

MINUTES FOR
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
March 15, 2018

1. Montgomery Township Committee met at the Municipal Building, 2261 Van Horne Road, Belle Mead, NJ at 6:45 p.m. on the above date. Those present were:

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

Also present were:

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY - Kevin Van Hise, Esq.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR - Donato Nieman

ASSISTANT CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER - Dale Melville

DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK - Margaret Crawford

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. **RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

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

1. The Township Committee will now convene in a closed session that will be limited only to consideration of items with respect to which the public may be excluded pursuant to Section 7B of the Open Public Meetings Act.
 2. The general nature of the subject to be discussed in this session is as follows:
 - Personnel - Interview with candidate for the office of Tax Assessor.
 3. It is unknown precisely when the matter discussed in this session will be disclosed to the public. No appointment shall be authorized except by action of the Township Committee in open session.
- 4-1. Deputy Mayor Madrid moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Trzaska and carried unanimously.
5. Meeting reconvened in Open Session.
6. **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT - Tax Assessor**

BE IT RESOLVED Glenn Stives is hereby appointed Tax Assessor, filling the unexpired term of the previous Assessor, expiring June 30, 2018 and retroactive to March 5, 2018.
- 6-1. Committeeman Trzaska moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Graham and carried on the following:

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

7. **PROCLAMATION - CELEBRATING WOMEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE DAY - March 19, 2018**

WHEREAS, The month of March is Women's History Month and celebrates the significant contributions women of all races, ethnicities, and backgrounds have made to the world; and

WHEREAS, Women play a critical role in the vitality and diversity of our communities and are essential to ensuring Somerset County is well-represented; and

WHEREAS, While the twentieth century was a pivotal time of growth for women entering politics, women remain underrepresented in male-dominated fields, and thus, providing opportunities to support women in public office is imperative; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing women in public office will bring awareness to the fundamental necessity of their work and will inspire other young people to serve their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED That the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery does hereby proclaim March 19, 2018 as Celebrating Women in Public Office Day and call upon the people of Montgomery Township to unite as we support the success of women in public office and observe every March 19th with appropriate activities, events, and programs.

- 7-1. Deputy Mayor Madrid moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Graham and carried unanimously.

8. **PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH - March 2018**

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home as well as providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation and served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, Women have served our country courageously in the military; and

WHEREAS, Women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, The Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women will be joining the Nation in celebrating Women's History Month and will center on women in Somerset County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery does hereby proclaim the Month of March 2018 as Women's History Month in Montgomery Township and honors the theme "NEVERTHELESS SHE PERSISTED: Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination Against Women" by urging all citizens of Montgomery Township to join in the numerous celebrations scheduled for Somerset County.

- 8-1. Committeewoman Graham moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Madrid and carried unanimously.

9. **PROCLAMATION - AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH - March, 2018**

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross saw a record-breaking year in 2017 of challenging domestic and international response efforts. Through the support of its volunteers, in just 45 days, the Red Cross responded to six of the largest and most complex disasters of 2017 including back-to-back hurricanes, the deadliest week of wildfires in California history, and the horrific mass shooting in Las Vegas. In addition, the Red Cross responded to nearly 50,000 home fires in 2017, providing casework assistance to help 76,000 families recover; and

WHEREAS, In New Jersey, the Red Cross has a long history of helping our neighbors in need. The American Red Cross New Jersey Region responded to more than 820 local disasters last year, assisting nearly 1,900 New Jersey families who were displaced by home fires. They installed 10,600 free smoke alarms and reached thousands with fire safety information through the Home Fire Campaign. In New Jersey, the Red Cross provides an average of 4,000 military family case services every year and collects an average of 90,000 units of blood from our generous blood donors; and

WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to recognize and thank the Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help members of the community. The Red Cross depends on these local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. We applaud our heroes here in New Jersey who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand; and

WHEREAS, Across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small. It collects about 40 percent of the nation's blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; teaches millions lifesaving skills such as lifeguarding and CPR; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis, conflict or migration; and

WHEREAS, We dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery does hereby proclaim March 2018 as American Red Cross Month and encourages all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

- 9-1. Committeeman Trzaska moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Graham and carried unanimously.

10. PROCLAMATION - ARBOR DAY - April 13, 2018

WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, This holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 146th Anniversary of Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, Trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, Trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery Township has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Montgomery Township Committee hereby proclaims April 13, 2018 as ARBOR DAY in the Township of Montgomery, and urges all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our Township's urban forestry program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Governing Body urges all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

10-1. Deputy Mayor Madrid moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Graham and carried unanimously.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

11-1. Brett Borowski, York Drive, asked about the changes to the noise ordinance. Deputy Mayor Madrid explained that the changes were of a "housekeeping" nature which will make it easier to enforce the ordinance.

Mr. Borowski complimented Lieutenant Tom Frascella on returning emails with quick and salient replies and making himself available to meet to answer questions.

Mr. Borowski spoke about going through an inspection check on Route 206. He stated that there were vehicles with brake lights out that were not caught in that check. He suggested that the Police look at cars with safety problems as well.

11-2. Committeeman Trzaska spoke about the grant the Township received for the Cherry Valley Road reconstruction project. He stated that the grant would cover approximately 2/3 of the project. Princeton received quite a large grant as well.

12. 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 #18-3-65 - REFUND OVERPAID 2018 TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED That a refund in the amount of \$7,618.47 be given to **Loan Care**, Attn: Kimberly Gooden, Tax Dept., 601 Riverside Ave, Bldg 5, Jacksonville, FL 32204 for the overpayment of 2018 taxes on the following properties:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>LOAN NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
27001	5.01	0022106496	\$5,010.16
37004	1.23	0020227583	\$2,608.31

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a refund in the amount of \$34,995.80 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>
7014	24	86232656	\$4,459.72
7019	36	82487859	\$3,745.02
7019	61.17	93706172	\$5,735.00
7032	33	16223017	\$6,062.14
8001	36	95852803	\$4,767.21
15001	33.02	66970127	\$2,357.92
30002	61	73935428	\$4,735.64
34023	31	64464487	\$3,133.15

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>
7016	24	Sun Trust Mortgage, Inc.	\$ 3,692.33
11001	33.12	Dimitra & Kasimati Bairakaris	\$ 6,949.94
15001	69	Andrew Greenberg & Tess Kline	\$28,833.71
17008	3	Barry D. & Elana L. Stein	\$13,393.81
18017	11	Sanjeev & Nisha Dugar	\$ 4,822.36
37004	6.14	Xin Dou	\$ 2,385.97

(CONSENT AGENDA Cont.)

B. RESOLUTION #18-3-66 - REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #2017-33

BE IT RESOLVED That a refund in the amount of \$5,334.14 be given TFS Cust Fig Cap Inv NJ13 LLC, P.O. Box 54472, New Orleans, LA 70154 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2017-33 on Block 28003, Lot 146.

C. RESOLUTION #18-3-67 - AUTHORIZING SEWER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT -

Rene Saindon and Sherif Sonbol - Block 37002, Lot 1.115

BE IT RESOLVED By the Montgomery Township Committee that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Sewer Participation Agreement with Rene Saindon and Sherif Sonbol related to sewer capacity in the Stage II Sewage Treatment Plant for Block 37002, Lot 1.115.

D. RESOLUTION #18-3-68 - AUTHORIZING GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (Grant Identifier: FS18-080)

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 up to \$3,000.00 to fund the following project: NJFS Urban and Community Forestry Program Green Communities Grant.

Therefore, the governing body resolves that Donato Nieman or the successor to the office of Township Administrator is authorized (a) to make application for such a grant, (b) if awarded, to execute a grant agreement with the State for a grant in an amount not less than \$0.00 and not more than \$3,000.00, and (c) to execute any amendments thereto which do not increase the Grantee's obligations.

The Township Committee authorizes and hereby agrees to match 50% of the Total Project Amount, 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. 60% of the match will be made up of in-kind services (if allowed by grant program requirements and the agreement).*

The Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable Federal, State, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations in its performance pursuant to the agreement.

12-1. Committeeman Trzaska moved the adoption of the **CONSENT AGENDA**. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Graham and carried on the following:

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

13. RESOLUTION #18-3-69 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF FRANCESCO TADDEO TO THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE IN THE HILLSBOROUGH/MONTGOMERY/MANVILLE COURT, AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$65,000.00 PER YEAR, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2018

WHEREAS, There is the need for a Municipal Court Judge in the Hillsborough/Montgomery/Manville Court; and

WHEREAS, The Township Administrator recommends the hiring of Francesco Taddeo as a Municipal Court Judge, at an annual salary of \$65,000.00, effective March 1, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the recommendation of the Township Administrator is hereby accepted and approved.

13-1. Committeewoman Graham moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Madrid and carried on the following:

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

14. RESOLUTION #18-3-70 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY, IN SOMERSET COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PILOT AGREEMENT WITH PIRHL ACQUISITIONS, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT AT BLOCK 28004, LOT 7 AND FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL MEET AN EXISTING HOUSING NEED

WHEREAS, PIRHL Acquisitions, LLC and its assigns (hereinafter referred to as the "Sponsor") proposes to construct and operate a 86-unit affordable family apartment community (hereinafter referred to as the "Project") pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency Law of 1983, as amended (N.J.S.A. 55:14K-1 *et seq.*), the rules promulgated thereunder at N.J.A.C. 5:80-1 *et seq.*, and all applicable guidelines (the foregoing hereinafter referred to as the "HMFA Requirements") within the Township of Montgomery (hereinafter referred to as the "Township") on a site described as Block 28004, Lot 7, as shown on the Tax Assessment Maps of the Township of Montgomery, Somerset County, New Jersey (rev. 2017); and

WHEREAS, The Project will be subject to the HMFA Requirements and the mortgage and other loan documents executed between the Sponsor and the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency"); and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the HMFA Requirements, the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery hereby determines that there is a need for the Project in the Township; and

(Item #14 Cont.)

WHEREAS, The Sponsor has presented to the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery a revenue projection for the Project which sets forth the anticipated revenue to be received by the Sponsor from the operation of the Project as estimated by the Sponsor and the Agency, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery (the "Township Committee") that:

- (1) The Township Committee finds and determines that the Project will meet or meets an existing housing need.
- (2) The Township Committee does hereby adopt the within Resolution and makes the determination and findings herein contained by virtue of, pursuant to, and in the conformity with the provisions of the HMFA Requirements with the intent and purpose that the Agency shall rely thereon in making a mortgage loan to the Sponsor, which shall construct, own and operate the Project.
- (3) The Township Committee does hereby adopt the within Resolution with the further intent and purpose that from the date of execution of the Agency mortgage, the Project, including both the land and improvements thereon, will be exempt from real property taxation as provided in the HMFA Requirements, provided that payments in lieu of taxes for municipal services supplied to the Project are made to the Township in such amounts and manner set forth in the Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Taxes attached hereto as Exhibit "B".
- (4) The Township Committee hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor of the Township of Montgomery to execute, on behalf of the Township, an Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Taxes, a true and correct copy of which is found in the office of the Township Clerk.
- (5) The Township Committee understands and agrees that the revenue projections set forth in Exhibit "A" are estimates and that the actual payments in lieu of taxes to be paid by the Sponsor to the Township shall be determined pursuant to the Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Taxes executed between the Sponsor and Township.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

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

15. **RESOLUTION #18-3-71 - APPROVING AND CERTIFYING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, FIRE DISTRICT #2**

WHEREAS, By resolution adopted March 8, 2018 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.13, the Montgomery Township Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District #2 declared that an emergency exists requiring a supplementary appropriation; and

WHEREAS, The nature of the emergency is the faulty transfer gear box in the District's Tower Truck, which is used in fighting fires in multi-story structures and in rescues; and

WHEREAS, The amount of the supplementary appropriation authorized by the Board of Fire Commissioners is \$19,844.22, which is three (3%) percent of the District's 2018 operating budget; and

WHEREAS, The Township Committee agrees with the findings of the Board of Fire Commissioners that an emergency exists requiring a supplementary appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, in Somerset County, New Jersey (not less than 2/3 of its full membership concurring) that the supplemental appropriation of \$19,844.22 is hereby approved and certified to Montgomery Township Fire District #2.

- 15-1. Administrator Nieman explained that this was the first time this had to be done. Under State statute when a Fire District Board of Commissioners needs to make an emergency appropriation, the ultimate approval for that falls to the Township Committee. In this case, District #2's aerial ladder truck has had the transfer gear fail and it is a \$25,000.00 repair which was not budgeted for. The Commissioners approved an emergency appropriation and is asking the Governing Body to approve it also.

Peter Martin, Chair of the Board of Fire Commissioners, explained the repair that was needed and stated that the money would come out of surplus of their general fund and reflected in the 2019 budget.

- 15-2. Deputy Mayor Madrid moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Graham and carried on the following:

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

16. ORDINANCE #18-1570 - Noise Ordinance - Public Hearing

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-1. Mayor Conforti opened the hearing to the public.

B-2. Rene Saindan, Roxbury Court, asked if this ordinance would preclude her from listening to loud music in her car. It was stated that it would not.

B-3. Committeeman Trzaska moved that the public hearing be closed. 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 15th day of March, 2018 and that notice thereof be published in an official newspaper as required by law.

16-1. Committeewoman Graham moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Trzaska and carried on the following:

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

17. ORDINANCE #18-1571 - Ambulance Nuisance Calls - Public Hearing

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. Mayor Conforti opened the hearing to the public. There being no comment, Committeeman Trzaska moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Graham and carried unanimously.

C. BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby adopted this 15th day of March, 2018 and that notice thereof be published in an official newspaper as required by law.

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

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

18. ORDINANCE #18-1572 - Establishing 2018 Sewer Service Rates - Introduction

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XII SEWER AND WATER OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY (1984) TO ESTABLISH 2018 SEWER SERVICE RATES.

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 April 5, 2018 at approximately 7:00 p.m. as the date and time when said ordinance will be further considered for final adoption.

18-1. 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 - Graham, Trzaska, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Jaffer

19. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Regular Session minutes of March 1, 2018 were approved as printed.

20. **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.

20-1. Committeeman Trzaska moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Graham and carried on following:

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

21. **LIBRARY SURVEY**

Committeeman Trzaska stated that the Township would be sending out a survey regarding the new library initiative. The Somerset County Library System and their Director, Brian O'Shea, has identified 10 possible modern, forward looking features for the new library.

22. **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Mayor Conforti stated that Lieutenant Gill, Administrator Nieman and he went to the Board of Education meeting to provide an update on the Township's security procedures. He believed it went well.

23. **SNOW EVENT**

Administrator Nieman commended the Department of Public Works and the Police Department on their great work during the recent storm. There was approximately 13 inches of heavy, wet snow. There were over 1,400 PSE&G customers without power. Within 24 hours the Township was back to bare pavement.

24. **COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

24-1. **OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

Committeewoman Graham reported on the joint meeting of the Open Space Committee and Landmarks Commission. They discussed about the barn and a possible museum at the corner of Harlingen Road and Route 206. They also put together a memo that was sent to Somerset County Open Space which solicited comments on the County Open Space plan.

24-2. **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Committeewoman Graham stated that the Earth Day event planned for April 22 at Skillman Park by the Environmental Commission will be jointly held with Run for Rotary.

24-3. **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Committeewoman Graham reported that the Board of Health is moving forward with their accreditation process. They also have adopted an ordinance setting the age of 21 as the age of sale for vaping products.

24-4. **MONTGOMERY VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

Committeewoman Graham stated that a new member will be appointment to the Montgomery Veterans Memorial Committee at the April 5 Township Committee meeting.

24-5. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Committeewoman Graham stated that the Economic Development Commission's 2018 Business Directory will be going out to print in the very near future.

24-6. **MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE**

Deputy Mayor Madrid reported that the Municipal Alliance is working on a number of initiatives.

24-7. **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Mayor Conforti that the Environmental Commission's Earth Day event will be held along with the Run for Rotary. He explained that it would be a full day event. They will close Skillman Park to vehicular traffic, except at the far end, from approximately 9:30 a.m. until approximately 11:30 a.m.

25. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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

1. The Township Committee will now convene in a closed session that will be limited only to consideration of items with respect to which the public may be excluded pursuant to Section 7B of the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. The general nature of the subject to be discussed in this session is as follows:
 - Affordable Housing Litigation and Advice of Counsel Concerning Same.
3. It is unknown precisely when the matter discussed in this session will be disclosed to the public. Matters concerning litigation may be announced upon the conclusion of any trial or settlement of the litigation.

17-1. Committeeman Trzaska moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Graham and carried unanimously.

18. Meeting reconvened in Open Session and ADJOURNMENT was at 8:00 p.m. on a motion by Committeeman Trzaska. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Graham and carried unanimously.

Date of Approval:

Donna Kukla, Township Clerk