked Ms. Staab for bringing this resolution for a 100% clean renewable energy future to the Board for consideration. Ms. Staab stated that this initiative has been on her radar for many years. As a member of the Environmental Advisory Committee for twelve years, she has always pushed for action at the local level. Ms. Staab stated that the cost of not acting on these types of things now will be regrettable in the future. Mr. Kilkenny stated that the resolution was reviewed by his office and it is in good order. Mr. Quigg thanked Ms. Staab and stated that it was important to begin change at the bottom as there has been inaction at levels above local government.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Staab and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolution #2021-26 – *Ready for 100 Renewable Energy*.**

**Other Business:**

**15. Adjournment:** Upon motion by Ms. Bamford and seconded by Ms. Staab, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Rivas, Recording Secretary