MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 26, 2026

1. Call to Order: The February 26, 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. This meeting was rescheduled from Monday, February 23, 2026, due to a significant winter storm.

IN ATTENDANCE:
Chairwoman Tanya C. Bamford
Supervisor Candyce Chimera
Supervisor Eric S. Pelletier
Township Solicitor Mark Plachta, Esq.
Township Manager Carolyn McCreary

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:
Police Chief William Peoples
Director of Public Works Greg Reiff
Director of Information Technology Richard Grier
Recording Secretary Deborah A. Rivas

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Beth A. Staab and Supervisor Audrey R. Ware-Jones

2. & 3. Pledge of Allegiance and Public Comment: Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Bamford called for public comment on any items not listed on the agenda. During public comment, approximately 10 Fire Department of Montgomery Township Volunteers and residents spoke in support of former Chief Bill Wiegman and the impact he has had on the fire department, the volunteers and the community as a whole. They asked the Board of Supervisors to rehire Fire Chief Bill Wiegman.

4. Consent Agenda:

> **MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Mr. Pelletier, and unanimously carried (3-0), the minutes of the February 9, 2026 meeting, the payment of bills for February 23, 2026, in the amount of $1,080,627.43, and the Escrow Release #9 for Higher Rock Residential were approved as submitted.**

Public Works:

5. Advertisement of Bids for the Canterbury Storm Pipe Replacement Project: Mr. Reiff reported that the original corrugated metal storm sewer pipe along Canterbury Lane is completely disintegrated which is causing dangerous sinkholes to form. Upon inspection, the most severe area required immediate repair in 2025. Gilmore & Associates, the Township Engineer, has provided the Township with a project proposal to complete phase (2) of the three (3) phase replacement project. Phase three (3) of the replacement project will be proposed in 2027.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Mr. Pelletier, and unanimously carried (3-0), the Board authorized the advertisement of Phase Two (2) of the Canterbury Lane storm sewer pipe replacement utilizing PennBid.

6. Advertisement of Bids for the Montgomery Walk Basin Upgrade Project: Mr. Reiff reported that per the recommendation of Gilmore & Associates, the Township Engineer, stormwater improvements are necessary to make the stormwater basin compliant on Enclave Boulevard. Once the stormwater basin has been made compliant, it will be turned over to the Montgomery Walk HOA and will then be privately owned and maintained.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Mr. Pelletier, and unanimously carried (3-0), the Board authorized the advertisement of the bid to make the necessary stormwater improvements to the Enclave Boulevard basin utilizing PennBid.

7. Purchase and Upfit of Ford F-550 Flatbed Truck: Mr. Reiff reported that the 2026 Capital Investment Plan included the purchase and upfit of one (1) Ford F-550 Flatbed Truck to replace Truck #12 which is a 2016 Ford F-550. Under public comment, a resident inquired what year the truck was that is being replaced. It is a 2016.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Mr. Pelletier, and unanimously carried (3-0), the Board awarded the contract for the purchase of one (1) Ford F-550 Flatbed Truck to Fred Beans Ford of Doylestown, an authorized vendor under the Co-Stars Cooperative Purchase Program, at a total cost of $80,194.00 per their quote dated February 3, 2026.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Mr. Pelletier, and unanimously carried (3-0), the Board awarded the contract for the purchase and installation of one (1) dump body and salt spreader to J&J Truck Bodies & Trailers, an authorized vendor under the Co-Stars Cooperative Purchase Program, at a total cost of $83,581.05, per their quote dated January 13, 2026.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Mr. Pelletier, and unanimously carried (3-0), the Board awarded the contract for the purchase and installation of one (1) snowplow to DeJana Truck and Utility Equipment, an authorized vendor under the Co-Stars Cooperative Purchase Program, at a total cost of $8,167.00 per their quote dated January 6, 2026.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Mr. Pelletier, and unanimously carried (3-0), the Board awarded the contract for the purchase and installation of emergency lighting and radio equipment to Marriott's Emergency Equipment, an authorized vendor under the Co-Stars Cooperative Purchase Program, at a total cost of $2,520.00 per their quote dated February 17, 2026.

Public Safety:

8. PA Office of the State Fire Commissioner Grant Awards: Ms. McCreary reported that the Department of Fire Services (DFS) and the Fire Department of Montgomery Township (FDMT) applied for the 2025-2026 PA Office of State Fire Commissioner Grant in the Fall of 2025. Both agencies were awarded a grant totaling $16,136.55. This grant money will help purchase eight (8) sets of firefighting turnout gear (TOG) and personal protective equipment (PPE) at a cost of $40,000. The total amount of both grants is $32,273.10, with total expenditures of $20,000 for each organization. The $7,726.90 difference will be split between the operating budgets.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Chimera, seconded by Mr. Pelletier, and unanimously carried (3-0), the Board approved the PA Office of State Fire Commissioner Grant Awards of $32,273.10 for the DFS and FDMT, and approved the purchase of the eight sets of turnout gear and personal protective equipment.

9. Adoption of the Traffic Calming Policy: Chief Peoples reported that a new Traffic Calming Policy was recommended as part of a PennDOT traffic study. The Police Department reviewed several similar policies from surrounding departments, as well as Chapter 18 of PennDOT Publication 13, *Contextual Roadway Design*. After reviewing these materials, a comprehensive Traffic Calming Policy was developed using best practices identified in comparable policies. The proposed policy was reviewed at the February 4, 2026 Public Safety Committee meeting, and the policy was endorsed by the committee. On February 9, 2026, the Board reviewed and discussed the policy with no additional comments, other than clarification of where Grays Lane would be in the process, since a study was already completed. Under public comment, resident George Schutte inquired about the policy contents. Ms. Bamford provided a copy of the policy to Mr. Schutte. Another resident inquired as to what options were provided and was told there were various options.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Pelletier, seconded by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried (3-0), the Board adopted the Montgomery Township Traffic Calming Policy dated February 4, 2026.

Parks & Recreation:

10. Application to the Montco 2040 Grant Program: Ms. McCreary reported that the Whistlestop Park improvement project includes the removal and replacement of outdated play equipment with a new accessible, inclusive playground with sensory components located adjacent to the pavilion. The playground will include a poured-in-place safety surfacing, shade structures, and perimeter fencing. The existing playground area will be converted into a picnic grove. Six pickleball courts will be added. The softball field will be updated with a new backstop, heavy-duty fencing, and a new play benches and bleachers. A loop trail with ADA access to the softball field and other park amenities will be added, and improvements will be made to the existing path to meet ADA requirements. The existing rain garden will be rehabilitated, and existing stormwater issues will be addressed. When completed, this project will enable children

and others of all abilities to play and recreate in a safe and inclusive space. Grant applications are due by March 2, 2026 and require a Board resolution in support of the application.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Chimera, and unanimously carried (3-0), the Board adopted Resolution No. 2026-04, authorizing an application to the Montco 2040 Grant Program for the Whistlestop Park Improvement project.

11. Proposed 2026 Township Events: Ms. McCreary reported that she recently met with Township staff to discuss planned events for this year. Specifically, the discussion revolved around incorporating an America250 celebration into the event that we've held on the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend. We would change the name this year to reflect the modified theme. Other confirmed events include National Night Out (NNO) in August and Autumn Festival in October. Last year it was suggested that we look into having a drone show at one of the events. Three vendors were identified and pricing obtained from each, ranging from $9,000 for 100 drones (10-12 minutes) to $30,500 for 200 drones, same time frame. Staff was seeking the Board's input on these events. Discussion followed. The overall consensus of the Board was to move forward with researching the drone shows and cost, with fundraising efforts in mind.

Old Business:

Ms. Chimera thanked all those who wrote letters to the Board of Supervisors supporting former Fire Chief Bill Wiegman. She stated that as of this meeting, 19 letters were received and she responded to each one. Ms. Chimera promised that these letters would be read at the meeting, and she highlighted a few sentences from each. Ms. Bamford reported that she had also responded to the letters and read a portion of her response.

New Business:

12. Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership Conversion to a Consortium: Ms. McCreary explained previously in the Fall that the Wissahickon Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) has been drafted, reviewed multiple times, amended and finally submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and EPA. A Consortium Agreement was included in the packet, which member municipalities will need to adopt. The agreement memorializes the group's goals and objections, its structure and function, officers, meetings, and formation of subcommittees, if needed, banking and other administrative functions. Ms. McCreary was looking for the Board's comments or questions that she could take back to the Management Committee and Patrick Hitchens, Esq. of Kilkenny Law, who drafted the document. There were no comments or concerns from the Board.

13. Department Reports: Each department submitted monthly reports for activity in the month of January. Public Works Director Greg Reiff updated the Board on the current projects and planned projects for the department. The projects including paving, curb and curb ramps, rapid flashing beacons on Stump Road, 309 traffic signal modernization, a feasibility study for the Public Works shop, a pedestrian bridge replacement on Stump Road, tennis court

improvements at Rose Twig Park at Windlestrae, Enclave Boulevard basin work, the Canterbury Stormwater pipe replacement.

20. Committee Liaison Reports: Ms. Chimera stated that the Planning Commission did not meet and the Shade Tree Commission discussed its Arbor Day event and a redesign of its page on the Township website. Mr. Pelletier reported that the Public Safety Committee discussed the Traffic Calming Policy. Ms. Bamford reported that the Sewer Authority had not received much feedback on the rate increase. The Business Development Partnership discussed the impact of tariffs on their businesses.

21. Adjournment: Upon motion by Mr. Pettetier and seconded by Ms. Chimera, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Rivas, Recording Secretary