

MINUTES FOR  
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 1, 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 and Schuldiner  
Committeeman Quraishi was absent

Also present were:

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY - Kevin Van Hise, Esq.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR - Donato Nieman

ASSISTANT CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER - Dale Melville

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. **APPOINTMENT OF PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER - Thomas John Nicola**

BE IT RESOLVED that Thomas John Nicola is hereby appointed Probationary Police Officer, effective August 2, 2019.

- 4-1. 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, Trzaska, Gural, Jaffer  
Nays - None  
Absent - Quraishi

- 4-2. Police Lieutenant Thomas Frascella spoke briefly about Officer Nicola's background and stated that he thought that Officer Nicola will be a fine addition to the Police Department.

- 4-3. Mayor Jaffer administered the Oath of Office to Probationary Police Officer Thomas John Nicola.

5. **EAGLE SCOUT PROCLAMATION - Mihir Doshi**

WHEREAS, The prestigious rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America has been earned by Mihir Doshi; and

WHEREAS, The standards established for this honor are high and very difficult to achieve; and

WHEREAS, Those who have worked diligently to achieve this rank have exhibited excellence in leadership and a deep commitment to their community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That with great pride, the Montgomery Township Committee congratulates Mihir Doshi on this remarkable achievement and extends its sincere wishes for continued success.

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

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 6-1. Jeff Scott, Red Oak Way, spoke about the increase of funds for the construction of the new Municipal Building and expressed concern about where the original \$25 million number came from and why there was an increase of \$10 million. He questioned the wisdom of entering into a lease/purchase with the County Municipal Improvement Authority. His understanding is that the County insisted that the Township use a particular architectural firm for the design. He would have preferred that the Township use some local control and pick the architect that they wanted to use for the design of the building. He stated that the agreement is for a 20 year lease/purchase for a building that will have a much greater life expectancy. His opinion is that an argument could be made for the length of the lease/purchase to be 30 years and would have preferred that the Governing Body go to the Bond market as opposed to the County Improvement Authority. The agreement with the County has prohibited the Township from conducting an "architectural design competition" which could have saved a considerable amount of money. He suggested in the future the Township go about these kinds of projects differently. Mayor Jaffer stated that the Governing Body has reestablished the Budget and Finance Committee and said that if he was interested, she would consider him. She explained that there had been a Town Hall meeting in February and the dollar amounts were explained at that time. Committeeman Trzaska explained that when this initiative first started being discussed in 2013, the Township started paying down debt in preparation of this project.

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- 6-2. Michel Parise, Dutchtown-Zion Road, stated that Dutchtown-Zion Road between Pin Oak Road and the dirt section of Dutchtown-Zion Road needs to be paved. She questioned why the section before Pin Oak Road was paved and the section that desperately needed it was not paved. She wondered if the section which needs work will be paved in the near future. Committeeman Trzaska replied that this was a two year project, so 1/2 of the road was paved in 2019 and the other 1/2 will be paved in 2020.

Ms. Parise explained that while driving past the Otto Kaufman Community Center a Department of Public Works employee was weed wacking. She heard something hit her windshield causing it to chip. She called the Township and spoke to Administration. They told her to take pictures and that they would send her an insurance claim form. They explained that they would have to determine if one of the workers was at the site when this happened. Ms. Parise took the pictures, filled out the claim form and submitted it all to Administration. She hadn't heard, so she called Administration who told her it was in the hands of the insurance company. Ms. Parise explained that she still hadn't heard anything so she again reached out to Administration who responded that the insurance company sent her a letter and called Ms. Parise as they needed some more documentation. Ms. Parise stated that she then called Administration and explained that she had not heard from the insurance company at all. She then called the insurance company, sent the requested documentation, and is now waiting for the insurance company. Administrator Nieman stated that as soon as Ms. Parise called in the claim, the claims adjustor sent the forms. Administrator Nieman explained that as soon as Ms. Parise called the claim in, the claims adjustor sent the forms and called her. After the claims forms were returned to the insurance company, they started working on it. He stated that once the adjudication is made, if Ms. Parise is not satisfied, she can call Administration and they will talk to the 3<sup>rd</sup> party administrator that handles the Township's liability and workers compensation insurance.

Ms. Parise stated that her whole purpose of bringing these items up is that she feels that communications could be improved.

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

A. **RESOLUTION #19-8-178 - REFUND OVERPAID 2019 TAXES**

BE IT RESOLVED That a refund in the amount of \$6,701.92 be given to Christopher & Miriya Chambers, 182 North Street, Belle Mead, NJ 08502 for the overpayment of 2019 taxes on Block 15005 Lot 3. Overpayment a result of 100% disabled veteran as of 2/28/2019.

B. **RESOLUTION #19-8-179 - AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.54:5-19.1 et seq. permits municipalities to conduct electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, The rule thus promulgated requires a municipality to authorize said electronic tax sale by resolution of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, An electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more effective tax sale process; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery Township plans to conduct an electronic tax sale on or about October 23, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery does hereby authorize and direct the Tax Collector to conduct an electronic tax sale.

C. **RESOLUTION #19-8-180 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FEE FOR MAILING TAX SALE NOTICES**

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Government Services; and

WHEREAS, The rules and regulations allow a municipality to send two (2) notices of tax sale to all properties included in said sale; and

WHEREAS, The rules and regulations allow said municipality to charge a fee up to \$25.00 per notice for the creation, printing and mailing of said notice; and

WHEREAS, In effort to more fairly assign greater fiscal responsibility to the delinquent taxpayers, the Township of Montgomery wishes to charge \$25.00 per notice mailed which will be assessed specifically to the delinquent accounts that are causing the need for a tax sale and not to the general tax base.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that a fee of \$25.00 to be established and is hereby authorized and directed to be charged for each notice of tax sale that is sent in conjunction with the 2019 electronic tax sale.

D. **RESOLUTION #19-8-181 - AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., WITH THE BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

WHEREAS, The governing bodies of the Township of Montgomery and the Borough of Hopewell desire to execute a shared services agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., for public health services; and

WHEREAS, A shared services agreement, setting forth the rights and responsibilities of Montgomery Township and Hopewell Borough, has been prepared and circulated for approval by the governing bodies of Montgomery and Hopewell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, Somerset County that:

1. The Mayor and Clerk shall be and are hereby authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Hopewell for public health services for a 3 year period, beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.
2. A copy of said agreement shall be kept on file with the Township Clerk and available for public inspection during normal business hours.
3. This agreement is contingent upon both parties executing a resolution authorizing the agreement.

E. **RESOLUTION #19-8-182 - AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., WITH THE BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, The governing bodies of the Township of Montgomery and the Borough of Hopewell desire to execute a shared services agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., for animal control services; and

WHEREAS, A shared services agreement, setting forth the rights and responsibilities of Montgomery Township and Hopewell Borough, has been prepared and circulated for approval by the governing bodies of Montgomery and Hopewell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, Somerset County that:

1. The Mayor and Clerk shall be and are hereby authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Hopewell for animal control services for a 3 year period, beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.
2. A copy of said agreement shall be kept on file with the Township Clerk and available for public inspection during normal business hours.
3. This agreement is contingent upon both parties executing a resolution authorizing the agreement.

F. **RESOLUTION #19-8-183 - AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., WITH THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the Township of Montgomery and the Borough of Pennington desire to execute a shared services agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., for public health services; and

WHEREAS, a shared services agreement, setting forth the rights and responsibilities of Montgomery Township and Pennington Borough, has been prepared and circulated for approval by the governing bodies of Montgomery and Pennington.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, Somerset County that:

1. The Township Committee approves the Township's participation in the shared services agreement with the Borough of Pennington for public health services for a 3-year period, beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.
2. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the shared services agreement.
3. A copy of said agree agreement will be available, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:65-5.b., at the offices of the Township Clerk for public inspection during normal business hours.

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G. **RESOLUTION #19-8-184 - AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., WITH THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON FOR FULL SERVICE ANIMAL CONTROL AND SHELTERING**

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the Township of Montgomery and the Borough of Pennington desire to execute a shared services agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., for full service animal control and sheltering; and

WHEREAS, a shared services agreement, setting forth the rights and responsibilities of Montgomery and Pennington Borough, has been prepared and circulated for approval by the governing bodies of Montgomery and Pennington Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, Somerset County that:

1. The Township Committee approves the Township's participation in the shared services agreement with the Borough of Pennington for animal control and sheltering services for a 3-year period, beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.
2. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the shared services agreement.
3. A copy of said agree agreement will be available, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:65-5.b., at the offices of the Township Clerk for public inspection during normal business hours.

H. **RESOLUTION #19-8-185 - AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., WITH THE BOROUGH OF MANVILLE FOR INTERIM BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR**

WHEREAS, The "Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act" N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 through 40A:65-35 (the "Act"), authorizes local units of this State to enter into a contract with any other local unit or units for the joint provision within their several jurisdictions of any service which any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, The Parties have identified an area where working together through shared services will result in positive outcomes for both municipalities; and

WHEREAS, The Parties wish to enter into a Shared Services Agreement ("Agreement") for the position of Interim Borough Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery has agreed to provide Manville with the services of Interim Borough Administrator, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in a Shared Services Agreement between the Parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, Somerset County, New Jersey, that the Township Committee approves the Township's participation in the shared services agreement with the Borough of Manville for Interim Borough Administrator; and further that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the shared services agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of the shared services agreement will be available, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5.b., at the offices of the Township Clerk for public inspection.

I. **RESOLUTION #19-8-186 - AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED SEWER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT IN THE PIKE BROOK SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT FOR BLOCK 8002, LOT 4 AND A REFUND OF \$6,337.50**

BE IT RESOLVED By the Montgomery Township Committee that the Mayor or Deputy Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an amended sewer participation agreement in the Pike Brook Sewage Treatment Plant with Arun P. and Sanjana Rimal for Block 8002, Lot 4 and a refund in the amount of \$6,337.50, subject to review and approval by the Township Engineer and Township Attorney as to form and content.

J. **RESOLUTION #19-8-187 - AUTHORIZING STEPHEN ROCK, GIS SPECIALIST, TO JOIN THE WAZE CONNECTED CITIZEN PROGRAM TO SHARE ROAD CLOSURE, TRAFFIC INCIDENT, AND OTHER TRAFFIC RELATED INFORMATION TO IMPROVE CONVEYANCE OF SUCH TRAFFIC RELATED INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC.**

BE IT RESOLVED That authorization is hereby given for Stephen Rock, GIS Specialist, to join the WAZE Connected Citizen Program to share road closure, traffic incident, and other traffic related information to improve conveyance of such traffic related information to the public.

7-1. 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, Trzaska, Gural, Jaffer  
Nays - None  
Absent - Quraishi

8. MAYORAL APPOINTMENT - Wildlife Management Ad Hoc Committee

BE IT RESOLVED That Anthony DePace be hereby appointed to the Wildlife Management Ad Hoc Committee.

9. RESOLUTION #19-8-188 - AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT FOR SUBMERSIBLE PUMP REPAIR SERVICES - Municipal Maintenance Company

WHEREAS, Resolution #16-8-205 adopted on August 4, 2016 awarded a submersible pump repair services contract for two (2) years with 2 (two) one year extension options to Municipal Maintenance Company; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #18-6-128 adopted on June 7, 2018 authorized the extension of a submersible pump repair services contract for the first of two (2) one year extensions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15 provides that a contract may include provisions for no more than one two-year or two one-year extensions subject to the following: the contract shall be awarded by resolution of the governing body upon a finding by the governing body that the services are being performed in an efficient manner; no such contract shall be extended so that it runs for more than a total of five consecutive years; any price change included as part of the extension shall be based upon the price of the original contract as cumulatively adjusted pursuant to any previous adjustment or extension and shall not exceed the change in the index rate for the 12 consecutive months preceding the most recent quarterly calculation available at the time the contract is renewed; and the terms and conditions of the contract remain substantially the same; and

WHEREAS, The contract will not exceed \$200,000.00 for the extended year effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, There exists accounts 07-201-55-542-2; 07-201-55-543-2; 07-201-55-544-2; 07-201-55-546-2; and 07-201-55-547-2 which will fund this service; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Montgomery Township Committee hereby approves the second of two (2) one year extensions pursuant to the above-described terms.

9-1. 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, Trzaska, Gural, Jaffer  
Nays - None  
Absent - Quraishi

10. RESOLUTION #19-8-189 - AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - Aerial Imaging and Mapping Services, Phase II - Robinson Aerial Surveys, Inc.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. #19-3-86 adopted on March 7, 2019, the Township Committee awarded an agreement for professional services to the firm of Robinson Aerial Surveys, Inc. to provide aerial imaging and mapping services ("Phase 1"), for the sum of \$24,500 ("Agreement for Professional Services or "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, The Township of Montgomery seeks to retain additional professional aerial imaging and mapping services including photogrammetric mapping, digital ortho-images and AutoCAD file generation ("Phase II"); and

WHEREAS, There exists a need to acquire these services without a "fair and open process" as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the "Local Unit Pay to Play Law"; and

WHEREAS, The firm of Robinson Aerial Surveys, Inc. has submitted a proposal offering to provide the sought-after service to the Township; and

WHEREAS, It has been determined that the value of these services over the course of the contract is anticipated to exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Robinson Aerial Surveys, Inc. has completed and filed with the Township of Montgomery a Campaign Contributions Affidavit as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.2 et seq. certifying that Robinson Aerial Surveys, Inc. has not made any prohibited contributions to a candidate committee or municipal committee representing elected officials of the Township of Montgomery; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq authorizes the award of a contract for "professional services' without competitive bidding on the basis that the services are to be performed by persons who are recognized as licensed and regulated professionals; and

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer has provided a certification that sufficient funds are available for payment of this contract under Accounts #04-215-55-901-1576I and #04-215-55-901-1611L.

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Robinson Aerial Surveys, Inc. for the Aerial Imaging and Mapping Services, Phase II.
2. Robinson Aerial Surveys, Inc. shall be paid a not to exceed fee of \$52,000 for its services.
3. A copy of this Resolution, the Certification of Contract Value, the Campaign Contributions Affidavit, and the executed agreement shall be placed on file in the office of the Township Clerk.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper as required by law.
5. Performance of services and payment for services are subject to the certification of availability of funds by the Chief Financial Officer.

10-1. 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, Trzaska, Gural, Jaffer  
Nays - None  
Absent - Quraishi

11. **RESOLUTION #19-8-190 - AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A DISC PUBLISHING SYSTEM FOR WATCHGUARD FOR THE MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The Township of Montgomery intends to participate in the purchase a Disc Publishing System for Watchguard; and

WHEREAS, Said equipment is available through H-GAC contract #EF04-19 awarded for the period of April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Information regarding the contract may be found at the Office of the Township Clerk, Township of Montgomery, during regular business hours, as well as on the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program website at:

<http://www.hgacbuy.org/contracts/documents/EF04-19/WatchGuard.pdf>; and

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds available for this project in account number 04-215-55-901-1611A..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That it is the intent of the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery to award a contract to the Disc Publishing System dealer:

Watchguard, Inc.  
415 E. Exchange Pkwy.  
Allen, TX 75002

for the purchase of a Disc Publishing System for Watchguard through Watchguard, Inc., 415 E. Exchange Pkwy., Allen, TX 75002 at a not to exceed amount of \$10,500.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this contract shall take affect should no written comments be received on or before 10 days after the Publication of a "Notice of Intent to Award".

11-1. 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, Trzaska, Gural, Jaffer  
Nays - None  
Absent - Quraishi

12. **ORDINANCE #19-1620 - Temporary Municipal Road Closings - Introduction**

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII "TRAFFIC" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY, IN SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY (1984) REGARDING TEMPORARY MUNICIPAL ROAD CLOSINGS

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 August 15, 2019 at approximately 7:00 p.m. as the date and time when said ordinance will be further considered for final adoption.

12-1. 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, Trzaska, Gural, Jaffer  
Nays - None  
Absent - Quraishi

13. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Regular Session minutes of July 18, 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. Committeeman Trzaska moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Gural and carried on the following:

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

15. **DOG PARK**

Committeeman Trzaska stated that the Montgomery Dog Park is almost complete and this might be a good time to think about a name for the park. He suggested that they possibly use a historic name from the Belle Mead area and/or a founding family name from the local fire department.

16. **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Deputy Mayor Gural explained that a friend of her son inquired about having a community garden in Montgomery. She explained that she had spoken to Open Space Coordinator Lauren Wasilauski about the idea. Ms. Wasilauski told her that there were a couple of barriers regarding this, including parking, water, and making sure that it's not in a place that is isolated. Administrator Nieman and Ms. Wasilauski called Somerset County as Skillman Park would be a good location for a community garden. Administrator Nieman stated that the Director of the Somerset County Parks Commission said that he would love to have the Somerset County Parks Commission entertain this. The Township is drafting a letter requesting that the Parks Commission consider this project at their August meeting.

Deputy Mayor Gural stated that another thing that came out of this interaction with the young man was that students are not aware that they can come to Township Committee meetings with ideas and suggestions. She explained that she emailed the schools to find out how the school children can be made aware of this.

17. **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES**

Administrator Nieman acknowledged Assistant Chief Financial Officer Dale Melville on his passing of the Chief Financial Officer exam and Open Space Coordinator Lauren Wasilauski on passing the Municipal Clerk's exam.

18. **COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

18-1. **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Committeeman Trzaska stated that the Recreation Committee will be discussing the expansion of Bessie Grover Park with the closing of the seven (7) acres of land in that area.

**ADJOURNMENT** was at 8:00 p.m. on a motion by Committeeman Schuldiner. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Gural and carried unanimously.

Date of Approval:

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Donna Kukla, Township Clerk