

MINUTES FOR
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
March 1, 2018

1. Montgomery Township Committee met at the Municipal Building, 2261 Van Horne Road, Belle Mead, NJ at 7:00 p.m. on the above date. Those present were:

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE: Mayor Conforti, Deputy Mayor Madrid, Committeemembers Trzaska and Jaffer
Committeewoman Graham was absent

Also present were:

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY - Kristina P. Hadinger, Esq.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR - Donato Nieman

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER - Michael Pitts

TOWNSHIP CLERK - Donna Kukla

2. Mayor Conforti stated the following: "Under the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the time and place of this meeting has been posted and sent to the officially designated newspapers."

3. Mayor Conforti led the Salute to the Flag.

4. **POLICE REPORT**

Police Captain Tom Wain reported on the following activities of the Police Department for the month of January, 2018:

-- 58 motor vehicle accidents;
-- 20 arrests;
-- 5 thefts;
-- 5 burglaries;
-- 4 domestic violence.

Mayor Conforti reported on a recent meeting with representatives of the School Board to discuss Police procedures with regard to school safety and asked Captain Wain to give an update. Captain Wain explained that the Police Department has a great relationship with the schools. He thinks that it is the best communication relationship that he is aware of in law enforcement. He started teaching the DARE program in 1996 and in 2005 he was the Township's first school resource officer. Communication with the schools is the most important thing that the Police do on any given day. He feels that this layer of security can stop so many things from happening down the road. He reported on an incident in Montgomery and how, within 2 hours, it had been investigated and found to be a nonevent. He stated that the Police Department investigates all reports immediately. After the event in Parkland, Florida, he met with the Lieutenants and came to the conclusion that there needs to be department-wide training so that they are all on the same page should there be any similar situation. He remarked that Sergeant Jason Larsen will be presenting a Power Point presentation regarding this kind of issue. He reported on his idea to recruit High School student ambassadors to give tours to the Police Officers. He explained there is a new cell phone app that the County is pushing, and the Township Police Department is going to push. It's called "Stop It" and it allows people to report incidents anonymously to the Police Department via a free app on their phone. The report goes straight to the County and the County will then send it to the appropriate Police Department. Committeeman Trzaska suggested that the Police Officers should tour every school, both public and private, in the Township so they know the lay outs, etc. in case there ever is an emergency. Mayor Conforti stated that this is an on-going topic that the Township has been talking about for approximately 15-16 years but it wasn't at the level that it is now.

Rick Cavalli, Montgomery Township Board of Education, stated that Montgomery is a pretty safe town and the residents often take that for granted. As a parent, it is his job to keep his kids safe. As president of the school board, the safety of all of the children is his primary concern and his main objective is to make this community as safe as possible. In August the Board of Education decided to do a security assessment of all of the schools. They have now hired a firm to come in to do this assessment and update the assessment every three to four years. The assessment will begin in March and the final results will be complete in April. He stated that they have already begun making some safety changes in the schools.

5. EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION - Anish Durvasula

Anish Durvasula explained his project to construct a trash receptacle and an 8-foot picnic table. He stated that the trash receptacle will sit just over two feet high, and will allow for a bin to be placed inside the wooden structure. This structure will sit flush with a wall of a building and will create an easier waste disposal method, while also protecting it from the elements and animals. The picnic table will be 8 feet long, and can be placed in any area, both on concrete or grass. A third, non-construction aspect to the project that he would like to incorporate is having his scouts and himself hand-write and deliver letters to various businesses, friends and individuals around Montgomery for a fundraising effort to support the Otto Kaufman Community Center or the Recreation Committee. He believes this will be a mutually beneficial aspect for the project, and it would serve a large role in creating a hands-on and service-oriented experience for the younger scouts in the troop. He will be constructing the trash receptacle and picnic table at his house with about four other scouts. The project will take about three weeks to complete. Any landscaping related or tree planting jobs will be done on-site, at a time of the Township's choosing. The budget for this project will be compensated either through his own funds or through outside fundraising. No contribution will be needed from Montgomery Township. Throughout their time on-site, the scouts will be adhering to all Boy Scouts of America safety requirements and guidelines.

5-1. Committeewoman Jaffer moved the approval of this Eagle Scout project. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Madrid and carried unanimously.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Liz Palius, River Road, spoke about River Road and how it has lost its value in the Township because of traffic, garbage and safety. River Road was the very first road in the municipality. She spoke of the history of the road and the area. She stated that the Township needs to figure out how to take advantage of the historic treasure which is the River Road Historic District. She has spoken to a representative at Somerset County about reducing the speed limit on the road. She is working with the Millstone Valley Preservation Coalition to get the speed limit reduced and asked for the support of the Governing Body.

Deputy Mayor Madrid inquired about having a roadway clean-up. Administrator Nieman stated that River Road is a County road and the County would have to do the clean-up. He also explained the procedure for having a speed reduction put in place.

Mayor Conforti stated that the Township would let the County know that it supports a reduced speed limit and that River Road needs to be cleaned up.

7. CONSENT AGENDA - All matters listed hereunder are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any Township Committeeperson may request that an item be removed for separate consideration.

A. RESOLUTION #18-3-54 - REFUND OVERPAID 2018 TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED That a refund in the amount of \$64,084.31 be given to **Core Logic**, Attn: Refunds Department, 3001 Hackberry Road, Irving, TX 75063-0156 for the overpayments of 2018 taxes on the following properties:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>CONTRACT NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3007	18.01	38695579	\$2,899.61
5013	11	68009525	\$3,013.69
6003	19	23308756	\$4,111.64
7028	7	90524148	\$3,680.04
11004	5	86692711	\$6,486.36
15004	19	38060983	\$5,998.67
15009	19	87643211	\$6,232.88
16001	33	63652009	\$3,523.37
21009	10	33623229	\$4,340.35
28003	156	98864288	\$3,828.90
30004	2	85341196	\$6,510.56
31009	14	91293270	\$5,603.06
37002	5.172	98233566	\$2,500.17
37003	6.48	80224077	\$2,678.64
37004	1.73	16791514	\$2,676.37

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That refunds be given to the following for the overpayment of 2018 taxes:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4069	14	Chetlur S. & Radha Jagannathan	\$15,102.95
5024	9	Zhijian Zhou & Ye Zhu	\$ 3,035.60
7013	2	Sean & Kelly Murray	\$ 2,681.27
18023	5	Swen Elpelt & Ailin Liu	\$ 4,713.57
20001	17	Kaushik K. & Nisha K. Pabari	\$ 7,267.16
21006	19	Edwin J. & Ellen C. Nusbaum	\$ 7,352.00
22029	16	Richard Epstein & Karanja Harvey	\$ 4,832.18
22031	21	Steve & Sandra Androsko	\$ 4,539.80
28003	220	Sharbell Plainsboro, Inc.	\$ 158.06
30007	56	Paul Joseph & Denise C. Mignon	\$ 5,124.35
34021	25	Dharshanika Washington	\$ 3,463.63
34021	34	TWR as Cst for Ebury Fun 1 NJ LLC	\$ 289.22
37004	1.35	Puja Ghiraiya & Usha Agarwal	\$ 2,314.89

(CONSENT AGENDA Cont.)

B. RESOLUTION #18-3-55 - REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #2015-04

BE IT RESOLVED That a refund in the amount of \$8,311.63 be given to U.S. Bank for BV001 Trust, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2015-04 on Block 5018 Lot 126.1 CONDO.

C. RESOLUTION #18-3-56 - APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND 2017 SAFE CORRIDOR PROJECT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as HSF-Montgomery Township-00022 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Montgomery Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Montgomery Township and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

D. RESOLUTION #18-3-57 - APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE AGREEMENT - E1004A, LLC (Jaguar Land Rover Princeton)(Block 34001, Lots 60, 61 and 62)

BE IT RESOLVED That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a construction sequence agreement with E1004A, LLC (Jaguar Land Rover Princeton) with respect to Block 34001, Lots 60, 61 and 62, subject to review and approval by the Township Engineer and Township Attorney as to form and content.

E. RESOLUTION #18-3-58 - APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR RESERVATION OF REMAINING SEWER CAPACITY - E1004A, LLC (Jaguar Land Rover Princeton)(Block 34001, Lots 60, 61 and 62)

BE IT RESOLVED By the Montgomery Township Committee that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with E1004A, LLC (Jaguar Land Rover Princeton) for reservation of remaining sewer capacity in the Stage II Sewage Treatment Plant for Block 34001, Lots 60, 61 and 62 subject to review and approval by the Township Engineer and Township Attorney as to form and content.

F. RESOLUTION #18-3-59 - RELEASE OF ESCROW FEE - Albert Gerbig - Street Opening Permit #17-R-15

WHEREAS, George Remboske, Assistant to the Township Engineer, has recommended the release of a cash escrow fee to Albert Gerbig because all work has been satisfactorily completed with respect to the following street opening permit at Block 31003, Lot 16 (39 Colfax Road).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Montgomery Township Committee that the cash escrow fee in the amount of \$1,485.00 be released to Albert Gerbig, 39 Colfax Road, Skillman, NJ 08558.

G. RESOLUTION #18-3-60 - AUTHORIZING A TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

WHEREAS, The Township of Montgomery in Somerset County has the need to provide transportation services to certain residents; and

WHEREAS, The County of Somerset, Division of Transportation, has the proper equipment and qualified drivers and can provide transportation services to the Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery in Somerset County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The transportation services contract between the County of Somerset and Township of Montgomery authorizing the County to provide transportation services on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to Township residents, as determined by the Township, as well as transportation services for weekend trips is hereby approved and the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute the same on behalf of the Township.
2. Said services shall be provided by the County at a rate of \$25.29 per hour worked for weekday services for a not to exceed amount of \$40,337.94; \$37.94 per hour for weekend trips; an hourly fringe benefit cost of \$12.23 per hour provided that the total not exceed \$22,258.00; and a \$52.92 per day operating cost for administrative costs incurred by the County and account #01-201-28-374-251 will fund these services.
3. A Certificate of Available Funds has been signed by the Chief Financial Officer and is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.
4. The terms of the agreement shall be from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

(CONSENT AGENDA Cont.)

H. **RESOLUTION #18-3-61 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION - 2017 Community Stewardship Incentive Program - Reforestation & Tree Planting Grant (Grant Identifier FS18-016)**

WHEREAS, The governing body of Montgomery Township desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of approximately \$30,000.00 to fund the following project: Community Stewardship Incentive Program - Reforestation & Tree Planting Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the governing body resolves that Donato Nieman or the successor the office of Township Administrator is authorized (a) to make application for such grant, (b) if awarded, to execute a grant agreement with the State for a grant in an amount not less than \$30,000.00 and not more than \$30,000.00, and (c) to execute any amendments thereto which do not increase the Grantee's obligations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Mayor and Township Committee authorizes and hereby agrees to match 33.33% of the Total Project Amount (\$15,000 from the Shade Tree budget), in compliance with the match requirements of the agreement. The availability of the match for such purposes, whether cash, services, or property, is hereby certified. 24.82% of the match will be made up of in-kind services (if allowed by grant program requirements and the agreement); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable Federal, State, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations in its performance pursuant to the agreement.

7-1. Deputy Mayor Madrid moved the adoption of the **CONSENT AGENDA**. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Trzaska and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Jaffer, Trzaska, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Graham

8. **RESOLUTION #18-3-62 - AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, The 2018 Municipal Budget has not been adopted and there is a need to increase the Temporary Budget prior to the 2018 Budget being adopted in order to maintain operations until such time as the Township Budget is in place; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for approval of emergency temporary appropriations prior to the Municipal Budget being adopted, by a confirming vote of two-thirds of the full governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By confirmation of two-thirds of the full governing body, that the Chief Finance Officer is authorized to increase the temporary emergency appropriations as follows:

Current Fund

Environmental Commission	
Other Expense	\$ 1,000.00
Police	
Other Expense	\$70,000.00
Public Health	
Other Expense	\$20,000.00
Animal Control	
Other Expense	\$ 2,000.00
Recreation	
Other Expense	\$ 9,000.00

8-1. Committeeman Trzaska moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Madrid and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Jaffer, Trzaska, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Graham

9. **RESOLUTION #18-3-63 - AWARD OF BID #B01-2018 - Stage II Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Upgrade Project**

WHEREAS, The following bids for the Stage II Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Upgrade Project were received and publicly opened on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 11:00 AM:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Eagle Construction Services, Inc.	\$ 805,514.00
CMS Construction, Inc.	\$ 830,000.00
Iron Hill Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 874,000.00
Pact Two, LLC	\$1,054,000.00

WHEREAS, It is the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and the Director of Wastewater Operations that Eagle Construction Services, Inc. be awarded the bid; they being the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, A certificate as to the availability of funds has been signed by the Chief Financial Officer and is on file in the office of the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, There exists account number 08-215-55-901-1495C which will fund this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Montgomery Township Committee that the contract for the Stage II Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Upgrade Project is hereby awarded to Eagle Construction Services, Inc., 1624 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, NJ 08016 in the amount of \$805,514.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said contracts.

9-1. Deputy Mayor Madrid moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Jaffer and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Jaffer, Trzaska, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Graham

10. **RESOLUTION #18-3-64 - AWARD OF BID #B02-2018 - 2017 Road Improvements Project**

WHEREAS, The following bids for the 2017 Road Improvements project were received and publicly opened on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 2:00 PM:

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Stilo Excavation, Inc.	\$ 714,074.60
Meco, Inc.	\$ 780,234.50
Top Line Construction Corp.	\$ 806,505.53
DeSantis Construction, Inc.	\$ 813,442.90
S. Brothers, Inc.	\$ 856,501.20
Glen G. Hale, Inc.	\$ 891,253.85
Black Rock Enterprises, LLC	\$ 920,000.00
Jads Construction Co.	\$ 943,960.10
Kyle Conti Construction, LLC	\$ 978,978.00
Lucas Construction Group	\$ 998,899.00
Paving Materials & Contracting, LLC	\$1,058,085.00
P.M. Construction Corp.	\$1,117,470.00
Schifano Construction Corp.	\$1,241,813.00

WHEREAS, It is the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and the Township Engineer that Stilo Excavation, Inc. be awarded the bid; they being the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, A certificate as to the availability of funds has been signed by the Chief Financial Officer and is on file in the office of the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, There exists account number 04-215-55-901-1542B which will fund this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the contract for the 2017 Road Improvement Project is awarded to Stilo Excavation, Inc., 2907 South Clinton Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 in the amount of \$714,074.60; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said contracts.

10-1. Committeeman Trzaska moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Madrid and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Jaffer, Trzaska, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Graham

11. ORDINANCE #18-1567 - 2018 Salary & Wage Amendment - Public Hearing

A. Mayor Conforti read the title of the ordinance as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 18-1565 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE SALARY AND WAGE PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY, SOMERSET COUNTY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION IN 2018" TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSITIONS OF PAYROLL MANAGER/PENSION COORDINATOR AND DIVING INSTRUCTOR.

B. Mayor Conforti opened the hearing to the public. There being no comment, Committeeman Trzaska moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Madrid and carried unanimously.

C. BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby adopted this 1st day of March, 2018 and that notice thereof be published in an official newspaper as required by law.

11-1. Deputy Mayor Madrid moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Jaffer and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Jaffer, Trzaska, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Graham

12. ORDINANCE #18-1568 - Hillsborough Warehouse Lease - Public Hearing

A. Mayor Conforti read the title of the ordinance as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY, IN SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 ET SEQ., THE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO A LEASE FOR THE STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS AT HILLSBOROUGH BUSINESS CENTER, 9 ILENE COURT, HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP

B. Mayor Conforti opened the hearing to the public. There being no comment, Committeewoman Jaffer moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Madrid and carried unanimously.

C. BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby adopted this 1st day of March, 2018 and that notice thereof be published in an official newspaper as required by law.

12-1. Deputy Mayor Madrid moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Trzaska and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Jaffer, Trzaska, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Graham

13. ORDINANCE #18-1569 - Tarzia Acquisition - Public Hearing

A. Mayor Conforti read the title of the ordinance as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY IN SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LOT 7, BLOCK 10001 "TARZIA PROPERTY," IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY.

B. Mayor Conforti opened the hearing to the public. There being comment, Deputy Mayor Madrid moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Trzaska and carried unanimously.

C. BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby adopted this 1st day of March, 2018 and that notice thereof be published in an official newspaper as required by law.

13-1. Committeeman Trzaska moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Jaffer and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Jaffer, Trzaska, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Graham

14. ORDINANCE #18-1570 - Noise Ordinance - Introduction

A. Mayor Conforti read the title of the ordinance as follows:

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING LOUD, CONTINUOUS OR EXCESSIVE NOISE AND AMENDING CHAPTER III OF THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY (1984)".

B. BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby passed on first reading and that the same be published in an official newspaper as required by law together with a Notice of Pending Ordinance fixing March 15, 2018 at approximately 7:00 p.m. as the date and time when said ordinance will be further considered for final adoption.

14-1. Deputy Mayor Madrid moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Trzaska and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Jaffer, Trzaska, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Graham

15. ORDINANCE #18-1571 - Ambulance Nuisance Calls - Introduction

A. Mayor Conforti read the title of the ordinance as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY (1984), CHAPTER III, "POLICE REGULATIONS," BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 3-19 ENTITLED "AMBULANCE NUISANCE CALLS".

B. William Forbes, Trustee for Montgomery EMS, explained how this ordinance came about and the difference between emergency and non-emergency calls. He stated that most of the non-emergency calls come from two locations, Stonebridge and Carrier Clinic.

C. BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby passed on first reading and that the same be published in an official newspaper as required by law together with a Notice of Pending Ordinance fixing March 15, 2018 at approximately 7:00 p.m. as the date and time when said ordinance will be further considered for final adoption.

15-1. Deputy Mayor Madrid moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Jaffer and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Jaffer, Trzaska, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Graham

16. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Regular Session minutes of February 15, 2018 were approved as printed.

17. PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, The Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery has received bills to be paid as listed; and

WHEREAS, The Chief Finance Officer and the Township Administrator have reviewed these bills and have certified that these bills represent goods and/or services received by the Township, that these are authorized and budgeted expenditures and that sufficient funds are available to pay these bills.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery as follows:

1. That these bills are hereby authorized for payment; and
2. That checks in the proper amounts are prepared and that necessary bookkeeping entries are made; and
3. That the proper Township Officials are authorized to sign the checks.

17-1. Committeeman Trzaska moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Madrid and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Jaffer, Trzaska, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Graham

18. RIBBON CUTTING

Committeeman Trzaska reported that he and Mayor Conforti attended a ribbon cutting at the old Montgomery Five Complex for the new Land Rover and Jaguar dealership.

19. VACANT BANK SITE ON ROUTE 206

Committeeman Trzaska stated that he believes the vacant bank site on Route 206 near the Hillsborough border is under contract.

20. SOMERSET COUNTY "EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING" AWARD

Deputy Mayor Madrid stated that she had attended an award ceremony at Somerset County. Montgomery Township was presented the "Excellence in Planning" Award for the Village Shopper I and II area.

21. TAX ASSESSOR

Administrator Nieman reported that Tax Assessor Ryan Riccio has resigned and that the search for a new Tax Assessor has begun.

22. COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

22-1. SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

Committeewoman Jaffer reported that the Shade Tree Committee is working on implementing the \$60,000.00 tree planting grant they received. There is going to be the regular Arbor Day informational event for the 3rd graders on April 13.

22-2. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Committeewoman Jaffer stated that the Environmental Commission is working on the Earth Day event which will take place in conjunction with the Run With Rotary on April 22. Also, the 2018 Stream Clean Up project with the Watershed Association will be held at Mill Pond Park on April 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

22-3. TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Committeeman Trzaska stated that the Township received a sizeable grant from the State of New Jersey for the Cherry Valley Road project.

22-4. SITE PLAN/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE

Committeeman Trzaska reported that the Kepner Tregoe portion of the Village Shopper redevelopment complex will be on the agenda at the Site Plan/Subdivision Committee on March 20, 2018. This is a major element of the Township's COAH plan.

22-5. BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION

Administrator Nieman stated that the Board of Fire Prevention met to discuss new regulations and how they need to be enforced. It will require the Township to do inspections of churches and other public facilities such as fire houses.

23. GUN CONTROL

Committeewoman Jaffer asked if the Township Committee could do anything, as a group, to let our federal officials know that something needs to be done about gun control. Attorney Hadinger stated that the Governing Body could write a letter making the Township's representatives aware. Mayor Conforti suggested that they discuss this at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT was at 8:19 p.m. on a motion by Committeeman Trzaska. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Jaffer and carried unanimously.

Date of Approval:

Donna Kukla, Township Clerk