

MINUTES FOR
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
December 19, 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, and Committeemembers Trzaska, Quraishi and Schuldiner

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. Mayor Jaffer stated that in light of information discussed at the session held on Native American Heritage of this region, she wished to acknowledge that this meeting is taking place in part of the traditional territory of the Leni Lenape called the Lenape Hoking. She expressed her gratitude that the Township Committee has the privilege to hold the meeting here.
5. **RESOLUTION HONORING COMMITTEEMAN KAMRAN QURAIISHI**

WHEREAS, A community derives its strength from people who endeavor to help others and contribute to the public good; and

WHEREAS, Kamran Quraishi has worked diligently on behalf of Montgomery Township residents during his years of community service; and

WHEREAS, Committeeman Quraishi will leave public office on December 31, 2019, having served Montgomery Township in the following capacities:

Township Committee - 2018, 2019
Zoning Board of Adjustment, Alternate IV - 2018
Shade Tree Committee, Township Committee Liaison - 2019
Open Space Committee, Township Committee Liaison - 2019
Landmarks Commission, Township Committee Liaison - 2019
Environmental Commission, Township Committee Liaison - 2019
Zoning Board of Adjustment, Township Committee Liaison - 2018
Wildlife Management Committee, Township Committee Liaison - 2019
Economic Development Commission, Township Committee Liaison - 2019
Sustainable Montgomery "Green Team", Township Committee Liaison - 2019

WHEREAS, During his years of service, he faithfully performed the duties and obligations of the office, and has given his utmost to the residents of Montgomery; and

WHEREAS, Kamran Quraishi has set a standard for excellence in public service with civility, humility, determination, professionalism and good humor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That we the members of the Montgomery Township Committee, on behalf of the people of Montgomery, express our deepest appreciation to the Honorable Kamran Quraishi for outstanding service to our community, and extend a fond farewell and warmest wishes for the future to Kamran and his family on this 19th day of December, 2019.

- 5-1. Committeeman Trzaska moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Gural and carried unanimously.
- 5-2. Committeeman Quraishi thanked the Township Committee for the great learning experience and all of their support. He will miss all of his colleagues and staff. It was an honor to serve the people of Montgomery Township.

6. **RESOLUTION HONORING COMMITTEEMAN ED TRZASKA**

WHEREAS, Quality public service demands intelligence, skill, energy and commitment to advancing the public good; and

WHEREAS, Our colleague Ed Trzaska has demonstrated a strong commitment to the people, neighborhoods and businesses of Montgomery Township in his nine years of elected office and as a community leader; and

WHEREAS, Committeeman Trzaska will leave public office on December 31, 2019, having served Montgomery Township in the following capacities:

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Mayor - 2012, 2013, 2017
Deputy Mayor - 2014-2016
Township Committee - 2011-2019
Planning Board - 2010, 2012-2014, 2017, 2018
Site Plan/Subdivision Committee - 2012-2014, 2017, 2018
Master Plan Committee - 2012-2014, 2017, 2018
Sewer Committee, Mayor - 2012, 2013, 2017
Township Liaison to Library Advisory Board - 2018
Open Space Committee, Township Committee Liaison - 2016
Board of Health, Township Committee Liaison - 2011, 2016
Recreation Committee, Township Committee Liaison - 2018, 2019
Board of Fire Prevention, Township Committee Liaison - 2019
Local Emergency Planning Council, Mayor - 2012, 2013, 2017
Wildlife Management Committee, Township Committee Liaison - 2011
Emergency Services Committee, Township Committee Liaison - 2012-2015
Veterans Memorial Committee, Township Committee Liaison - 2016-2018
Zoning Board of Adjustment, Township Committee Liaison - 2011, 2015
Budget/Finance Committee, Township Committee Liaison - 2012-2015, 2017
Transportation Advisory Committee, Township Committee Liaison - 2012-2019
Somerset County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Committee, Mayor - 2017
Wastewater Management Plan Committee, Township Committee Liaison - 2012-2014
Employee Efficiency Incentive Committee, Township Committee Liaison - 2012-2019
Raritan & Millstone Flood Control Commission, Township Committee Liaison - 2012-2019
Somerset County Community Development Committee, Twp. Committee Liaison - 2018, 2019

WHEREAS, During his years of service, Ed Trzaska has embraced and skillfully performed the responsibilities of public office - often above and beyond the call of duty - and has given his utmost to the people of Montgomery, who in turn have benefited from his experience, knowledge, courage and love for this community; and

WHEREAS, Ed's unique blend of professional skill, strategic sensibility and personal powers of persuasion have benefited the Township on countless occasions, and were critically important to some of Montgomery Township's most notable successes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That we the members of the Montgomery Township Committee, on behalf of the people of Montgomery, express our deepest appreciation to the Honorable Ed Trzaska for outstanding service to our community, and extend a fond farewell and warmest wishes for the future to Ed and his family on this 19th day of December, 2019.

- 6-1. Committeeman Schuldiner moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Quraishi and carried unanimously.
- 6-2. Committeeman Trzaska stated that the past nine years have been a blessing in every respect. When he first got elected he wanted to be involved, but he didn't realize how much he was going to be involved. He really loved helping out and getting things done. He stated that one never knows what the future holds, and he is definitely going to stay active with some committees, boards and organizations. He stated that he was really passionate about the smaller items as well as the bigger ones and thanked the Governing Body and the staff for their support and wished them much success in the future.
7. **PROCLAMATION - National Radon Action Month - January, 2020**

WHEREAS, Many residents in the Township of Montgomery don't know about radon, yet need to know, for the safety and health of their families, as radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the primary cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer for smokers; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. EPA estimates 21,000 people in the U.S. die each year from lung cancer caused by indoor radon exposure, and lung and bronchus cancer kills more people in a year than any other cancer; and

WHEREAS, Radon kills more people than secondhand smoke, drunk driving and home fires combined; and

WHEREAS, Any home may have elevated levels of radon, even if neighboring homes do not, and living in a home with an average radon level of 4 picocuries per liter of air poses a similar risk of developing lung cancer as smoking half a pack of cigarettes a day; and

WHEREAS, Testing is the only way to know if a home has an elevated radon level, and testing is easy and inexpensive, and when identified, homes can be fixed; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Department of Health, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency support efforts to encourage all Township of Montgomery residents to test their homes for radon, mitigate elevated levels of radon, and have new homes built with radon-reducing materials and features; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Montgomery's Department of Health is providing National Radon Month informational resources and giveaways throughout the month of January.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Mayor and Township Committee of Montgomery Township do hereby proclaim January 2020 to be National Radon Action Month in the Township of Montgomery. Further, we urge and encourage residents to attend the informational session and test their homes.

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

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 8-1. Ken Knieser, Stonebridge resident, thanked Committeemen Trzaska and Quraishi for their service to the community.
- 8-2. Reed Chapman, Zion-Wertsville Road, welcomed Committeeman Schuldiner back, congratulated the new Township Committeemembers and thanked Committeemen Quraishi and Trzaska for their service.

Mr. Chapman spoke about the Mary Jacobs Library and the new Municipal complex. He urged the Governing Body to try to work together with the Mary Jacobs Library to make this work together as seamlessly as possible. He hoped that there were some alternatives forthcoming so that everyone can benefit.

Mr. Chapman spoke about the prospect of purchasing Brookview Farm and Skillman Dairy from the State. He thanked Administrator Nieman and Open Space Coordinator Wasilauski for the letter they sent to the Department of Corrections. He was informed that the Department of Corrections is willing to go ahead with the sale. He explained that with Brookview Farm there is the prospect of connecting with Bessie Grover Park on Hollow Road, along Rock Brook. This would be beneficial in bringing Rock Brook corridor all the way past the Van Zandt Mansion and SAVE to Skillman Park. He stated that he felt the Township could help residents with easing the regulations of rain gardens. Administrator Nieman stated that these were State regulations and not in the Township's control.

Mr. Chapman stated that the Duke Farms Foundation is working to cull the deer population. He explained that it is a major problem and the program is not about sporting, it is the need to cull the herd and the only way to do that is to shoot the deer. Administrator Nieman explained that there was a meeting set up with representatives from the White Buffalo group, who get paid to cull the deer population in some towns. Mr. Chapman suggested that the Governing Body consider a resolution that asks the State to allow the sale of venison commercially.

- 8-3. Irene Stein, Jamestown Road, asked that the Township replace the median and the edge striping on roads, particularly on higher traffic roads. Administrator Nieman stated that this would have to be done in warmer weather, but he would look into this.
- 8-4. Jessie Havens, Ludlow Avenue, thanked Committeemen Trzaska and Quraishi for their service. She explained that she has become more and more aware that the Somerset County Library System is obsolete and is definitely not what the entire County needs. She gave a brief history of the library system and stated that at this time libraries are required by the State. She stated that regionalization is the way to go and suggested that Montgomery pursue having their own library and possibly teaming up with Rocky Hill to make it even better.
- 8-5. Brett Borowski, York Drive, spoke about the resolution passed at the December 5 meeting regarding the Open Public Records Act. He stated that he had several conversations with the Clerk about what they agree is somewhat an abuse of OPRA, where commercial enterprises are requesting records to solicit business.

Mr. Borowski spoke about the line striping on various roads within the Township, including Cherry Valley Road. He stated that Route 206 is pretty awful as well, from Route 518 to Princeton Avenue. He explained that he felt the alignment of the striping along Route 206 near the Burger King is off and needs to be corrected. He has noticed that people are not respecting double yellow lines. He didn't know if there was an effective way to stop this kind of behavior. Committeeman Trzaska stated that the most direct way to help with the double yellow line is to make it a rumble strip but this is a bit controversial. Mr. Borowski spoke about stops signs and stop signs on school busses. He stated that he felt there needed be more traffic enforcement regarding the double yellow lines and stop signs. He suggested contacting the State Legislators to see about a grant for some of these possible solutions.

Mr. Borowski spoke about the article regarding the library in the Montgomery News. He stated that he was excited that there might be a solution to the situation that could truly be a benefit to Montgomery. He explained that he was unaware that the cost of a County library was higher than the cost of a municipal library. He is looking forward to hearing more about the possible solutions and he hoped that it would get a fair shake from everyone on the Governing Body. He knows it is going to involve two different referendums, one in Montgomery and one in Rocky Hill.

Mr. Borowski spoke about deer management. He is excited to hear that the Township is getting a lot more serious about this subject. He spoke about Princeton's contract with the White Buffalo group and asked if there was any benefit in regionalizing this program as far as a cost perspective. He stated that there would seem to be a results benefit as far as getting adjacent towns to participate.

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Mr. Borowski spoke about the Community Energy Aggregation program. He asked about having the ability to opt out and then opt back in. He stated that the website was difficult to understand when he went to see how an individual would do that. Administrator Nieman suggested that people call Gabel Associates who manages the program for the Township.

Mr. Borowski extended his appreciation to Committeemen Trzaska and Quraishi. He hoped that he would see Mr. Trzaska's name on committee lists in the upcoming year. He knew that the Democratic party is caucusing and that they make these selections. He also knows that sometimes these things can get political and he hoped that this would not be the case. Committeeman Trzaska explained that in previous years the people who were appointed to committees/commissions/boards were not appointed because of their political leanings, but rather because they were interested in serving and he doesn't see that changing anytime in the near future. Mayor Jaffer stated that there have been turn overs in committees and appointments and big changes made based on the political parties that are in power. She thinks that this is okay. There is a reason why there are elections. There are consequences to those elections. She doesn't think that just because something is political, it is necessarily wrong. She believes the perspectives are very different and there are priorities that are very different. Mr. Borowski stated that he has seen things that he didn't feel were in the best interests of the town, even perhaps in the best interests of the Democrats in town. Mr. Borowski stated that he didn't think this town was going to be well served with a repeat term with Mayor Jaffer as Mayor. Mayor Jaffer stated that she knew that Mr. Borowski felt that way, but she stated that she has offered for Mr. Borowski to be on committees and he has not done so, nor has he run for Governing Body. She stated that he sees his role as someone who is just there to be a critic.

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 #19-12-257 - REFUND OVERPAID 2019 TAXES**

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

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11001	33.12	Dimitra Bairaktaris	\$ 250.00
25001	6.03	Dennis & Joanne Ryba	\$ 250.00

B. **RESOLUTION #19-12-258 - REFUND OVERPAID 2019 SEWER CHARGES**

BE IT RESOLVED That a refund in the amount of \$260.55 be given to Laurie L. Strehl, 1701 Lee Road, Winter Park, FL 32789 for the overpayment of 2018 sewer charges on Block 37001, Lot 4.33.

C. **RESOLUTION #19-12-259 - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF 2020 TOWING LICENSES**

WHEREAS, The Township has received completed towing applications for light duty licenses from TJS Automotive Services, Inc. d/b/a Dave's Heavy Towing; Stewart's Towing, Inc.; and Kovi Towing, LLC to provide towing services in 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Township has received completed towing applications for heavy duty licenses from TJS Automotive Services, Inc. d/b/a Dave's Heavy Towing; Mike's Towing & Recovery; and Stewart's Towing, Inc. to provide towing services in 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Police Department has reviewed said applications and conducted appropriate investigations pursuant to section 4A-2.2 of the Code of the Township of Montgomery (1984); and

WHEREAS, The Police Director has reviewed the results of said investigations, approved said applications, and recommended the issuance of light duty towing licenses to from TJS Automotive Services, Inc. d/b/a Dave's Heavy Towing; Stewart's Towing, Inc.; and Kovi Towing, LLC. and heavy duty towing licenses to TJS Automotive Services, Inc. d/b/a Dave's Heavy Towing; Mike's Towing & Recovery; and Stewart's Towing, Inc.

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

1. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue light duty licenses to TJS Automotive Services, Inc. d/b/a Dave's Heavy Towing; Stewart's Towing, Inc.; and Kovi Towing, LLC. for 2020.
2. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue heavy duty licenses to TJS Automotive Services, Inc. d/b/a Dave's Heavy Towing; Mike's Towing & Recovery; and Stewart's Towing, Inc. for 2020.
3. All towing licenses are subject to the provisions set forth in Chapter IV-A of the Code of the Township of Montgomery (1984), and shall expire on December 31, 2020.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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D. **RESOLUTION #19-12-260 - EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE COMPLETION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS - Various Projects**

WHEREAS, Gail Smith, Township Engineer, has certified on December 13, 2019 that adequate funds remain in the posted guarantees to cover the remaining public improvements in the following developments and therefore recommends time extensions to complete said improvements:

<u>Development</u>	<u>New Completion Date</u>
Gibraltar Rock of Belle Mead - Process Basin Project	January 11, 2021
Montgomery Ridge - Site Improvements, Phase 1 Townhouses	February 7, 2021
Montgomery Ridge - Site Improvements, Phase 1 Affordable Apartments	February 7, 2021

E. **RESOLUTION #19-12-261 - RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE MID JERSEY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

WHEREAS, The Township of Montgomery is a member of the Mid Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, Said renewal membership terminates as of January 1, 2020, unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Municipality and the Fund; and

WHEREAS, The Municipality desires to renew said membership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Township of Montgomery agrees to renew its membership in the Mid Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for a period of three (3) years beginning January 1, 2020, and ending January 1, 2023, and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.
2. The Mayor and Clerk/Administrator/Manager shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Mid Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Municipality's intention to renew its membership.

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

10. **RESOLUTION #19-12-262 - AWARD OF BID - One (1) Peterbilt Model 567 Chassis with 5200 US Gallon Vacuum Tank Truck System**

WHEREAS, The following bids for One (1) Peterbilt Model 567 Chassis with 5200 US Gallon Vacuum Tank Truck System were received and publicly opened on December 10, 2019:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Hoover Truck & Bus Centers	\$208,161.00
Trius, Inc.	\$224,771.00

WHEREAS, It is the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and the Superintendent of Public Works that Hoover Truck & Bus Centers be awarded the bid; it being the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, There exists account #08-215-55-901-1610G which will fund this service; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By The Montgomery Township Committee that the contract for One (1) Peterbilt Model 567 Chassis with 5200 US Gallon Vacuum Tank Truck System is hereby awarded to:

Hoover Truck & Bus Centers
149 Goldmine Road
Flanders, NJ 07836

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

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

11. **RESOLUTION #19-12-263 - AMENDING RESOLUTION #19-2-75 - 2019 SALARIES FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, Resolution #19-2-75 adopted on February 21, 2019 listed the salary of the Police Director/Captain as \$153,180.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That based on the employee's performance, the resolution be amended to reflect the following change:

Police Director/Captain	Thomas Wain	\$162,324.00 (retroactive to January 1, 2019)
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11-1. 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

12. **RESOLUTION #19-12-264 - TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

WHEREAS, There is a need to transfer funds to areas where there are insufficient funds to meet the demands of the Township; and

WHEREAS, There are sufficient funds to be transferred to those accounts as stated to meet the needs of the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59, hereby authorizes the Chief Finance Officer to make the following transfers:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Fire Prevention (O&E)	\$ 4,000.00	
Code (O&E)	\$10,000.00	
Streets & Roads (S&W)	\$59,000.00	
Engineering (S&W)	\$23,100.00	
Fire Prevention (S&W)		\$14,000.00
Buildings & Grounds (S&W)		\$34,000.00
Parks (S&W)		\$26,500.00
Finance (S&W)		\$11,200.00
Network (S&W)		\$ 6,800.00
Revenue Administration (S&W)		\$ 3,600.00

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

13. **RESOLUTION #19-12-265 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF LOT COVERAGE RESTRICTIONS ON LOTS 11.06 AND 11.07 IN BLOCK 31001 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY**

WHEREAS, Keith Tietjen is the owner of property known and designated as Block 31001, Lots 11.06 and 11.07 on the Montgomery Township Tax Assessment Maps (rev. ed. 2018), now consolidated as Lot 11.08 with a total of 11.358+ acres (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, When major subdivision approval was granted in 1998 pursuant to Resolution PB-10-97, a deed restriction was imposed that limited lot coverage to 6,394 square feet for each lot 11.06 and 11.07; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Board in Resolution PB-03-17 agreed to release the prior impervious coverage restrictions on lots 11.06 and 11.07 (consolidated lot 11.08) subject to review and approval of the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission (DRCC); and

WHEREAS, The previous lot coverage restriction was ineffective, and any new impervious coverage is covered under DRCC regulations; and

WHEREAS, The DRCC approved the proposed development on the Property for stormwater management and permitted additional total impervious coverage of 18,376 square feet or 3.71% of the lot which will satisfy current water quality, quantity and recharge requirements, including a stormwater operation and maintenance plan for porous pavement; and

WHEREAS, The DRCC has required the protection of critical areas through the extension of an existing conservation easement, and part of the extension in the stream corridor will be reforested with 43 trees and one-half acre that is now lawn will be replanted as meadow; and

WHEREAS, A new dwelling unit on lot 11.06 could have been constructed in the 100' DRCC stream corridor but that area will now be replanted as meadow; and

WHEREAS, The Deed of Consolidation for the Property has a restriction against further subdivision and require porous pavement for the driveways; and

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WHEREAS, The development of the Property will be concentrated out of the stream corridor and flood hazard areas, which will protect the viewshed of the public pathway overlooking the Bedens Brook County Club; and

WHEREAS, The Property includes the last lot in the subdivision and no new lots can be created.

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

1. The preamble to this resolution is hereby incorporated as if fully restated herein.
2. The deed restriction previously imposed which limited impervious coverage and lot coverage to 6,394 square feet for lots 11.06 and 11.07 be and hereby is released.
3. The Mayor, Clerk, Administrator, Township Attorney and other appropriate staff are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents for the purposes described herein and act as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

13-1. 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, Trzaska, Gural, Jaffer
Nays - None

14. **ORDINANCE #19-1623** - Designation of Traffic Regulations on Private Property (The Grove at Montgomery) - Public Hearing

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE XXI, TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, OF CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY (1984) TO ADD THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OF THE GROVE AT MONTGOMERY SHOPPING CENTER.

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

C. BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby adopted this 19th day of December, 2019 and that notice thereof be published in an official newspaper as required by law.

14-1. 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, Trzaska, Gural, Jaffer
Nays - None

15. **ORDINANCE #19-1624** - Acquisition of PSE&G Property on Route 206 (Block 28005, Lot 60) - 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, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY ON ROUTE 206, KNOWN AS BLOCK 28005, LOT 60.

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

C. BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby adopted this 19th day of December, 2019 and that notice thereof be published in an official newspaper as required by law.

15-1. 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

16. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Regular Session minutes of December 5, 2019 were approved as printed.

17. **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

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

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

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

17-1. Committeeman 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, Trzaska, Gural, Jaffer
Nays - None

18. **EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH**

Mayor Jaffer stated that Committeeman Trzaska very kindly came up with the idea of hosting an Employee Appreciation lunch. She thanked him for that and stated that the Township used to have an Employee/Volunteer event. She stated that she thought having an event would be a great idea. Committeeman Schuldiner stated that the Deputy Mayor talked about this and suggested having something at the end of year to thank people for the service during the past year. Mayor Jaffer stated that one of issues that Township Clerk Kukla mentioned was that fewer people started attending because they were having it on the weekends and she thought having a weekday lunch would be better attended. Committeeman Schuldiner suggested canvassing the volunteers to see when they would like it to happen.

19. **PERMISSION TO INCLUDE THE BEACON LEGEND MAP IN THE BEACON SYSTEM OF MIDDLEBROOK ROAD**

Administrator Nieman stated that he was approached by Jessie Havens to use the Township's GIS system to include the locations of what was able to be determined was the Beacon System that was used during the Revolutionary War to inform Washington of when the British troops were approaching. There was a system of beacon fires that were used throughout the State of New Jersey. He would like to use the GIS to produce this map to be included in the Middlebrook history.

20. **SOMERSET COUNTY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP**

Committeeman Schuldiner attended the Somerset County Business Partnership awards luncheon. No one from Montgomery Township was given an award but he was able to meet the soon to be outgoing President. They had a conversation about how the Business Partnership can possibly help Montgomery with the redevelopment of the Route 518/Route 206 intersection.

21. **MAYOR'S BENEFIT BALL AND GALA**

Mayor Jaffer stated she hosted the Mayor's Benefit Ball and Gala for EMS. This event raised \$5,000.00.

22. **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

Mayor Jaffer stated that the Wreaths Across America event at the Upper Middle School was very well attended.

23. **HOLIDAY DANCE**

Mayor Jaffer stated that the Recreation Department hosted the 1st Annual Holiday Dance, which was a huge success.

24. **INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC SCHOOL**

Mayor Jaffer stated that there is an Indian classical music school based in Montgomery. They hosted an event in celebration of Indian classical music, dance and poetry.

25. **MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

Mayor Jaffer stated that there was a meeting with the Architects and the design subcommittee for the new Municipal Complex. It should be on tract to have the final renderings very early in 2020.

26. **GENTLEMEN'S LUNCH AT STONEBRIDGE**

Mayor Jaffer stated she had attended the Gentlemen's Lunch at Stonebridge with Administrator Nieman. They shared some of the happenings in town and discussed ways in which they might connect the broader community with the Stonebridge community. One of the things that was discussed was having a One Montgomery/Montgomery Mosaic event at Stonebridge.

27. COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

27-1. PLANNING BOARD

Committeeman Schuldiner stated that the Planning Board discussed the application for an over-55 apartment complex community that would be built in front of Country Club Meadows. There was a really large public turn out on this matter. The developer was asked to modify their plan, and appear before the Planning Board again in January.

27-2. ONE MONTGOMERY/MONTGOMERY MOSAIC

Committeeman Schuldiner stated that One Montgomery/Montgomery Mosaic put together an event for the community after the shootings in Jersey City. He stated it was very well attended. He thanked the Mayor for arranging this event.

27-3. TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Committeeman Trzaska stated that the Transportation Advisory Committee discussed the Route 206/Route 518 intersection, Bridgepoint Road and River Road. They also discussed a list of road and bridge projects. He explained that all of the bridge work that is happening is due to the gas tax which was passed a number of years ago. There was also discussion about the 2020 Road Improvement projects and pathways. He stated that Montgomery had received a grant for the pathway that would loop around Skillman Park and the preserved lands.

27-4. OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Gural stated that the Open Space Committee discussed the Bessie Grover Park expansion. They also discussed the renaming of the park. Deputy Mayor Gural stated that the Township received the letter back from the Department of Corrections and a phone call that they are authorizing the sale of the property to the Township. The Township still has to go through the Treasury Department to be finalized.

27-5. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Mayor Jaffer stated that the Communications Committee will be presenting a communications strategy plan to the Governing Body in January, based on all of the work they have done in 2019.

ADJOURNMENT was at 8:22 p.m. on a motion by Committeeman Trzaska. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Quraishi and carried unanimously.

Date of Approval:

Donna Kukla, Township Clerk