

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MAY 13, 2024**

**1. Call to Order:** The May 13, 2024 action meeting of the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Montgomery Township Municipal Building, 1001 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA. Vice Chairwoman Audrey R. Ware called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Vice Chair Audrey R. Ware  
Supervisor Tanya C. Bamford  
Supervisor Annette M. Long  
Supervisor Beth A. Staab  
Township Solicitor Sean Kilkenny, Esq.  
Township Manager Carolyn McCreary

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Police Chief J. Scott Bendig  
Fire Chief William 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

**ABSENT:**

Chair Candyce Fluehr Chimera

**2. & 3. Pledge of Allegiance and Public Comment:** Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Ware asked for public comment. Ben Hartranft of 105 Bellows Way stated that he would like to see more sensory training for special needs individuals in the Township.

**4. Consent Agenda:**

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Ware, seconded by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried (4-0), the minutes of the April 25, 2024 Board meeting, the payment of bills totaling \$515,171.34 for May 13, 2024, the Escrow Release #2 and Start of Maintenance for Krispy Kreme, the Ratification of the Real Estate Tax Appeal Settlement for 1201-1281 Knapp Road, the Ratification of the Real Estate Tax Appeal Settlement for 145-165 Witchwood Drive and the Ratification of the Real Estate Tax Appeal Settlement for 0 Witchwood Drive were approved as submitted.**

**Presentations:**

**5. Recognize Police Officer Commendations:** Chief Bendig reported that 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.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Ware, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board recognized and commended Detective Sergeant Andrew Benner, Detective Richardo DeJesus, Sergeant Joseph Schott, Detective Todd Walter, Officer Daniel Rose, Officer Michael Jenkins, Officer Bins Thomas, Officer Eric Hernandez and Officer Hannah Moran for their official outstanding police work commendations.**

**6. American Red Cross Life Saving Award Presentations** – Chief Wiegman presented the timeline of the life-saving efforts made by various personnel to save the life of a gentleman who had suffered cardiac arrest at 106 Hopkins Court in Montgomery Township. The swift and immediate actions of all parties resulted in saving the patient’s life and he made a full recovery. Red Cross Delaware Valley Chapter Executive Director Lynn Cohen was joined by the survivor, Daniel Jenkins, to present the American Red Cross Lifesaving Award to the following individuals:

Sgt. Lee Wagner, MTPD	Officer Brian Schreiber, MTPD	Officer Eric Hernandez, MTPD
Capt. Rachel Gibson, FDMT	Capt. Andrew Weiner, FDMT	Lt. Brandi Blusiewicz, FDMT
Asst. Chief Adam Zwislewski	Paramedic Joseph Ross, VMSC	AEMT Joe Vogelgesang, VMSC

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Ware, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board recognized the above individuals for their life-saving actions on November 10, 2023 at 106 Hopkins Court.**

Chief Wiegman presented the timeline of the life-saving efforts made by various personnel to save the life of a gentleman who had suffered cardiac arrest near the area of Lansdale Avenue and Crestwood Drive in Montgomery Township. The swift and immediate actions of all parties resulted in saving the patient’s life and he made a full recovery. Red Cross Delaware Valley Chapter Executive Director Lynn Cohen was joined by the survivor, Tom Pepe, to present the American Red Cross Lifesaving Award to the following individuals:

Mr. Matthew Decesare	Officer Dan Rose, MTPD	Officer Peter Byrne, MTPD
Officer Joseph McGuigan, MTPD	Officer Hannah Moran, MTPD	Sgt. Joseph Schott, MTPD
Capt. Andrew Backlund, DFS	FF Rob Roy, DFS	FF Jacob Weltman, DFS
FF Harry Reese, DFS	Paramedic Moriyah Cox, VMSC	
Chief Paramedic Shane Wheeler, VMSC	EMT Richard Sack Jr., VMSC	
AEMT David Homce, VMSC	Paramedic Stephanie Traub, VMSC	

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Ware, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board recognized the above individuals for their life-saving actions on November 17, 2023 at Lansdale Avenue and Crestwood Drive.**

**7. Recognition of Citizen Police Academy Graduates:** Chief Bendig stated that the Police Department wished to recognize several members of the community for competing the Department’s 2024 Citizen Police Academy.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Ware, seconded by Ms. Long and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board recognized members of the community who completed the Police Department’s 2024 Citizen Police Academy.**

**Planning and Zoning:**

**8. Proposed Text Amendment – Montgomery Township Municipal Sewer Authority –** Sewer Authority Manager Shannon Drosnock, Solicitor Joseph Walsh and Mike Malloy, Esquire, representing Rise Up Towers, presented a proposed text amendment to permit the construction of a cell tower at the Eureka Wastewater Treatment Plant. The construction of a cell tower in that location would eliminate significant cellular telecommunications coverage problems in the area of the plant. Letters of explanation and photo simulations of what the proposed tower would look like in certain areas surrounding the plant were sent to neighboring residents. Questions regarding the location of the site at the plant and security were discussed. Ms. Drosnock indicated that maintenance access to the tower site does not require access to the plant. The Board consensus was to move forward with the text amendment process as discussed.

**9. Quick Lube Preliminary/Final Land Development:** Leonard Altieri, Esquire represented the applicant, who proposes to demolish a vacant building and construct a new 1,600-square-foot building with three pull-through service bays and 11 parking spaces at 737 Bethlehem Pike, just south of the 5-points intersection, in the C Commercial district. The proposed site development includes the modification and realignment of the driveways on Bethlehem Pike and Horsham Road. Only right turns would be allowed into the site from eastbound Horsham Road and Northbound Bethlehem Pike. The proposed use is permitted by special exception in the C Commercial district, which was granted by the Zoning Hearing Board, as well as several variances for dimensional, parking and stacking relief. Township staff and consultants have had the opportunity to review the details of the land development plan, and the corresponding review letters and waiver requests are noted in the packet. Mr. Altieri reviewed the waiver requests which were granted by the Board.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Staab, and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board adopted Resolution No. 2024-08, approving the preliminary/final land development application with requested waivers for Quick Lube of Carolina.**

**Public Works:**

**10. Award Bid for Stormwater Infrastructure Management Projects:** Mr. Reiff reported that seven (7) bids were received and opened on April 16, 2024 ranging from \$217,235.00 to \$446,670.00 and Gilmore and Associates, Township Engineer, is recommending award of the bid to G&B Construction, the lowest responsible bidder.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Ware, seconded by Ms. Staab and unanimously carried (4-0) the Board awarded the contract for the Storm Sewer Infrastructure Improvements to G&B Construction, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$217,235.00 per the recommendation of Gilmore & Associates, Township Engineer.**

**Administration and Finance:**

**11. Authorize Advertisement of Ordinance Amendments for the Montgomery Township Municipal Sewer Authority:** Ms. McCreary reported that the MTMSA would like to amend Township Ordinance §187-75. Grease interceptors and sand, soil, and oil separators. There are minor administrative changes being requested, in addition to language regarding “single service kitchens” businesses.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Ware, seconded by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board authorized the advertisement of the proposed ordinance amendments requested by the MTMSA.**

**12. Authorization to Purchase Network Equipment:** Mr. Grier reported that staff budgeted \$23,500 and \$38,000 for Admin Network Switch Upgrade and High Availability Township building. Two quotes have been received from Omega Systems Inc., an authorizing vendor under Co-Stars Cooperative Purchase Program, to provide configuration and installation of the equipment at a total cost of \$31,713.14.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Ware, seconded by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board awarded the contract for the purchase and configuration of Network Switches and Firewalls from Omega Systems, an authorized vendor under the Co-Stars Cooperative Purchase Program, at a total cost of \$31,713.14 per their quotes.**

**13. Award of Bids – Municibid Online Surplus Asset Sale:** Mr. Shapiro reported that on April 25, 2024, the Board of Supervisors authorized the sale of Township surplus assets through the online auction company Municibid. The following are the bid offer details from the highest bidders:

Surface Pro Set	\$ 260.00	Tchingonbe Kannahbe
Surface Pro7 Set	\$ 270.00	Tchingonbe Kannahbe
Assorted Motorola Radios	\$ 1,300.00	Christopher Scott
2003 Smithco Super Rake	\$ 3,800.00	Keith Holmes
2012 Kubota Mower	\$ 5,000.00	Brent Shoffner
2016 Kubota Mower	\$ 5,800.00	Randy Grim
2005 Chevy Tahoe	\$ 6,250.00	Christopher Davish
2017 Kubota Mower	\$ 6,300.00	Scott Clark
2002 Jacobsen Wing Mower	\$15,102.00	Roland Gilliam
60 Gallon Oil Containment	\$ 100.00	Harry Sager

**MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Ware, seconded by Ms. Long and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board authorized the sale of the above-listed equipment to the highest bidders as noted.**

**14. Authorize Sale of Municipal Equipment by Online Auction:**

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Ms. Ware, seconded by Ms. Long, and unanimously carried (4-0), the Board authorized the sale of the following equipment through the online auction company Municibid:

1. 2017 Ford Interceptor
2. Motorola Radio Bundle
3. JAMAR Technologies Black Cat Radar Bundle
4. Watchguard Bundle

**New Business:**

**15. Adoption of Resolution 2024-10 Recognizing May 15 through May 21, 2024 as National Police Week:**

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Ms. Ware, seconded by Ms. Long and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2024-10 recognizing the week of May 15 through May 21, 2024 as National Police Week.

**16. Adoption of Resolution 2024-11 Recognizing May 19 through May 25, 2024 as National Public Works Week:**

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Ms. Ware, seconded by Ms. Bamford and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2024-11 recognizing the week of May 19 through May 25, 2024 as National Public Works Week.

**17. Adoption of Resolution 2024-12 Recognizing May 19 through May 25, 2024 as National EMS Week:**

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Ms. Ware, seconded by Ms. Bamford and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2024-12 recognizing the week of May 19 through May 25, 2024 as National EMS Week.

**18. Adjournment:** Upon motion by Ms. Ware and seconded by Ms. Long, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Rivas, Recording Secretary