MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APRIL 27, 2026

1. Call to Order: The April 27, 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 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 Public Works Greg Reiff
Director of Information Technology Richard Grier
Recording Secretary Deborah A. Rivas

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. Jay Washesky asked if the fire study had an early assessment on the staffing update, inquired about the budget deficit since he missed the Finance Committee meeting, and stated it was not wise to be spending $1.5 million dollars on Whistlestop Park with a $6 million deficit. Mike Wozny stated that Ms. Staab had said that EVs are the future. Mr. Wozny read a list of vehicle companies and the status of their plans to delay or cancel EVs, showing billions in losses.

4. Consent Agenda:

> **MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Staab, and unanimously carried (5-0), the minutes of the April 13, 2026 meeting, and the payment of bills for April 27, 2026, in the amount of $454,495.02, were approved as submitted.**

Presentation:

5. VMSC EMS Operations Update: Shane Wheeler, Chief Executive Officer of VMSC EMS provided the Board with an update on operations. The VMSC continues to expand its coverage and enhance its responses with new medical technology.

Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement:

6. Review of Zoning Hearing Board Applications: Ms. McCreary identified the hearing applications received for the May 6, 2026 Zoning Hearing Board meeting. Application #26030014 – 309 Autovest Properties, L.P./1009 Bethlehem Pike. The applicant requests relief by variance to permit 104 square feet of signage where only 70 square feet is permitted. Application #26040015 – James and Victoria Malloy / 101 Walden Lane. The applicant requests relief by variances to permit a front yard setback of 10 feet where a minimum front yard

setback of 45 ft. is required, a new side yard setback of 12 feet on the southerly side of the property and existing side yard setback on the northerly side for an aggregate of 22 feet where a minimum side yard setback aggregate of 25 feet is required, and a street-side yard setback of 10 feet where a 30 foot setback is required. Ms. Bamford expressed concern about the significant setbacks requested in this application, and Ms. McCreary indicated that the Interim Zoning Officer would be present at the hearing to convey the Board's concerns.

Board consensus was not to enter an appearance for the applications, allowing the Zoning Hearing Board to render decisions based on the testimony presented.

7. Waiver of Fees – Refuge Church: Ms. McCreary reported that a letter was received from Josh Crum, Pastor of Refuge Church, requesting the Township consider waiving the fees for the associated permits required for a Building Permit and a Use and Occupancy Permit. The Board has previously waived permit fees for non-profit organizations. The fees are calculated to be $350 for the permit.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Mr. Pelletier, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board waived the fees associated with the Building Permit and Use and Occupancy Permit for the Refuge Church.

Public Works:

8. Purchase of Magna Locks for Spring Valley and William F. Maule Park Bathrooms: Mr. Reiff reported that the 2026 Capital Investment Plan includes the purchase and installation of programmable magnetic locks on the men's and women's restroom doors at Spring Valley Park and William F. Maule Park at Windlestrae. The new locks will provide stronger security, allowing them to be locked and unlocked at specific times. The hope is that stronger security will help deter vandalism, requiring the restrooms to remain closed until repairs can be made or professional hazmat cleaning can be performed. During public comment, Mike Wozny asked what vandalism was occurring. Mr. Reiff explained that feces were being spread all over the restroom.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Ware-Jones, seconded by Ms. Staab, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board awarded the contract for the purchase and installation of programmable magnetic locks on the men's and women's restroom doors at Spring Valley Park and William F. Maule Park to My Lock and Safe LLC, at a total cost of $11,800.00 per their quote dated March 5, 2026.

9. Authorize Bid Advertisement to Upfit of 3-Point Hitch, Front PTO & Snowplow for the 2018 John Deere 6120M Tractor: Mr. Reiff reported the department needs to purchase an upfit of a 3-Point Hitch, Front PTO and Snowplow for the 2018 John Deere 6120M tractor to make it more versatile and suitable for snow removal. The 2004 New Holland tractor is deteriorating and becoming obsolete, making it increasingly difficult to obtain parts. The upfit will allow the

snowblower from the New Holland tractor to continue to be used and will allow the tractor to be run from the front for snow removal operations. The work for this is specialized and will need to be completed by a dealership capable of working on large agricultural tractors. Although the closest dealership is on contract, unfortunately, these services are not covered unless we are purchasing a new tractor. Therefore, a formal bidding is required due to the cost of the work exceeding the bidding threshold.

> **MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford, seconded by Mr. Pelletier, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board authorized the advertisement of the bid for the purchase and upfit of a 3-Point Hitch, Front PTO & Snowplow for the 2018 John Deere 6120M tractor utilizing PennBid.**

Administration and Finance:

10. Adoption of Resolution Supporting DCNR Grant Application for Meadow Conversion – Memorial Grove: Ms. McCreary reported that the next round of applications to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Community Conservation Partnerships Program is open with applications being due April 30. An application has been successfully started and acknowledged by DCNR. The EAC has been working to develop a plan to reduce mowing on Township properties, and they are proposing to convert the existing lawn at Memorial Grove to a meadow.

> **MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Ware-Jones, seconded by Ms. Staab, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board adopted Resolution No. 2026-10, supporting Montgomery Township's DCNR grant application for the Memorial Grove Meadow Conversion Project.**

Old Business:

11. Designation of the North Wales Area Library as the Township's Library of Record: Ms. McCreary reported that Jennifer Koch provided the Board with an update on operations and initiatives at the April 13 public meeting. She noted the number of residents who are library members and recognized the Township's continuing financial support. During her presentation, Ms. Koch mentioned that the Township could further assist the library by designating it as the Township's library. Mr. Pelletier requested that the Board consider this, and the Board agreed to add it to an upcoming agenda. Ms. Chimera asked whether this required the Township to donate more money, and the answer was no; it would provide more funding to the library through the state. Ms. Bamford made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-09, designating the library as the Township's official library. After the unanimous vote, Mr. Wozny stated that he wished to make a public comment, noting that Ms. Bamford should not have voted on the resolution and should have recused herself, as she is on the library's Board of Directors. Solicitor Kilkenny recommended that the Board retake the vote, as public comment was not provided prior to the vote.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Pelletier, seconded by Ms. Staab, and carried by a vote of 4-0, with Ms. Bamford abstaining, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2026-09, designating the North Wales Area Library as Montgomery Township's library.

New Business:

12. Adoption of the National Wildlife Federation's Monarch Pledge: Ms. McCreary stated that Ms. Bamford received a communication from the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) seeking the Township's participation in this initiative. The Mayors' Monarch Pledge provides a proven framework intended to support efforts to create and expand habitat for monarchs and other wildlife. The EAC will meet on April 28th and discuss what action items the township can reasonably accomplish by December 31. The pledge survey will then be filled out and submitted to NWF. The EAC will be tasked with tracking the progress and reporting it to the NWF by December 31.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Staab, seconded by Ms. Bamford, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board authorized the participation in the National Wildlife Federation's Monarch Pledge and to complete the survey officially designating Montgomery Township as a participant.

13. Department Reports: Each department submitted monthly reports for activity in the month of March. Chief Wheeler's report was the report for the month. Mr. Reiff gave a report on the status of the Bark Park reopening. Mr. Reiff stated that the opening was getting close. The winter was harsh and overly wet, and with last summer's drought, the grass needed extended time to regenerate. Growth tarps were used, and with some sun and spring rain in the forecast, it should be opened soon. We continue to ask residents to respect the signage, and if a section is closed, it is in rotation and not to be used.

14. Committee Liaison Reports: Ms. Chimera stated that the Planning Commission did not meet, and the Shade Tree Commission's Arbor Day event was successful. Mr. Pelletier reported that the Community and Recreation Center Committee discussed the many successful programs that have been running well at the center. It will be necessary to begin replacing some of the fitness equipment in the near future. Ms. Bamford reported that the Sewer Authority has completed a security system upgrade and will install a UV disinfection system, moving away from a chlorine disinfection system. Ms. Bamford recognized State Reps. Malagari and Cerrato, as well as State Senator Maria Collett, for helping the authority secure a grant for the project. The Business Development Partnership met, but Ms. Bamford was not present as she was attending the PSATS conference. Ms. Staab reported that the EAC provided education materials regarding pesticide controls at the Arbor Day Tree Giveaway, followed by a park cleanup, a garden demonstration, a movie, and an eco-friendly craft. Ms. Ware-Jones reported that the Senior Committee had a Walking Group kick-off meeting. There will be another session in two weeks to discuss a formal walking club.

Ms. Chimera stated that manners need to be minded when the Township spends $11,000 of taxpayers' money on bathroom locks to try to prevent vandalism.

20. Adjournment: Upon motion by Ms. Bamford and seconded by Ms. Staab, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Rivas, Recording Secretary