

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OCTOBER 11, 2021**

**1. Call to Order:** The October 11, 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 7:00 p.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chair Tanya C. Bamford  
Vice Chair Matthew W. Quigg  
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 Finance, Brian Shapiro  
Director of Public Works, Greg Reiff  
Director of Rec. & Community Ctr. Floyd Shaffer  
Director of Administration & HR, Ann Shade  
Information Tech Favian Zendejas  
Recording Secretary, Deborah A. Rivas  
Public Information Coordinator, Derek Muller

**ABSENT:**

Supervisor Candyce Fluehr Chimera

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

- October 23<sup>rd</sup> is National Drug Take Back Day from 10 am to 1 pm at the Township's Community and Recreation Center. This is a drive-thru event.
- On October 30<sup>th</sup> the Township is partnering with Senator Maria Collett's office and holding a FREE shredding event at the William F. Maule Park at Windlestrae. Residents are limited to 4 file-sized boxes per car and no bound materials can be accepted.
- The Montgomery Township Police Department is collecting non-perishable food items in support of Montgomery County Children & Youth Services for Thanksgiving Dinners for families in financial hardship. Donations will be accepted in the Township Building Lobby from September 27<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- On November 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> Montgomery Township will host the 2021 United States Police Canine Association Region 6 "Police Dog 1" Field Trials. This event will be held at Windlestrae Park and is open to the public to view during the certification events.
- On Friday, October 8, Township Manager Carolyn McCreary and Chair Tanya Bamford were invited by the Pennsylvania Municipal League to participate in a round table discussion at the 2021 Municipal Leadership Summit on the topic of Elected Officials-Manager Relations. Ms. McCreary and Ms. Bamford were grateful for the opportunity to share their experiences and offer insight in how to foster a solid working relationship with both the elected and appointed officials who attended in-person and virtually.

**4. Public Comment** – There was no public comment.

**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 6:15 p.m.

to discuss personnel matters and one litigation matter. 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 Mr. Quigg, seconded by Ms. Long and unanimously carried, the minutes of the September 27, 2021 meeting and the Bills List dated October 11, 2021 were approved as presented.**

**7a. & b. Presentations:** Ms. Bamford presented a check in the amount of \$1,500 to the Visiting Nurses Association Community Services organization. Executive Director Richard Cirko was present to accept the donation. Ms. Bamford also presented a check in the amount of \$6,000 to the Montgomery Township Historical Society.

**7c. Presentation: Montgomery United Soccer – Request to Develop Turf Fields –** Troy Moyer, Vice President and Brent Whiting, President of Montgomery United Soccer, presented information relating to their request that the Township consider installing turf fields at one of its parks. Mr. Whiting touched on the general reasons why turf fields should be considered: rain closures, treatment closures, revenue generation for township businesses, rental income opportunity, cost savings of grass maintenance, new Turf technology is environmentally more friendly than fertilizer, and opportunities for lacrosse and field hockey to join the community. The Board discussed options, including long term capital planning, the recent borrowing for current Township infrastructure upkeep, and expectation of rental income from turf fields in comparison to its use by MonU. The Board agreed to budget for a \$10,000 feasibility study in the 2022 budget. There was no public comment and the Board thanked Mr. Moyer and Mr. Whiting for their presentation.

#### **Planning & Zoning:**

#### **8. Waiver of Special Event Permit Fee: Bharatiya Temple:**

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Mr. Quigg and unanimously carried, the Board authorized a waiver of permit fee for the Bharatiya Temple Ravan Effigy Burning special event in the amount of \$100.00.**

#### **9. Escrow Release #4 – PEMV Partners, LP – 1274 Welsh Road (Pete's Car Wash):**

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Staab and unanimously carried, the Board authorized a construction escrow release in the amount of \$42,276.29 as recommended by the Township Engineer for PEMV Partners, LP contingent upon payment of all outstanding bills.**

**Public Safety:**

**10. Appointment and swearing in of FDMT Special Fire Police Officer:**

**MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Quigg, seconded by Ms. Long and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Michael Stachowicz to the position of Special Fire Police Officer, effective October 11, 2021 and welcomed him to Montgomery Township.**

**Administration & Finance:**

**11. Distribution of 2021 Act 205 General Municipal Pension System State Aid:** Ms. McCreary reported that the State requires that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution approving the allocation of the State Aid to the pension systems for its employees.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Quigg, seconded by Ms. Staab and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the recommendation to allocate the 2021 Act 205 General Municipal Pension System State Aid to the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$316,620.65 and to the Non-Uniformed Employee Pension Plan in the amount of \$206,283.15.**

**Other Business:**

Ms. Bamford thanked Township staff and others who volunteered on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> to support the Halloween Trick or Treat Drive Thru event at the William F. Maule Park at Windlestrae. The event was well received by residents, and it was estimated that 630 bags were handed out to children and over 450 vehicles passed through the event.

**15. Adjournment:** Upon motion by Ms. Bamford and seconded by Mr. Quigg, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Rivas, Recording Secretary