

MINUTES FOR
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
April 18, 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 Quraishi and Schuldiner
Committeeman Trzaska was absent

Also present were:

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY - Kevin Van Hise, Esq.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR - Donato Nieman

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER - Michael Pitts

TOWNSHIP CLERK - Donna Kukla

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. **RESOLUTION - 50th ANNIVERSARY OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS' WEEK - May 5 - 11, 2019**

WHEREAS, The Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

WHEREAS, The Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, does recognize the week of May 5 through May 11, 2019, as Municipal Clerks' Week, and further extends deep appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, Donna Kukla and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

- 4-1. Committeeman Schuldiner moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Gural and carried unanimously.

5. **RESOLUTION HONORING FIREFIGHTER WITH 50 OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE - Daniel Pullen**

WHEREAS, A community possesses no greater treasure than the dedicated service of its volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Pullen has rendered to the citizens and residents of Montgomery over 65 years of uninterrupted service as a member of Fire Company #1; and

WHEREAS, Dan has worn numerous hats in the organization and served as Fire Chief for six (6) years, from 1975 to 1980; and

WHEREAS, During his years of faithful service Dan has earned the admiration and respect of all who have come to know him, as he performed countless hours of selfless service towards the safety, health and well-being of the residents of Montgomery; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Montgomery Township Committee hereby recognizes the dedicated, selfless contribution of time and talent made by Daniel Pullen and extends its sincere gratitude and best wishes on behalf of the citizens of Montgomery Township on this 18th day of April, 2019.

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

- 5-2. Daniel Pullen thanked the Governing Body and spoke about his years in the Fire Department. He stated that he grew up in Montgomery, started chasing firetrucks when he was a small child and joined Fire Company #1 when he was 18 years old.

6. **RESOLUTION HONORING FIREFIGHTER WITH 50 OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE - Peter Schmidtke**

WHEREAS, A community possesses no greater treasure than the dedicated service of its volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Peter Schmidtke has rendered to the citizens and residents of Montgomery over 56 years of uninterrupted service as a member of Fire Company #1; and

WHEREAS, Peter has worn numerous hats in the organization and served as Fire Chief for four (4) years, from 1969 to 1972.

WHEREAS, During his years of faithful service Peter has earned the admiration and respect of all who have come to know him, as he performed countless hours of selfless service towards the safety, health and well-being of the residents of Montgomery; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Montgomery Township Committee hereby recognizes the dedicated, selfless contribution of time and talent made by Peter Schmidtke and extends its sincere gratitude and best wishes on behalf of the citizens of Montgomery Township on this 18th day of April, 2019.

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

6-2. Peter Schmidtke thanked the Governing Body and spoke about his years serving in the Fire Department. He stated that the fire company has come a long way in the last 50 years, from begging for dollars to buy pieces of equipment to where it is today. It is absolutely a top rated fire company. The training is fabulous and the leadership and members are wonderful. The Township should be very proud.

7. **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functioning of the brain and impacts development in the areas of social interaction and communication skills; and

WHEREAS, Both children and adults with Autism typically show difficulties in verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions and leisure or play activities; and

WHEREAS, We should all keep in mind that Autism is a spectrum disorder and it affects each individual differently and at varying degrees, which is why early diagnosis is so crucial; and

WHEREAS, By learning the signs, we can benefit children by directing them to one of the many specialized intervention programs; and

WHEREAS, Autism is the most common of the five Pervasive Developmental Disorders and according to the Centers for Disease Control in 2018 affects an estimated 1 in 150 births, translating to as many as 1.5 million Americans today believed to have some form of Autism, with New Jersey having the highest prevalence rate of 1 in every 59 children; and

WHEREAS, Based on statistics from the United States Department of Education and other governmental agencies, Autism is growing at a startling rate of 10 to 17 percent per year. At this rate, the Autism Society of America estimates that the prevalence of Autism could reach 4 million Americans in the next decade; and

WHEREAS, Autism knows no racial, ethnic, social boundaries, family income, lifestyle, educational levels and can affect any family and any child.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery hereby proclaims the month of April as "Autism Awareness Month".

7-1. Deputy Mayor Gural moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Quraishi and carried unanimously.

8. **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS SIKH AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, Sikhs have been living in the United States for more than 100 years, and during the early 20th century, thousands of Sikh Americans worked on farms, in lumber mills and mines, and on the Oregon, Pacific & Eastern Railroad; and

WHEREAS, Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world and today, there are more than 30 million Sikhs worldwide and an estimated 500,000 Sikh Americans; and

WHEREAS, Vaisakhi is one of the most historically significant days of the year for Sikhs and is celebrated on April 14, 2019; and this year, it will mark the 100th anniversary of the unfortunate events in the Amritsar Massacre in 1919; and

WHEREAS, 2019 is the 550th birthday of the first of ten gurus and founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak. This day is celebrated for Sikhs in Montgomery Township and worldwide as Guru Nanak's Gurpurab and is one of the most important dates in the Sikh calendar; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions, and make rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of the United States, including service as members of the United States Armed Forces and significant contributions to our great nation in agriculture, information technology, small businesses, the hotel industry, trucking, medicine, and technology; and

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WHEREAS, Sikh Americans distinguished themselves by fostering respect among all people through faith and service; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery Township is committed to educating citizens about the world's religions, the value of religious diversity, tolerance grounded in First Amendment principles, a culture of mutual understanding, and the diminution of violence; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery seeks to further the diversity of its community and afford all residents the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich history and shared experiences of Sikh Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That Montgomery Township Committee, on this 18th day of April 2019, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 to be SIKH AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH.

8-1. Committeeman Schuldiner moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Quraishi and carried unanimously.

9. **BOW TIE THURSDAY**

Karen Zimmerman, Recreation Director; John Groeger, Assistant Recreation Director; and Jared Gutowski, Recreation Program Coordinator were in attendance for Bow Tie Thursday. Ms. Zimmerman stated that the Recreation Department came up with an idea for a fundraiser that they hope that people will want to get involved in. It is called "Bowties for a Cause". Any proceeds from the sale of these bowties will go to these various charities:

- Green = National Alliance on Mental Illness;
- Orange = Multiple Sclerosis Foundation;
- Red = American Heart Association;
- Purple = Alzheimer's Awareness;
- Pink = Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer; and
- Black = Wounded Warriors' Families Foundation.

Ms. Zimmerman explained that the Recreation Department is selling these bowties for \$5.00 each and they ask that everyone wear their bowtie on Thursdays. They are also asking everyone to take a selfie and post that picture to the Recreation Department Facebook page. She stated that they had only been selling the bowties for 2 days and they have over \$300.00 in sales.

A video was shown that is playing on the Recreation Department website.

Administrator Nieman stated that he and Ms. Zimmerman have talked about getting a large banner to put up in front of the Municipal Building to encourage community support.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

10-1. Brett Borowski, York Drive, stated that there was a lot of discussion about the energy aggregation program. More than a handful of people have remarked that their bills went up when they were in the energy aggregation program then they opted out. It didn't make sense to him, because he knew what the contract and the PSE&G rates were in the last round why people's bills may have gone up. He asked who people should call if they have a concern about how they were billed. Administrator Nieman responded that they can call the Township, but ultimately they will be put in touch with Gabel Associates who will explain what, if anything, is either incorrect in the billing or if there is a mistake that is made on their part. Committeeman Schuldiner stated that there was some misinformation out there. Some people have been concerned that the Township didn't go and offer a renewable option which would be more expensive and maybe next time the Township could look at offering two different options for people. Administrator Nieman explained that when you are buying electricity, you can't determine what pipe of electricity comes into your home. The grid that supplies New Jersey and most of the northeast with electricity is made up of a number of different power suppliers who use different sources of fuel to create energy. Of the energy that New Jersey "bids" out through the Board of Public Utilities, they require the blend of electricity that is supplied to be 13% renewable.

10-2. Bill Forbes, Griggstown Road, stated that he was astounded how everything is tied together. He was at the State House today for the Board of Public Utilities. Despite the fact that the "staff" advised them neither positive nor negative on the ransom or theft that PSE&G is about to pawn off on New Jersey to either close or not close the three nuclear plants, there must have been 500 people in attendance. The State House could not cope with. He explained that there was a public hearing, and it did pass but an appeal has been filed already. He stated that PSE&G wants \$12 billion from everyone in New Jersey.

Mr. Forbes spoke about his grandson, who is on the autism spectrum, and frequently wears bow ties. He commended the Governing Body for recognizing Autism Awareness month.

Mr. Forbes spoke about May in Montgomery and the farm on the Van Harlingen Historical Society poster. He asked if anyone knew which farm this is. He spoke about the Van Harlingen Historical Society. He stated that May in Montgomery will be held on May 11. It will be a farm tour and lunch. There are several farms on this tour.

11. **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 #19-4-105 - REFUND OVERPAID 2019 TAXES**

BE IT RESOLVED That a refund in the amount of \$11,631.13 be given to Spencer Savings Bank, 611 River Drive, River Drive Center 3, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407 for the overpayment of 2019 taxes on Block 30001, Lot 16.34.

B. **RESOLUTION #19-4-106 - REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #18-0011**

BE IT RESOLVED That a refund in the amount of \$3,341.28 be given to Brian Law, 23 Westport, Irvine, CA 92620 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #18-0011 on Block 37001, Lot 4.05.

C. **RESOLUTION #19-4-107 - AMENDING RESOLUTION #19-4-97 - Duplication of Tax Refund**

BE IT RESOLVED That Resolution #19-4-97 be hereby amended to cancel the refund to Frederik F. Jr. & Carol Butler due to duplication authorized by Resolution #19-3-80 dated March 7, 2019.

D. **RESOLUTION #19-4-108 - REFUND UNUSED PORTION OF SPECIAL DUTY MONIES**

BE IT RESOLVED That refunds be given to the following businesses/companies for monies owed by the Township of Montgomery for Private Duty Services:

Kermesse Sport PO Box 224 Pineville, PA 18946 \$125.00	Schifano Construction Corp. 1 Smalley Avenue Middlesex, NJ 08846 \$465.00
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Top Line Construction Corp.
22 Fifth Street
Somerville, NJ 08878
\$170.00

E. **RESOLUTION #19-4-109 - AUTHORIZING RIGHT-OF-ENTRY USE AGREEMENT - Cross River Fiber, LLC**

BE IT RESOLVED That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Right-of-Entry Use Agreement with Cross River Fiber, LLC for Cross River Fiber to place its telecommunication facilities aerially on existing utility poles or in underground conduit in the Public Rights-of-Way within the Township for the purpose of owning, constructing, installing, operating, repairing and maintaining a telecommunications system.

F. **RESOLUTION #19-4-110 - APPROVAL OF OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY PERMITS - Princeton Show Jumping**

BE IT RESOLVED By the Montgomery Township Committee as follows:

1. Princeton Show Jumping has requested approval of the Township Committee to conduct Outdoor Assemblies for Equestrian Events at 246 Burnt Hill Road, Skillman, NJ 08558 on April 17-21, April 24-28, May 9-12, May 18, June 9, June 23, July 17-21, July 24-28, July 31 - August 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.
2. The Township Committee has considered the application and hereby grants the same retroactive to April 17 and subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) This approval is for the period specified and is not to be considered approval to conduct similar events as they are limited to twelve (12) show events per year.
 - (b) These events shall be held subject to the provisions of the Montgomery Township Code, Outdoor Assembly, Chapter 4-2.1.
 - (c) 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.

11-1. Committeeman Schuldiner moved the adoption of the **CONSENT AGENDA**. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Gural and carried on the following:

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

12. MAYORAL APPOINTMENT - Open Space Committee

BE IT RESOLVED That Kent Huang is hereby appointed Open Space Committee Advisor, 1 year term expiring December 31, 2019.

13. RESOLUTION #19-4-111 - AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - Stage II WWTP Flood Protection Project - Amendment for Additional Design and Permitting Services - Kleinfelder, Inc.

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. #17-8-185 adopted on August 3, 2017, the Township Committee awarded an agreement for professional services to the firm of Kleinfelder, Inc. to provide Design and Permitting Services for the Stage II Flood Protection Project("Project"), for the sum of \$ 473,600 ("Agreement for Professional Services" or "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, The Township Engineering Department has requested that the Township Committee authorize Kleinfelder, Inc. to complete additional design and permitting services in connection with this Project, and in particular, to extend the scope of Kleinfelder's services to include additional improvements to address aging infrastructure and other issues that, if not addressed, would need to be addressed though a separate project, all of which were not included in the original scope of services for said Project; and

WHEREAS, Kleinfelder, Inc. submitted a written proposal dated March 7, 2019 to complete these additional services for the sum of \$194,750 ("Proposal"), which Proposal shall be incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, The work set forth in the Proposal extends beyond the original scope of services with Kleinfelder, Inc., and therefore, the parties seek to memorialize the Proposal's scope of work and estimated cost by amending the existing Agreement; and

WHEREAS, The existing Agreement with Kleinfelder, Inc. was awarded without competitive bidding as a professional services agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) and as a such, the Township Committee may amend same by resolution adopted under N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.6(e); and

WHEREAS, There exists account number 04-215-55-901-1495E which will fund this Agreement amendment; and

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this purpose.

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

1. The existing Agreement for Professional Services entered into between the Township and Kleinfelder, Inc., is hereby amended, to extend the scope of Kleinfelder's services to include additional improvements to address aging infrastructure and other issues that, if not addressed, would need to be addressed though a separate project, all of which were not included in the original scope of services for this Project, as detailed in Kleinfelder's March 7, 2019 Proposal, incorporated herein by reference, resulting in an increase in the contract amount by \$194,750, bringing the contract total, as amended, to \$668,350.00
2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement which shall be executed by the parties to confirm the additional scope of services and anticipated cost; the form of the Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services shall be subject to the approval of the Township Attorney.
3. A copy of this Resolution and Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services shall be placed on file in the Office of the Township Clerk, and shall be available for public inspection.

13-1. Committeeman Schuldiner moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Gural and carried on the following:

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

14. RESOLUTION #19-4-112 - 2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, The local municipal budget for the year 2019 was approved on the 7th day of March, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The public hearing on said budget has been advertised but not yet held; and

WHEREAS, It is desired to amend said approved budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Committee of Montgomery Township, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2019 be made:

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CURRENT BUDGET

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1. Surplus Anticipated	\$4,510,000.00	\$4,554,000.00
Total Surplus Anticipated	\$4,510,000.00	\$4,554,000.00
3. Miscellaneous Revenues (Section G)		
Recreation Trust - Surplus	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
Total Miscellaneous Revenues (Section G)	\$2,210,635.81	\$2,166,635.81
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$7,912,425.92	\$7,868,425.92

SEWER BUDGET

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
10. Dedicated Revenues From Sewer Utility		
Sewer User Fees	\$5,611,181.53	\$5,671,806.00
11. Appropriations For Sewer Utility		
NJEIT Loan Princ. & Int.	\$1,650,000.00	\$1,680,000.00
Interest on Bonds	\$ 677,375.53	\$ 708,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

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, Gural, Jaffer
 Nays - None
 Absent - Trzaska

15. **2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Chief Financial Officer Michael Pitts gave a brief presentation of the 2019 Township budget. He explained the following:

- Budget process;
- Property tax rate information;
- Property tax calculation;
- Tax rates;
- Year over year comparison;
- 2% tax levy cap;
- 2.5% appropriation cap;
- Current fund 2019 revenue sources;
- 2019 revenue sources;
- 2019 surplus used;
- Shared Service agreements;
- Current fund 2019 major appropriations;
- 2019 appropriation sources;
- Total budgeted appropriations;
- 2018-2019 expenditures;
- Debt service detail;
- 2019 Capital budget;
- 2019 Capital Improvement plan;
- 2019 Sewer Utility fund.

16. **2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

A. **RESOLUTION #19-4-113 - REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2019 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY, STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, For at least one week, the complete Municipal Budget as advertised, has been posted in a public place in the Municipal Building; and

WHEREAS, The 2019 Budget has been made available to each and every person requesting the same for at least one week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee (not less than a majority of the full membership concurring) of the Township of Montgomery in Somerset County, that the Township Committee hereby determines that the 2019 Municipal Budget, Statements of Revenues and Appropriations shall be read by title, and that the conditions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, Sections 1A and 1B, have been satisfied.

16-1. Committeeman Schuldiner moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Gural and carried on the following:

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

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B. 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET - Public Hearing

- a-1. Committeeman Schuldiner moved to open the hearing to the public. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Quraishi and carried unanimously.
- a-2. Brett Borowski, York Drive, asked what the deferred charges generally funded. Chief Financial Officer Pitts explained that they funded capital projects.

Mr. Borowski asked what the 2018 Capital Improvement Bond funded. Mr. Pitts stated that the 2018 Bond funded 2015 through 2017 capital projects. He explained that some examples of capital projects are road projects and vehicles.

Mr. Borowski asked where surplus comes from. Mr. Pitts explained that the surplus comes from revenue that brings in more than anticipated, appropriations which are left over from the year which can be used two years after it are left, and deferred school tax.

- b. Committeeman Schuldiner moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Gural and carried unanimously.

C. RESOLUTION #19-4-114 - ADOPTION OF THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purpose stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$29,083,797.15 for municipal purposes and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.

(1)	GENERAL REVENUES	
	Surplus Anticipated	\$ 4,554,000.00
	Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	7,868,425.92
	Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	600,000.00
(2)	AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES	<u>16,061,371.23</u>
	TOTAL REVENUES	\$29,083,797.15
(3)	GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	
	Within "CAPS"	
	Operations Including Contingent	\$19,453,650.00
	Statutory Expenditures	\$ 2,627,000.00
	Excluded from "CAPS"	
	Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	\$ 1,550,647.15
	Capital Improvements	\$ 482,000.00
	Municipal Debt Service	\$ 2,670,500.00
	Total Deferred Charges	\$ 1,250,000.00
	Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>\$ 1,050,000.00</u>
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$29,083,797.15

- 16-1. Committeeman Schuldiner moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Gural and carried on the following:

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

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

- 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-1. Mayor Jaffer opened the hearing to the public.
- B-2. Open Space Coordinator Lauren Wasilauski explained that this is the property on Spring Hill Road that the Township purchased almost one year ago. She stated that this was just applying for reimbursement from the State of New Jersey Green Acres.
- B-3. Deputy Mayor Gural moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Schuldiner and carried unanimously.

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- C. BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby adopted this 18th day of April, 2019 and that notice thereof be published in an official newspaper as required by law.

17-1. Committeeman Schuldiner moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Quraishi and carried on the following:

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

18. **ORDINANCE #19-1610 - BOND-Providing for Various Sewer Utility Improvements - Introduction**

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

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,320,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,320,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

- 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 May 2, 2019 at approximately 7:00 p.m. as the date and time when said ordinance will be further considered for final adoption.

18-1. 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, Gural, Jaffer
Nays - None
Absent - Trzaska

19. **ORDINANCE #19-1611 - BOND-Providing For Various Capital Improvements - Introduction**

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

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,641,800 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,515,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

- 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 May 2, 2019 at approximately 7:00 p.m. as the date and time when said ordinance will be further considered for final adoption.

19-1. 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, Gural, Jaffer
Nays - None
Absent - Trzaska

20. **ORDINANCE #19-1612 - Berkley Avenue and Staats Farm Road Speed Limit - Introduction**

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE XVII OF CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY (1984) TO ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT ON BERKLEY AVENUE AND STAATS FARM ROAD.

- 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 May 2, 2019 at approximately 7:00 p.m. as the date and time when said ordinance will be further considered for final adoption.

20-1. Committeeman Schuldiner moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Gural and carried on the following:

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

21. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Special Session minutes of February 11, 2019 and the Regular Session minutes of March 21, 2019 were approved as printed.

22. **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.

22-1. 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, Gural, Jaffer
Nays - None
Absent - Trzaska

23. **SOMERSET COUNTY MASTER PLAN**

Committeeman Schuldiner stated that at the April 4 meeting he reported that he had attended the Somerset County Master Plan meeting for the Bike/Hike/Walk County wide Master Plan. He mentioned that the comments from the public will still be accepted by the County until April 26.

24. **STREAM CLEAN UP**

Deputy Mayor Gural stated that the April 5 Stream Clean Up event was a success. The participants pulled a good number of bags of trash out of the streams.

25. **MONTGOMERY VETERANS PARK**

Deputy Mayor Gural spoke about the upgraded playground equipment at the Montgomery Veterans Park. She commended the Recreation Department for this work.

26. **ADA ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND**

Deputy Mayor Gural spoke about her desire to have a fully accessible playground built for persons with disabilities. Administrator Nieman stated that he would look into this.

27. **HEALTH EQUITY FAIR**

Administrator Nieman spoke about the Health Equity Fair that was held. He stated that everyone should feel free to avail themselves of the services that are available through the Township and County.

28. **MONTGOMERY BASEBALL LEAGUE**

Mayor Jaffer stated that she had the honor and privilege of throwing out the first pitch for the Montgomery Baseball League.

29. **ARBOR DAY**

Mayor Jaffer stated that she participated in the Arbor Day planting at the Arboretum. She also brainstormed with some of the members of the Shade Tree Committee about holding a public event to draw attention to the Arboretum.

30. **YMCA**

Mayor Jaffer stated that she spoke at the YMCA's Youth and Government Conference. There were a number of students from Montgomery who were participating in the conference.

31. **HAMILTON HAGGADAH**

Mayor Jaffer stated that she attended the "Hamilton" Haggadah at Congregation Kehilat Shalom. She learned a lot about the celebration of the holiday and the commemoration of various elements of Jewish history through "Hamilton, the Musical". Committeeman Schuldiner explained that the Rabbi changed the lyrics to fit the story of Passover.

32. **RUTGERS**

Mayor Jaffer stated that she spoke on a panel about civic engagement at Rutgers Newark Campus. She was happy to see more college students getting more involved in public service and civic engagement.

33. ONE MONTGOMERY AND MONTGOMERY MOSAIC

Mayor Jaffer reminded everyone that on April 30 at the Otto Kaufmann Community Center at 7:00 p.m. there would be an event through One Montgomery and Montgomery Mosaic on Police Training for Autism and the Special Needs Community in Montgomery. This is a great opportunity to learn what the Montgomery Police Department does proactively to make sure that the Township is addressing the needs of everyone in the community.

34. COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

34-1. SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

Committeeman Quraishi reported that the Shade Tree Committee discussed Arbor Day. They discussed making this more engaging for students in the future. They reported that they have distributed 10,000 trees to students over the past 32 years. They spoke about an instructional video on how to plant trees. They have launched a Shade Tree YouTube channel. Plans were discussed for the Shade Tree Committee's participation in the Earth Day Fair.

34-2. BOARD OF HEALTH

Deputy Mayor Gural stated that the Board of Health passed a resolution in support of later start times for the high school students. They are also in the process of implementing a retail food letter grading system based on their adherence to food safety laws.

34-3. VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Gural reported that Veterans Memorial Committee is in the process of planning the Memorial Day celebration for this year. They are trying to connect with all of the scout groups to participate.

35. 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 subjects to be discussed in this session are as follows:
 - Potential acquisition of property for open space, farmland, conservation, municipal purposes - Block 19001, Lots 4 & 11 (McAlpin);
 - A Personnel matter.
3. It is unknown precisely when the matters discussed in this session will be disclosed to the public. Acquisition of property shall only be authorized by the Township Committee in a public session.

35-1. Deputy Mayor Gural moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Schuldiner and carried unanimously.

36. Meeting reconvened in Open Session and ADJOURNMENT was at 9:35 p.m. on a motion by Committeeman Schuldiner. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Gural and carried unanimously.

Date of Approval:

Donna Kukla, Township Clerk