

MINUTES FOR
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
April 4, 2019

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 Jaffer, Deputy Mayor Gural, Committeemembers Trzaska, Quraishi and Schuldiner

Also present were:

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY - Kevin Van Hise, Esq.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR - Donato Nieman

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER - Michael Pitts

DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK - Margaret Crawford

2. Mayor Jaffer 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 Jaffer led the Salute to the Flag.

4. **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT PRESENTATION**

Sean Naughton's project consists of building a wishing well over the newly completed well at the Otto Kaufman Community Center. The wishing well will be six (6) feet tall and will be able to be moved by two or three people in case the well needs to be accessed. He will also plant around the well. The stated that the projected has to be self-funded so he is not asking for any money.

- 4-1. Deputy Mayor Gural moved the approval of this Eagle Scout project. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Schuldiner and carried unanimously.

5. **PROCLAMATION - APRIL 2019 AS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH AND APRIL 5TH AS CASA CHILD ADVOCACY DAY 2019**

WHEREAS, We all have a responsibility as individuals, neighbors, community members and citizens of Montgomery Township to help create healthy, nurturing and safe experiences for children; and

WHEREAS, Healthy and safe childhoods help produce confident and successful adults; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect often occur when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

WHEREAS, Incidences of child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure all families have the support they need and deserve to raise their children in health environments; and

WHEREAS, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is authorized by State Statute and Federal Law to help the Court and Child Welfare systems make "best interest" decisions on behalf of children removed from home because of abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, CASA volunteer advocates in Montgomery Township help to ensure that abused and neglected children who are placed in foster care and other out-of-home placements are safe and receive the services they need to achieve well-being; and

WHEREAS, CASA advocates reduce the number of moves between placements, help shorten the overall time a child remains in placement, and serve as a consistent person in the child's life until that child achieves permanency in a safe home with a loving family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Montgomery Township Committee does hereby proclaim April 2019 as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in Montgomery Township and April 5 as CASA Child Advocacy Day 2019; and urges all citizens to support the CASA network across New Jersey, as it strengthens families and helps children learn, grow, and thrive.

- 5-1. Committeeman Schuldiner moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Quraishi and carried unanimously.

6. **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NJ LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK, APRIL 7 THROUGH 13, 2019, AND ENCOURAGING ALL CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION AND CORRESPONDING ACTIVITIES.**

WHEREAS, Local government is the government closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, Local government provides services and programs that enhance the quality of life for residents, making their municipality their home; and

WHEREAS, Local government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Local government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along the understanding of public services and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, NJ Local Government Week offers an important opportunity for elected officials and local government staff to spread the word to all citizens of New Jersey that they can shape and influence this branch of government; and

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WHEREAS, The NJ State League of Municipalities and its member municipalities have joined together to teach citizens about municipal government through a variety of activities.

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

Section 1. That the Montgomery Township Committee encourages all citizens, local government officials, and employees to participate in events that recognize and celebrate NJ Local Government Week.

Section 2. That the Montgomery Township Committee encourages educational partnerships between local government and schools, as well as civic groups and other organizations.

Section 3. That the Montgomery Township Committee supports and encourages all New Jersey local governments to actively promote and sponsor NJ Local Government Week.

6-1. Committeeman Schuldiner moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Gural and carried unanimously.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

7-1. Brett Borowski, York Drive, spoke about the Committee developed for the design of the new Municipal complex and library. He asked if this was an official committee, if there was a list of who was on this committee, and if it appeared on the Township calendar. Mayor Jaffer responded that after the Town Hall meeting, there were a lot of concerns about the design of the Municipal Building so she appointed a committee made up of members of the Planning Board, Environmental Commission, Shade Tree Committee, and staff, who all had various perspectives on the design. They have been meeting to come up with specifics as to what is wanted from the architects and they are in the process of developing that.

Mr. Borowski spoke about the resolution recognizing New Jersey local government week and how he's been urging citizens to get involved by showing up at meetings and asking questions. He asked about the Municipality coordinating with the schools to have a course at the high school that covered government all the way from the Federal to Local level.

8. **ANNUAL LOCAL HEALTH REPORT**

Health Officer Stephanie Carey gave the annual Local Health Report and spoke on the following:

- Key accomplishments of the Health Department and Board of Health;
- \$9,000.00 grant from the Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund;
- Lyme Disease;
- Retail food inspections;
- E-Cigs;
- Animal care and management;
- Regional health efforts;
- Strategic priorities;
- Public Health accreditation.

9. **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 #19-4-97 - REFUND OVERPAID 2018 AND 2019 TAXES**

BE IT RESOLVED That refunds be given to the following for the overpayment of 2018 and 2019 taxes:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>
7035	8	Frederick F. Jr. & Carol Butler	\$1,472.29	2018
34023	54	Srimal Ekkadu & S. Rajagopal	\$ 652.80	2019

B. **RESOLUTION #19-4-98 - APPROVAL OF USE OF TENT - Run with Rotary 2019**

BE IT RESOLVED That the Montgomery Township Committee hereby approves the use of the Township tent for the Run with Rotary 2019 road race as the Township Recreation Department will be one of the sponsors of the event and the advertising will be provided to the Township. The event will be held on May 5, 2019.

C. **RESOLUTION #19-4-99 - APPROVAL OF OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY - Run with Rotary 2019**

BE IT RESOLVED By the Montgomery Township Committee as follows:

1. The Rotary Club of Montgomery/Rocky Hill has requested approval of the Township Committee to conduct a 5-K race and 1-mile fun walk on May 5, 2019. The events will start on Main Boulevard and finish on Bergen Circle.

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2. The Township Committee has considered the application and hereby grants the same subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) This approval is for the period specified and is not to be considered approval to conduct similar events without Township Committee approval.
 - (b) Portions of Main Boulevard, Bergen Circle, Larocque Circle, Morrow Road, and Lake Drive in Somerset County Skillman Park will be closed to vehicular traffic on Sunday, May 5, 2019 beginning at 10:35 a.m.
 - (c) This event shall be held subject to the provisions of the Montgomery Township Code, Outdoor Assembly, Chapter 4-2.1.
 - (d) Approval of these events is pending clearance by the Police Department, Health Department, Construction Department and Fire Prevention Department as stated below:
 - (1) The organizers will obtain the required approval from the Police Department regarding parking facilities, traffic plan and safety considerations.
 - (2) The organizers will obtain the required health certificates from the Township Health Department, if applicable.
 - (3) The organizers will obtain the required open flame and tent permits from the Township Fire Prevention Department.

D. **RESOLUTION #19-4-100 - EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS - Carrier Clinic - New Addition and Alterations and Women's Housing**

WHEREAS, Gail Smith, Township Engineer, has certified on April 4, 2019 that adequate funds remain in the posted guarantees to cover the remaining public improvements in the Carrier Clinic - New Addition and Alterations and Women's Housing projects and therefore recommends time extensions to complete said improvements. The new completion date is September 30, 2019.

E. **RESOLUTION #19-4-101 - AMENDING RESOLUTION #19-3-91 - RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE - Country Classics at Fox Brook (PB-04-13)**

WHEREAS, Resolution #19-3-91 authorizing the conditional Performance Guarantee release for Country Classics at Fox Brook was adopted March 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Since then the Developer has provided documentation showing that a pedestrian easement exists on Block 6001, Lot 5.10 for the hot mix asphalt pathway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Montgomery Township Committee that paragraph 5 of the aforementioned resolution, which states: "Pathways - the hot mix asphalt pathway on Block 6001 Lot 5.10, including its connection to the Twin Brook Drive cul-de-sac within the public right-of-way, shall be maintained by the Homeowner's Association." be deleted.

- 9-1. Committeeman Trzaska moved the adoption of the **CONSENT AGENDA**. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Schuldiner and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Schuldiner, Quraishi, Trzaska, Gural, Jaffer
Nays - None

10. **RESOLUTION #19-4-102 - AUTHORIZATION TO RATIFY AGREEMENT - American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 3383, Council 63**

BE IT RESOLVED By the Montgomery Township Committee that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a collective bargaining agreement with AFSCME Local 3383, Council 63 for a four-year period effective January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2022.

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

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Schuldiner, Quraishi, Trzaska, Gural, Jaffer
Nays - None

11. **RESOLUTION #19-4-103 - AUTHORIZING LEASE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY BY SUBMISSION OF SEALED BIDS FOR WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Lands and Buildings Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14) ("LLBL") a municipal corporation may lease to any private person real property owned by said municipal corporation which is not needed for a public use; and

WHEREAS, The LLBL requires that a lease by a municipal corporation to a private person, except for a lease to a private person for a public purpose, be made to the highest bidder by open public bidding at auction or by submission of sealed bids; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Montgomery ("Township") is the owner of a parcel of property situated in the Township off of Reading Boulevard and consisting of approximately 3,000 square feet ("Premises") and located within Block 4001, Lot 28.04 on the Tax Assessment Maps of the Township of Montgomery, Somerset County, New Jersey (October 1997, Updated October 2018) ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, The Premises is subject to an existing lease between the Township and CCGS Holdings LLC ("Crown Castle") for the construction and maintenance of a monopole wireless communications tower on the Premises, which will expire on November 16, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Under the lease with Crown Castle, Crown Castle will have thirty (30) days from November 16, 2019 to remove the existing cell tower and restore the Premises to its condition as of the commencement of the existing lease, ordinary wear and tear, casualty loss and damage from the elements excepted; and

WHEREAS, At the expiration of the existing lease with Crown Castle, the Township seeks to continue leasing the Premises for purposes of a wireless telecommunications facility for a term of up to an additional twenty (20) years with a qualified, experienced firm for purposes of designing, constructing and operating a wireless telecommunications tower and ancillary wireless telephone support equipment, structures and foundations ("Facility"); and

WHEREAS, If the current lessee ("Crown Castle") is the successful bidder, then it will be authorized to continue to use its current cell tower under the terms of a new lease; and if a new vendor is the successful bidder, then Crown Castle will be obligated to remove the cell tower and restore the Premises to its condition as of the commencement of the original lease (November 17, 1999) and thereafter the new lessee will be required to construct the Facility.

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

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14(a), the Township through its Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to solicit sealed bids for the Lease of the Premises, as identified above in the "Whereas" clauses, for purposes of designing, constructing and operating a wireless telecommunications tower and ancillary support equipment, structures and foundations on the Premises, at such time and place as he may deem appropriate and necessary to effectuate the terms hereof.
2. The Administrator shall cause said bidding to be duly advertised in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14, by causing the advertisement to be published in a newspaper circulating in the Township by two insertions at least once a week during two consecutive weeks, the last publication to be not earlier than seven days prior to the date of the bid opening. Said advertisement shall specify that the Township reserves the right to reject all bids where the highest bid is not accepted.
3. The following minimum terms and conditions shall govern the Lease between the Township and Successful Bidder:
 - A. The Successful Bidder shall construct the Facility to match the specifications and location of the tower and ancillary and support facilities and structures existing as of the date hereof.
 - B. The Premises is a portion of the Township's property, referred to as Block 4001, Lot 28.04, and is approximately 3,000 square feet in area located off of Reading Boulevard.
 - C. The Successful Bidder shall also have non-exclusive access, seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day to an entrance road and driveway from Reading Boulevard to the Premises, which is located on and across Block 4001, Lots 28.04 and 31.05. The purpose of the entrance road is to service both the Leased Premises and the remainder of the Property which is leased to the Montgomery Township Baseball League ("MTBL"). The MTBL may in the future expand the improvements in the entrance road and driveway (such as constructing parking stalls). MTBL's improvements, if any, shall not unreasonably interfere with the Successful Bidder's operations or access to the Leased Premises. The Successful Bidder shall maintain the entrance road and driveway at its sole cost and expense.
 - D. During the term of the Lease, the Successful Bidder shall mill and pave the entrance road from Reading Boulevard to the Premises, and shall grade and re-stone the driveway leading to the Premises. The Successful Bidder shall coordinate with MTBL to ensure that these improvements do not unreasonably interfere with MTBL's operations or access to the Property.
 - E. There shall be a minimum annual rental payment amount of \$57,397.80 for the first year. The initial Lease term shall be five (5) years with three (3) five (5) year renewal options for a maximum of twenty (20) years. During the second and subsequent years of the Lease term, the annual rental amount shall be increased by an amount equal to four percent (4%) of the rent for the previous year or by an increase in the Consumer Price Index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor and applicable to the geographic area within which the Township of Montgomery is located (or any successor index thereto), whichever is higher..
 - F. The Successful Bidder will be the bidder who is responsible and responsive and able to offer the Township the highest payment in base rent.
 - G. After termination of the Lease, the Successful Bidder shall be responsible for removing the Facility no later than thirty (30) days thereafter and shall restore the Premises to its condition as of the Lease's Commencement Date, ordinary wear and tear, casualty loss and damage from the elements excepted.

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- H. The Successful Bidder shall pay to the Township additional compensation during the term of the Lease based upon the subleasing rent received by the Successful Bidder from co-locators and as follows:
1. The amount shall be eighty-five (85%) percent of the gross revenue received by the Successful Bidder within (30) days of the date of receipt of such gross revenue by the Tenant, except in the event the Successful Bidder must construct a new Facility under the Lease.
 2. If the Successful Bidder must construct a new Facility under the Lease, the Township shall be entitled to receive one-half of the gross revenue received by the Successful Bidders from such co-locator within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of such gross revenue by the Successful Bidder. Once the Successful Bidder has recouped seventy-five (75%) of the tower costs from co-locators, the Township shall be entitled to receive eighty-five (85%) percent of the gross revenue received by the Successful Bidder within (30) days of the date of receipt of such gross revenue by the Successful Bidder.
- I. The height of the tower shall be the same as the existing tower or the maximum height permitted by the Federal Aviation Administration, whichever is less. The tower, and the Facility, shall be designed to accommodate the antennas of at least four (4) co-locators or the quantity existing as of the date hereof, whichever is more. Construction of the tower must conform to all applicable codes and regulations. The design and construction plans for the tower and the foundation must be signed and sealed by a professional engineer licensed in the State of New Jersey.
- J. The Successful Bidder will own the tower and shall, at its sole cost and expense, be responsible for design, construction, financing, operation, and maintenance thereof for the duration of the Lease term.
- K. The Successful Bidder shall be responsible, at its sole cost and expense, for obtaining all necessary permits, approvals and licenses from governmental authorities required for the construction of the Facility.
- L. The Successful Bidder shall ensure that its final plans for construction of the tower and ancillary wireless telecommunications support equipment, structures and foundations at the Premises comply with all applicable municipal, state and federal requirements.
- M. Within ninety (90) days of the award of the Lease to the Successful Bidder, and prior to completion of the engineered design and construction plans in accordance with Section 16-6.1.p.6(b) and (c) of the Montgomery Township Land Development Ordinance, the Successful Bidder shall submit a concept plan and planner's report to the Township Engineer in consultation with the Township Land Use Planner; the Successful Bidder shall not be required to submit any further application for development with the Planning Board, unless the Successful Bidder is unable to comply with the General Design Requirements for First Priority Locations, as referenced above.
- N. The Successful Bidder shall commence construction of the Facility within 180 days, and shall complete construction of the Facility within 270 days, of the Successful Bidder's receipt of all necessary government approvals for same, which time periods may be extended by the Township as reasonably necessary.
- O. The Premises is being leased "as is" and the Township makes no representation about the condition thereof. The square footage of the Premises is an approximation.
- P. The Successful Bidder shall have such financial and other resources as necessary to fund the design, construction and operation of the tower, as specifically set forth in the Bidding Documents referenced herein, and shall provide to the Township proof of insurance in the types, manner and amounts required in the Bidding Documents, naming the Township as additional insured, and shall indemnify the Township, as set forth in more detail in the Bidding Documents.
- Q. The Successful Bidder shall comply with the Bidding Documents and Lease; all applicable laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and deed restrictions pertaining to the Premises and Property; and all applicable federal and state laws.
4. The Township reserves the right to accept the highest bid or reject all bids should the highest bid be rejected.
 5. Acceptance of the highest bid or rejection of all bids will be made by the Township Committee no later than at its second regular meeting following the completion of the bidding.
 6. If the Township fails to act within said time, all bids shall be deemed to have been rejected.

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7. If the high bid is accepted, the successful bidder will be required to enter into a Lease consistent with the Bidding Documents and all other documentation required thereby.
8. The Mayor, Administrator, Clerk and other appropriate Township staff and officials are hereby authorized to undertake any and all acts and execute any and all documents as may be necessary and proper to effectuate the terms hereof.

11-1. Committeeman Schuldiner moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Trzaska and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Schuldiner, Quraishi, Trzaska, Gural, Jaffer
Nays - None

12. **RESOLUTION #19-4-104 - AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, The 2019 Municipal Budget has not been adopted and there is a need to increase the Temporary Budget prior to the 2019 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

General Admin	
Salary & Wages	\$ 20,000.00
Municipal Clerk	
Salary & Wages	\$ 5,000.00
Finance Administration	
Salary & Wages	\$ 25,000.00
Revenue Administration	
Salary & Wages	\$ 5,000.00
Tax Assessment	
Salary Wages	\$ 10,000.00
Data Processing	
Salary & Wages	\$ 8,000.00
Recreation	
Salary & Wages	\$ 10,000.00
Maintenance of Parks	
Salary & Wages	\$ 10,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	
Other Expense	\$ 10,000.00
Streets & Roads	
Other Expense	\$ 50,000.00
Workers Compensation	
Other Expense	\$ 95,000.00
Shade Tree	
Other Expense	\$ 10,000.00
Environmental Commission	
Other Expense	\$ 5,000.00
Telephone Expenses	
Other Expense	\$ 5,000.00
Natural Gas	
Other Expense	\$ 20,000.00
Gasoline & Diesel	
Other Expense	\$ 40,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	
Other Expense	\$ 5,000.00
PERS	
Other Expense	\$587,000.00
PFRS	
Other Expense	\$636,000.00
Municipal Court	
Other Expense	\$ 10,000.00

Sewer Fund

Workers Compensation	
Other Expense	\$ 10,000.00
Group Insurance	
Other Expense	\$ 20,000.00
PERS	
Other Expense	\$112,450.00
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Other Expense	\$ 10,000.00

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

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Schuldiner, Quraishi, Trzaska, Gural, Jaffer
Nays - None

13. ORDINANCE #19-1607 - Matthews Farm Acquisition Amendment - Public Hearing

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 18-1598 PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF INTERESTS IN PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 17004, LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 ON THE MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSMENT MAPS (REV. ED. 2017), ON VAN HORNE ROAD (ROUTE 206) AND RUTLAND ROAD.

B-1. Mayor Jaffer opened the hearing to the public.

B-2. Brett Borowski, York Drive, asked what drove the change in the ordinance and if there was an expectation that this is likely to happen anytime soon. Administrator Nieman responded that it was the desire of the property owner to receive an annuity. He explained that a public entity cannot enter into an annuitized agreement, so it has to be done through the Greenland Trust. The Township had to use that trust to create an annuity.

B-3. Committeeman Schuldiner moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Quraishi and carried unanimously.

C. BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby adopted this 4th day of April, 2019 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 Committeeman Schuldiner and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Schuldiner, Quraishi, Trzaska, Gural, Jaffer
Nays - None

14. ORDINANCE #19-1608 - Acquisition of Block 32001, Lot 24 - Thompson (Northwest Corner of Cherry Valley Road and Mountainview Road) - Public Hearing

A. Mayor Jaffer 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 24, BLOCK 32001 ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF CHERRY VALLEY ROAD AND MOUNTAINVIEW ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY.

B-1. Mayor Jaffer opened the hearing to the public.

B-2. Brett Borowski, York Drive, stated that he thought this property was already preserved. Committeeman Trzaska explained that this is essentially the last remaining piece on Mountainview Road that completes the viewshed.

B-3. Committeeman Schuldiner moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Gural and carried unanimously.

C. BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby adopted this 4th day of April, 2019 and that notice thereof be published in an official newspaper as required by law.

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

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Schuldiner, Quraishi, Trzaska, Gural, Jaffer
Nays - None

15. ORDINANCE #19-1609 - Authorizing Addition of Green Acres Restriction to Deed (Thompson Spring Hill Property - Block 11001, Lot 55) - Introduction

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

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ADDITION OF GREEN ACRES RESTRICTION TO DEED FOR "THOMPSON SPRING HILL" PROPERTY (Block 11001 Lot 55).

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 18, 2019 at approximately 7:00 p.m. as the date and time when said ordinance will be further considered for final adoption.

15-1. Committeeman Trzaska moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Quraishi and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Schuldiner, Quraishi, Trzaska, Gural, Jaffer
Nays - None

16. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Regular Session minutes of March 21, 2019 were approved as printed.

14. **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.

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

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Schuldiner, Quraishi, Trzaska, Gural, Jaffer
Nays - None

15. **SOMERSET COUNTY MASTER PLAN**

Committeeman Schuldiner stated that Somerset County is putting together a Master Plan for Walk-Bike-Hike for trails that can be used for walking and hiking and bicycle both on and off-road. There was a meeting with representatives from all of the 21 municipalities to discuss what they are proposing in each town. They will be having a public hearing on April 11 at the Somerset County Administration Building. He explained some of the projects that are new for Montgomery such as:

- A bike route along a portion of Belle Mead-Griggstown Road;
- A bike route on Bridgepoint Road;
- A bike route on Skillman Road.

He stated that he had suggested a few additional items for improvement:

- Completing the bike route on Route 518 (from Cherry Hill Road to Route 206);
- Connecting Route 206 from Route 518 to Bridgepoint Road;
- Connecting Route 206 from Belle Mead-Griggstown Road through the new Route 206 Bypass.

He suggested running this by staff to get any additional comments.

16. **MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP HEALTH EQUITY FAIR**

Committeeman Quraishi commented on the Health Equity Fair. He stated he felt it was a wonderful thing in light of the unfortunate incident that occurred recently with a High School student. He was very impressed with the Suicide Prevention speaker.

Mayor Jaffer stated that she commended Health Officer Stephanie Carey and Health Educator Devangi Patel for this event. She felt there were a lot of great topics presented.

10. **TOWN HALL MEETING AT CHERRY VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB**

Committeeman Trzaska spoke about the Town Hall meeting at the Cherry Valley Country Club. He stated that the topics included road closures and bridge projects.

11. **BLUE SPRING ROAD GRANT**

Committeeman Trzaska reported that the New Jersey Department of Transportation awarded a \$385,000.00 grant for Blue Spring Road improvements.

12. **EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY**

Deputy Mayor Gural stated that she had attended the Eagle Scout ceremony for three new Eagle Scouts. She explained the projects that they completed.

13. **GIGI'S PLAYHOUSE**

Deputy Mayor Gural spoke about a place in Hillsborough called Gigi's Playhouse. It is the only Down Syndrome support center in New Jersey. It is a non-profit organization that gives assistance to people with Down Syndrome. This assistance can be tuition free programs, tutoring and outings.

14. **WOMEN IN STEM EVENT AT MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL**

Deputy Mayor Gural reported that she attended the Women In STEM event at Montgomery High School. It was a panel for women in STEM that included business owners and women in the industry.

15. **STREAM CLEAN-UP**

Deputy Mayor Gural stated that there will be a stream clean-up on April 6 at Montgomery Veterans Park. She encouraged citizens to come out and participate.

16. **COMMUNITY BRUNCH**

Mayor Jaffer stated that there was a Community Brunch held at the Municipal Building. This was a great opportunity for people to come together in light of some of the attacks on houses of worship. There were some elected officials in attendance.

17. **CONFERENCE IN PRINCETON**

Mayor Jaffer stated that she attended a conference held in Princeton by a community building organization similar to Montgomery MOSAIC.

18. **NATIVE HERITAGE PRESENTATION**

Mayor Jaffer stated that she attended a presentation on native heritage in New Jersey. There are a lot of opportunities for the Township to expand the education about native heritage in the school system and through the municipality.

19. **MONTGOMERY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION BREAKFAST WITH THE MAYOR**

Mayor Jaffer attended a breakfast organized and hosted by the Montgomery Business Association. She spoke about some of the Governing Official's priorities and how they want to work with the businesses in the community. Planning Director Lori Savron gave a presentation on some of the items that are up-coming.

19. **SOMERSET COUNTY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP**

Mayor Jaffer stated that she met with some representatives of the Somerset County Business Partnership. They are looking at the broader Somerset County priorities and tourism, such as agricultural tourism.

20. **SOUTH BRUNSWICK WOMEN'S COMMISSION**

Mayor Jaffer stated that she had the opportunity to speak at the South Brunswick Women's Commission meeting which was an all-day event about women's career paths.

21. **HINDI SCHOOL HOLI CELEBRATION**

Mayor Jaffer stated that she attended the Montgomery Hindi School's Holi celebration. She explained that Holi is a Hindi celebration where they throw colored powder at each other.

22. **COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

22-1. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Mayor Jaffer stated that the Economic Development Commission discussed how they can work together with the Montgomery Business Association. Planning Director Lori Savron attended and gave a presentation.

22-2. **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Administrator Nieman stated that the Environmental Commission is working hard in the planning of Earth Day, which will be held in conjunction with Run with Rotary on May 5. They also discussed the following items:

- An ordinance requiring, in future developments, that neighborhoods and shopping centers install underground car charging cables;
- The possibility of a bulk hazardous waste drop off and pick up.

ADJOURNMENT was at 8:15 p.m. on a motion by Committeeman Schuldiner. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Trzaska and carried unanimously.

Date of Approval:

Donna Kukla, Township Clerk