MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MAY 11, 2026

1. Call to Order: The May 11, 2026 action meeting of the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Montgomery Township Municipal Building, 1001 Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA. Chairwoman Tanya C. Bamford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:
Chairwoman Tanya C. Bamford
Vice-Chair Beth A. Staab
Supervisor Candyce Fluehr Chimera
Supervisor Eric S. Pelletier
Supervisor Audrey R. Ware-Jones
Township Solicitor Sean Kilkenny, Esq.
Township Manager Carolyn McCreary

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:
Police Chief William Peoples
Director of Finance Blaine Bergey
Director of Public Works Greg Reiff
Director of Planning & Zoning Jesse Hill
Systems Administrator, IT Favian Zendejas
Recording Secretary Deborah A. Rivas

2. & 3. Pledge of Allegiance and Announcements: Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Bamford announced the America 250 Celebration to be held on Friday, May 22, 2026. She also noted that the Township received multiple awards from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) for its communications to Township residents. The Township earned First Place for the website category, second place for Multimedia Communications for the Parks Application episode of the GISt YouTube series and the We are Montgomery Township Podcast, and third place in the multimedia category for The Wall That Heals ArcGIS StoryMap. Ms. Bamford also announced that the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 has met the requirements to be awarded GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

4. Public Comment: Ms. Bamford called for public comment on any items not listed on the agenda. Jay Washensky inquired about updates on the Fire Department Consultant and fire study, as well as the budget deficit. Ms. Bamford responded that the fire study is underway and that no information is available at this time. Mr. Bergey explained that a 6-million-dollar deficit does not exist and that the capital reserves are a surplus used for capital expenses, which are replenished when possible.

5. Announcement of Executive Session: Township Solicitor Sean Kilkenny, Esquire, announced that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session earlier this evening at 6:30 PM in person to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Kilkenny stated that the topics discussed are legitimate subjects of an Executive Session under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law.

6. Consent Agenda:

> **MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Pelletier, seconded by Ms. Staab, and unanimously carried (5-0), the minutes of the April 27, 2026 meeting, the payment of bills for May**

11, 2026, in the amount of $667,857.45, and the End of Maintenance and Possible Authorization to Draw on the Bond for LUV Car Wash were approved as submitted.

Presentations:

7. Swearing In of New Police Officer Recruit Martin Masati: Chief Peoples reported that a recruit hiring process was initiated on December 4, 2025 to fill a vacancy within the department's Patrol Division. Sixty-eight applicants competed for the position of Recruit Police Officer in this hiring process. The process includes an application review, a physical agility test, two police oral review boards, and a background investigation (including a polygraph examination, neighborhood interviews, physical exam, psychological exam, drug testing, and employer interviews). Martin Masati was selected as the top candidate. Officer Martin Masati was born and raised in Berat, Albania, until he was 9 years old, and his family moved to the Philadelphia area. He attended and graduated from Northeast High School, where he played football. Officer Martin Masati was hired by the Philadelphia Police Department in 2019. After completing the police academy, he was stationed at the 24th and 26th Districts. During his time with the Philadelphia Police Department, he received several awards and commendations, including Officer of the Month, 2nd Senatorial District Citizenship Award, Commendation Citation, and a Merit Award. Chairwoman Bamford administered the oath to Police Recruit Masatti.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Mr. Pelletier and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board appointed Martin Masati as a Recruit Police Officer in the Montgomery Township Police Department, effective May 12, 2026.

8. PA Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission Award: Chief Lee Benson, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission and current Chief of Police for West Whiteland Township, presented the Association's Certificate of Law Enforcement Accreditation to Montgomery Township. In July 2001, the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association introduced the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. The program was designed and developed to provide a strategy for the continued professionalization of law enforcement agencies within our Commonwealth. In 2004, the Montgomery Township Police Department became the eighteenth police department in Pennsylvania to be accredited under the program. Since achieving accreditation in 2004, the department has undergone reaccreditation in 2007, 2011, 2014, and 2017, 2020, and 2023. In 2020, the Department was reaccredited again and recognized as a Premier Agency by the Commission for its ongoing commitment to excellence through the Accreditation Program. On January 9, 2026, the department was again reaccredited by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission and recognized as a Premier Agency by the Commission for the third time.

9. Police Department Commendations: Chief Peoples reported that the Police Department is recognizing several members of the department for their exceptional performance in the line of duty, as recommended by the Department's Award Committee. Official Certification of

Commendation: Officer Jake Beebe, Official Commendation for Merit: Detective Todd Walter, Letter of Official Commendation: Officer Sean Orrison, Officer Michael Poekert, Communication Specialist Katie Freed, Lieutenant Glenn Davis, Sergeant Lee Wagner, Officer Bins Thomas, Officer Mason Strauss, Detective Todd Walter, Detective Matthew Seydel, Detective Matthew Seydel, Officer Hannah Moran, Officer Mickey Giordano, Officer Nicholas Eufrasio, Letter of Recognition: Officer Jason English, Detective Matthew Seydel, Detective Andrew Benner, Officer Andrew Haber, Communications Specialist Supervisor Adrianna Ciliberto, Administrative Assistant Nicole Conicelli, Officer Nicholas Eufrasio, Sergeant Timothy Woch, Lt. Gerald Dougherty, Detective Jeffery Polo, Officer Michael Jenkins and Officer Peter Byrne.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Mr. Pelletier and carried unanimously (5-0), the Board recognized and commended the identified law enforcement personnel for their outstanding performances in the line of duty.

10. Recognize 2026 Citizen Police Academy Graduates: Chief Peoples reported that the Police Department would like to recognize several members of the community for completing the Department's 2026 Citizen Police Academy.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Ware-Jones, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board recognized members of the community who participated and completed the Police Department's 2026 Citizen Police Academy.

Planning and Zoning:

11. Review of Lower Gwynedd Township's Amended Comprehensive Plan: Ms. McCreary reported that the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) contains procedural requirements for adopting a comprehensive plan. During the period the plan is under review, a municipality must consider the review comments of the County and contiguous municipalities in addition to the public comments and the recommendations of the municipality's planning commission. Lower Gwynedd Township has amended its comprehensive plan, and, as a municipality adjacent to it, the Board is being given the opportunity to provide any comments or concerns. Mr. Pelletier inquired about their plans to increase commercial development along the Bethlehem Pike corridor and how that might impact regional traffic. Ms. McCreary responded that they would be required to do a traffic impact study for any new development that might impact traffic regionally in the area.

Public Works:

12. Professional Services Agreement for the Public Works Department Feasibility Study: Mr. Reiff reported that a feasibility study is necessary to objectively evaluate the existing Public Works facility, which is undersized and outdated relative to current and future operational needs. The study will assess the building can continue to safely and efficiently support staff, equipment, and fleet operations, while meeting modern codes, regulatory requirements, and

workplace standards. It will also examine space limitations, functional deficiencies, site constraints, and long-term costs associated with maintaining or retrofitting the existing structure versus expansion or replacement. By providing data-driven analysis, cost comparisons, and phased options, a feasibility study enables informed decision-making and helps ensure that any future investment supports efficient Public Works operations, employee safety, and the Township's long-term capital planning goals. A proposal for a feasibility study has been provided by CMTA for a total cost of $35,000. A total of $50,000 was included in the 2026 Capital Investment Plan.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Mr. Pelletier and adopted unanimously, the Board approved the Professional Services Agreement with CMTA to perform the feasibility study of the Public Works facility for a total cost of $35,000.00.

13. Traffic Signal Preemption Upgrades Bid Authorization: Mr. Reiff reported that included in the 2026 Budget are upgrades to traffic signal preemption systems, which would convert them from the current, less reliable, audible system to the more reliable optical system for the safety of emergency responders (Police, Fire and EMS) and the motoring public when responding to emergency calls. This is a multiphase/year project and will continue with the upgrades to several intersections to include DeKalb Pike & Cheswick Dr., Costco Dr. & Rt. 202 Parkway, Route 309/Connector A & Rt. 202 Parkway, North Wales Rd. & Knapp Rd., Upper State Rd. and MMR. Competitive bids will be solicited utilizing the PennBid website.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Pelletier, seconded by Ms. Staab and carried unanimously (5-0), the Board authorized the advertisement of the bid for the upgrades to the traffic signal preemption systems utilizing PennBid.

Public Safety:

14. Police Department Station Surveillance System Upgrade: Chief Peoples reported that the department's station surveillance system plays a critical role in monitoring prisoners, sensitive areas, and visitors within the police station, while also enhancing officer safety through continuous observation by Communication Specialists. In 2012, the Department upgraded its surveillance infrastructure, replacing the legacy VHS-based system with a hybrid analog-digital solution. Since that time, the system has evolved into a fully digital platform. The current system has now reached its practical end-of-life. As a result, reliability, maintenance, and operational effectiveness are increasingly at risk, underscoring the need for a system replacement. The department has received a quote from CM3 Building Solutions, an authorized vendor under the Co-Stars Cooperative Purchase Program for a total cost to replace the system at $47,000, which amount was included in the 2026 adopted budget.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Ware-Jones, and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the contract for the purchase of a station surveillance system from CM3 Building Solutions, an authorized vendor under the Co-

Stars Cooperative Purchase Program, in the amount of $47,000, in accordance with their submitted quote.

Old Business:

15. Designating a Township Representative on the North Wales Area Library Board: Ms. McCreary reported that at the April 27, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board voted to make the North Wales Area Library (NWAL) the Township's official library. This action would make additional state funds available to NWAL. Board consensus was to also adopt a resolution designating a Supervisor as the Township's representative on the NWAL Board of Directors. Mr. Kilkenny reported that after the last Board meeting, when Ms. Bamford was questioned about abstaining from a vote concerning the NWAL because she served on the NWAL Board of Directors, he determined that no conflict of interest existed, as there is no financial interest or family member involvement. Therefore, Ms. Bamford is able to vote on matters of the NWAL this evening.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Staab, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board adopted Resolution 2026-14, designating a member of the Board of Supervisors to serve as a member of the North Wales Area Library Board of Directors.

New Business:

16. Resolution Recognizing National Police Week:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Mr. Pelletier and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board adopted Resolution 2026-11, recognizing the week of May 11 through May 16, 2026, as National Police Week.

17. Resolution Recognizing National Public Works Week:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Staab, seconded by Ms. Ware-Jones, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board adopted Resolution 2026-12, recognizing the week of May 17th through May 23, 2026 as National Public Works Week.

18. Resolution Recognizing National Emergency Services Week:

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Staab, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board adopted Resolution 2026-13, recognizing the week of May 17th through May 23, 2026 as National Emergency Services Week.

19. Waiver of Permit Fee for the Korean War Memorial Concert: Mr. Hill reported that Seung Oh Lee, of Hairtown Heritage, has requested a waiver of the permit fee for a special event permit

application for a concert at the Korean War Memorial, on Kenas Road, to be held on May 17, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. The special event fee is $50.00.

> **MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Staab, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board waived the special event permit fee associated with the Korean War Memorial Concert to be held at the American Korean Alliance Peace Park on Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.**

20. Adjournment: Upon motion by Mr. Pelletier and seconded by Ms. Staab, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Rivas, Recording Secretary