

MINUTES FOR
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
July 2, 2020

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 Schuldiner, Committee members Gural, Keenan and Huang

Also present were:

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY - Kevin Van Hise, Esq.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR - Donato Nieman

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER - Michael Pitts

TOWNSHIP CLERK - Donna Kukla

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR - Jamie McQuaid (Item #7)

2. Mayor Jaffer stated the following: "Although this meeting is the regularly scheduled meeting of the Montgomery Township Committee, due to the State of Emergency that exists as a result of the COVID-19 Coronavirus crisis, and in accordance with Executive Order No. 104 issued by Governor Murphy on Monday, March 16 limiting public gatherings, this meeting is being held virtually by webcast, simulcast on Comcast Cable Channel 29. Instructions for participating in this meeting are provided on the Township's website at www.twp.montgomery.nj.us."

3. Mayor Jaffer led the Salute to the Flag.

4. **COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE**

Health Officer Stephanie Carey updated the Committee on Montgomery's latest case counts and reiterated the rules of face coverings and social distancing.

She stated that health equity really matters when dealing with this pandemic and reviewed the following principles for addressing health equity:

- Be explicit;
- Identify and address racism and racial implicit bias;
- Adopt a "Health in all Policies" approach;
- Create a culture of equity;
- Respect and involve the community in health equity initiatives;
- Measure and evaluate progress in reducing health disparities.

- 4-1. Deputy Mayor Schuldiner asked about the uptick in cases and if this was primarily coming from travelers or from the lack of social distancing and masking. Health Officer Carey explained that this is still under investigation

- 4-2. Committeewoman Gural asked if there was other types of outreach that could be used to reach children and young adults. Health Officer Carey responded that one of their temporary staffers is working on social media, infographics which are Instagrammable with these kinds of messages.

5. **STAGED REOPENING OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON JULY 6**

Administrator Nieman explained the staged reopening of the Municipal Building beginning on July 6. This will include bringing back staff in shifts. The Recreation Department will run some virtual programs online. The Otto Kaufman Community Center will not be opening at this time, as the senior population are the most vulnerable. He explained the protocol for returning staff and the need for visitors to make an appointment to enter the building. He stated that the front entrance on Route 206 will be the only entrance to the building.

6. **RESOLUTION - RACISM IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS**

WHEREAS, Racism causes persistent racial discrimination influencing many areas of life, including housing, education, employment and criminal justice; and an emerging body of research demonstrates that racism itself is a social determinant of health; and

WHEREAS, Race is a social construct with no biological basis, but a social reality that shapes our lives; and

WHEREAS, Racism is a social system with multiple dimensions: individual racism is internalized or interpersonal; systemic racism is institutional or structural, and is a system of structuring opportunity and assigning value based on race, this unfairly disadvantages specific individuals and communities, while unfairly giving advantages to other individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, Racial residential segregation is a fundamental cause of health disparities. Many members of racial and ethnic minorities live in neighborhoods that are further from grocery stores and medical facilities, making it more difficult to receive care if sick and stock up on supplies that would allow them to stay home; and

WHEREAS, The risk of infection may be greater for workers in essential industries who continue to work outside the home despite outbreaks in their communities, including some people who may need to continue working in these jobs because of their economic circumstances. Nearly a quarter of employed Hispanic and Black workers are employed in service industry jobs compared to 16% of non-Hispanic white workers; and

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WHEREAS, In all age groups, Black Americans are more likely than white Americans to report not being able to see a doctor in the past year because of cost. Stigma and systemic inequalities may undermine prevention efforts, increase levels of chronic and toxic stress, and ultimately sustain health and health care disparities; and

WHEREAS, Data suggest Black New Jerseyans are dying at a disproportionately higher rate from COVID-19 than their counterparts of other races; and

WHEREAS, In Montgomery Township itself, Black residents are disproportionately represented among those who have tested positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Women of color account for nearly 60% of all pregnancy-related maternal deaths in New Jersey and Black women are over four times more likely to lose their lives during childbirth than their white counterparts; and

WHEREAS, Communities of color, those of low social economic status and those that suffer from disabilities, are more likely to experience poor health outcomes as a consequence of their social determinants of health – health inequities stemming from economic stability, education, physical environment, food and access to health care systems; and

WHEREAS, The American Public Health Association (APHA) launched a National Campaign against Racism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That Montgomery Township will:

1. Assert that racism is a public health crisis affecting our entire community;
2. Conduct an assessment of internal policy and procedures to ensure racial equity is a core element of all Montgomery Township departments;
3. Advocate for relevant policies that support local, state, regional, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism;
4. Commit to review ordinances through a racial equity lens;
5. Commit to conduct human resources, vendor selection and grant management activities with a racial equity lens including reviewing internal policies and practices such as hiring, promotions, leadership appointments and funding;
6. Identify clear goals and objectives, including specific benchmarks, to assess progress and capitalize on opportunities to further advance racial equity.

6-1. Deputy Mayor Schuldiner moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Huang and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Huang, Keenan, Gural, Schuldiner, Jaffer
Nays - None

6-2. Mayor Jaffer thanked Health Officer Carey for speaking of this in her presentation.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

7-1. Jack Garhart, Bayberry Lane, asked the Committee when public meetings would be reestablished in order to allow for in-person public comment. Administrator Nieman stated that when the safety of the public and the staff can be assured, they will probably go back to public meetings.

Mr. Garhart also inquired about the updates on the Municipal Building bids. Administrator Nieman responded that the bids will be received by Somerset County on July 14.

7-2. Richard Ober, Stonebridge, sent an email regarding his concerns about the hunting on the Ingersoll Rand property that borders the Stonebridge community. His concerns are predominantly about the hunting close to the walking paths on the property. Jamie McQuaid, Wildlife Management Committee Chair, stated that he and Open Space Coordinator Lauren Wasilauski are going to be meeting with Mr. Ober on July 7 to discuss some of these topics. Many of Mr. Ober's concerns are not necessarily founded in the way that the program has worked in the past. There has never been an issue on that property. He stated he was afraid that if they created a buffer on that property it would set a precedence for all of the other properties with pathways and this would severely limit the program's ability to hunt all of the properties.

8. **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 #20-7-140 - REFUND OVERPAID 2019 TAXES**

BE IT RESOLVED That refunds be given to the following for the overpayment of 2020 taxes:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7027	3	Thomas & Angela Perone	\$ 36.74
37002	4.41	Estate of Eddie B. Prestridge c/o New Horizon Abstract, Inc.	\$2,462.97

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B. RESOLUTION #20-7-141 - REFUND UNUSED PORTION OF SPECIAL DUTY MONIES

BE IT RESOLVED That a refund be given to the following business/company for monies owed by the Township of Montgomery for Private Duty Services;

Mid-Atlantic Robotics
127 Kendall Road
Kendal Park, NJ 08824-1247
c/o Paul R. Kloberg, Asst. Treasurer
\$1,615.00

C. RESOLUTION #20-7-142 - APPROVAL OF FIRE HYDRANTS - Village Shopper Complex

BE IT RESOLVED By the Montgomery Township Committee that authorization be given to install private hydrants at the following locations at the Village Shopper Complex:

- Hydrant #1 - To be installed at corner of Village Drive and entrance to strip mall;
- Hydrant #2 - To be installed at corner of island in front of restaurant, Building A;
- Hydrant #3 - To be installed on island at entrance from Route 206 and tenant space #3;
- Hydrant #4 - To be installed at corner of Brecknell Way and entrance to strip mall;
- Hydrant #5 - To be installed at corner of Tamworth Drive and entrance to strip mall;
- Hydrant #6 - To be installed on island between three (3) story building and anchor store across from entrance on Tamworth Drive.

All locations are in accordance with the recommendations of the Montgomery Township Fire Marshal and Fire Department #46. All locations are shown on plans.

D. RESOLUTION #20-7-143 - AUTHORIZING SEWER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT - Steven and Siyka Bousserski (Block 7005, Lot 4)

BE IT RESOLVED By the Montgomery Township Committee that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Sewer Participation Agreement with Steven and Siyka Bousserski related to sewer capacity in the Pike Brook Wastewater Treatment Plant for Block 7005, Lot 4.

8-1. Deputy Mayor Schuldiner moved the adoption of the **CONSENT AGENDA**. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Huang and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Huang, Keenan, Gural, Schuldiner, Jaffer
Nays - None

9. RESOLUTION #20-7-144 - CHANGE ORDER #1 - Final Change Order (decrease) and Time Extension, Blue Spring Road Improvements (State Aid Project)

WHEREAS, Resolution #19-10-227, adopted on October 3, 2019, authorized the award of a contract for Bid #B02-2019 - the Blue Spring Road Improvements (State Aid Project), to Capital Paving and Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$ 984,092.50; and

WHEREAS, The Township Engineer has requested the Committee's approval of a Change Order to reflect quantity adjustments and costs for the project, and to extend the time of completion for the project; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #1 would allow for bid item quantity adjustments as outlined on said Change Order and for a no cost time extension to June 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The work comprising Change Order #1 will result in a net decrease in the original contract amount by \$120,044.62 or -12.20%; and;

WHEREAS, The Township Engineer has recommended approval of the Change Order; and

WHEREAS, A copy of the proposed Change Order request is available in the Office of the Township Engineer.

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

1. Change Order #1 is hereby approved as the final change order for this project.
2. This Resolution, when counter-signed by Capital Paving and Contracting, LLC, shall serve as a contract amendment to the original contract for the purpose decreasing the total contract price by \$120,044.62 for a total contract amount of \$864,047.88, and for the purpose of extending the contract completion date from February 6, 2020 to June 26, 2020 with no change in the contract amount.

9-1. Deputy Mayor Schuldiner moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Keenan and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Huang, Keenan, Gural, Schuldiner, Jaffer
Nays - None

10. **RESOLUTION #20-7-145 - CHANGE ORDER #1 Final Payment, Deduction of Items and Time Extension, Pike Brook Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Holding Tanks Odor Control Systems Project**

WHEREAS, Resolution #19-3-95, adopted on March 21, 2019, authorized the award of a contract for the Pike Brook Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Holding Tanks Odor Control Systems Project to JEV Construction, LLC in the amount of \$ 544,000.00; and

WHEREAS, The Township Engineer has requested the Committee's approval of Change Order No. 1 to deduct two work items and to extend the time of completion for the project; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #1 would allow for the additional work and for a no cost time extension to June 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The work comprising Change Order #1 will result in a decrease in the contract amount by \$12,736.52; and

WHEREAS, The new contract amount is \$531,263.48, a decrease of 2.3% from the original contract amount; and

WHEREAS, The Township Engineer has recommended approval of the Change Order; and

WHEREAS, A copy of the proposed Change Order request is available in the Office of the Township Engineer.

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

1. Change Order #1 is hereby approved for this project.
2. This Resolution, when counter-signed by JEV Construction, LLC, shall serve as a contract amendment to the original contract for the purpose of extending the contract completion date from November 4, 2019 to June 17, 2020 with no change in the contract amount.

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

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Huang, Keenan, Gural, Schuldiner, Jaffer
Nays - None

11. **RESOLUTION #20-7-146 - A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT CONFIRMING LEFT TURN PROHIBITIONS AT THE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE TO THE JAGUAR-LAND ROVER PRINCETON CAR DEALERSHIP, TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, The Jaguar-Land Rover Princeton car dealership was recently constructed and included a new entrance/exit driveway along Route 206 north of the Cherry Valley Connector Road; and

WHEREAS, The new entrance/exit driveway was approved by the New Jersey Department of Transportation Major Access Permit #A-206-C-14293-2008 and the project plans show that left turns are prohibited when exiting the stop controlled driveway onto Route 206 northbound; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Transportation, Bureau of Traffic Engineering has investigated and determined that the stop control and left turn prohibition are warranted and can be recommended for approval; and

WHEREAS, In order to legally establish the stop control and turn prohibition, the New Jersey Department of Transportation is required to promulgate a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO); and

WHEREAS, An initial step in the TRO process is to receive a Resolution of support from the municipal governing body; and

WHEREAS, The Township Engineer and Police Department have reviewed the driveway and have recommended the adoption of the resolution needed by New Jersey Department of Transportation, Bureau of Traffic Engineering; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED The Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery hereby supports the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Bureau of Traffic Engineering establishing the following traffic regulations:

Stop Intersections:

The following location is hereby designated as a stop intersection:

Intersection/Location

Route US 206 (mile-post 57.40 southbound) and the exit Driveway of Jaguar-Land Rover Princeton (Block 34001, Lot 60.01) approximately 410 feet north of the northerly curb line of the Cherry Valley Connector Road.

Stop Location

Exit driveway of Jaguar-Land Rover Princeton

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Route 206 Turn Prohibitions:

No person shall make a left turn at any location listed and only in the manner described:

<u>Intersection/Location</u>	<u>Turn Prohibited</u>	<u>Movement Prohibited</u>
Route US 206 (mile post 57.40 southbound) and the exit driveway of Jaguar-Land Rover Princeton (Block 34001, Lot 60.01) approximately 410 feet north of the northerly curb line of the Cherry Valley Connector Road	Left Turns	Eastbound from the exit driveway of Jaguar-Land Rover Princeton onto Route US 206 northbound

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Township of Montgomery concurs that any approved traffic regulations in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution be rescinded upon approval of the Traffic Regulation Order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send copies of this resolution to New Jersey Department of Transportation, Attn: Ms. Jamie Oplinger, Executive Manager, Bureau of Traffic Engineering, PO BOX 600, Trenton, NJ 08625-0600

11-1. Deputy Mayor Schuldiner moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Keenan and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Huang, Keenan, Gural, Schuldiner, Jaffer
Nays - None

12. **RESOLUTION #20-7-147 - AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR LIBRARY SERVICES WITH THE SOMERSET COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM OF NEW JERSEY, THE MARY JACOBS MEMORIAL LIBRARY FOUNDATION AND THE BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL**

WHEREAS, The Township of Montgomery ("Township") and Borough of Rocky Hill ("Borough") are currently part of the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey ("SCLSNJ") with branches located throughout the County, including the Mary Jacobs branch located within Rocky Hill Borough; and

WHEREAS, The Township is currently in the process of building a new municipal complex that will include a new library facility; and

WHEREAS, With the creation of the new library facility within the Township, SCLSNJ has conveyed its intention to ultimately cease operations of the Mary Jacobs library branch; and

WHEREAS, The Township, the Borough, the Mary Jacobs Memorial Library Foundation (the "Foundation") and the SCLSNJ have worked together to ensure continuing library services at the Mary Jacobs branch via a multi-phase agreement through at least December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer has agreed that sufficient funds are and will be made available in the appropriate budget years to satisfy the Township's obligations under the agreement.

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

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign on behalf of the Township the above-referenced library services agreement, entitled "Agreement Regarding the Provision of Library Services for Montgomery Township and the Borough of Rocky Hill," by and between the Somerset County Library Commission, the Mary Jacobs Memorial Library Foundation, the Borough of Rocky Hill, and the Township of Montgomery, a copy of which is on file in the Township Clerk's Office.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Huang, Keenan, Gural, Schuldiner, Jaffer
Nays - None

13. **ORDINANCE #20-1638 - BOND-Providing for Various Sewer Utility Improvements - Public Hearing**

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

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SEWER UTILITY SYSTEM IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,150,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,150,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

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

C. BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby adopted this 2nd day of July, 2020 and that the ordinance summary and proper 20-day statement be published in an official newspaper as required by law.

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

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Huang, Keenan, Gural, Schuldiner, Jaffer
Nays - None

14. **ORDINANCE #20-1639 - BOND-Providing For Various Capital Improvements - Public Hearing**

- 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 \$2,016,500 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,918,400 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

- B-1. Mayor Jaffer opened the hearing to the public.
- B-2. Jack Garhart, Bayberry Lane, expressed concern about the average annual cost to each taxpayer in Montgomery for these bonds.
- B-3. Deputy Mayor Schuldiner moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Huang and carried unanimously.
- C. BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby adopted this 2nd day of July, 2020 and that the ordinance summary and proper 20-day statement be published in an official newspaper as required by law.

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

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Huang, Keenan, Gural, Schuldiner, Jaffer
Nays - None

15. **ORDINANCE #20-1640 - Designation of Traffic Regulations on Private Property, Jaguar-Land Rover Princeton - 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 JAGUAR-LAND ROVER PRINCETON.

- B. Mayor Jaffer opened the hearing to the public. There being no comment, Deputy Mayor Schuldiner moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Keenan and carried unanimously.
- C. BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby adopted this 2nd day of July, 2020 and that notice thereof be published in an official newspaper as required by law.

- 15-1. Deputy Mayor Schuldiner moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Huang and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Huang, Keenan, Gural, Schuldiner, Jaffer
Nays - None

16. **ORDINANCE #20-1641 - Amending and Supplementing Ordinance #16-1530 Relating to Lease Purchase Agreement with Somerset County Improvement Authority - Public Hearing**

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

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 16-1530 RELATING TO THE LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT DATED AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2016 WITH THE SOMERSET COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

- B-1. Mayor Jaffer opened the hearing to the public.
- B-2. Administrator Nieman stated that the Township cannot award a bid unless financing is in place and explained the process. If the ordinance is adopted at this meeting, the Somerset County Improvement Authority would be asked to act to approve the additional financing. On July 8, the Township would go before the Local Government Finance Board in Trenton for a public hearing.
- B-3. Jack Garhart, Bayberry Lane, voiced his displeasure with the adoption of this ordinance until a full breakdown of the amounts spent and to be spent are shared.
- B-4. Deputy Mayor Schuldiner moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Keenan and carried unanimously.
- C. BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby adopted this 2nd day of July, 2020 and that notice thereof be published in an official newspaper as required by law.

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

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Huang, Keenan, Gural, Schuldiner, Jaffer
Nays - None

17. **ORDINANCE #20-1642 - LDO-APT/TH & SSIZ-2 - Introduction**

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XVI, "LAND DEVELOPMENT", OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY (1984) COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND SPECIFICALLY SUBSECTION 16-4.4c REGARDING MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT IN THE "APT/TH" APARTMENT/TOWNHOUSE DISTRICT AND SUBSECTION 16-4.14.b.5(a) REGARDING MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT FOR APARTMENT BUILDINGS IN THE "SSIZ-2" SITE SPECIFIC INCLUSIONARY ZONE 2 DISTRICT.

- 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 July 16, 2020 at approximately 7:00 p.m. as the date and time when said ordinance will be further considered for final adoption.

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

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Huang, Keenan, Gural, Schuldiner, Jaffer
Nays - None

18. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Regular Session minutes of June 4, 2020 and June 18, 2020 were approved as printed.

19. **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.

- 19-1. Deputy Mayor Schuldiner moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Keenan and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Huang, Keenan, Gural, Schuldiner, Jaffer
Nays - None

20. **LETTER FROM DUTCHTOWN-ZION ROAD RESIDENTS REGARDING GIBRALTAR TRUCK TRAFFIC**

Mayor Jaffer stated that there had been a letter from some of the residents of Dutchtown-Zion Road regarding Gibraltar Rock truck traffic. Committeeman Huang asked if all truck traffic, especially the use of "jake brakes" could be discussed.

Mr. Nieman noted that the Township does not have the authority to regulate trucks on certain roads or at specific times of the day.

21. **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Mayor Jaffer mentioned that she was approached by some of the staff at the Keller Center at Princeton, a club for entrepreneurs of design thinking and innovative engineering education. They asked if the Township could use some student researchers for any project. A team will be working for us on Montgomery's identity, history and belonging.

Committeewoman Gural asked about the possibility of allowing the public to interact at the meeting. Mayor Jaffer responded that she has been discussing a webinar function with Mr. Nieman and Mr. Pitts. Engineering will be using it for at an upcoming meeting with a Q&A and once we see how that goes, we could use it for the Township Committee meetings as well.

Deputy Mayor Schuldiner gave an update on 1026 Route 518 previously known as GammaTech. There was some difficulty regarding ownership of the building. After finding the owners via the Tax Collector's department, they visited and secured the building. It is in the process of being sold and a crew will be coming out to clean it up.

Committeeman Huang reported that he met with the Landmarks Committee to discuss their position on the Cell Tower on Dead Tree Run Road. He also wanted to recognize Committeewoman Devra Keenan on her contributions and hard work on the Library transition. To get five parties to come together is difficult and to agree on anything is impressive. To not only agree to 2 years of library services but the option for the township to extend it up to 4 and giving us oversight with a report to where the money is going is what the Committee wanted to see.

Committeewoman Keenan reported that she met with the Business Task Force and made them aware of the County website called "Open for Business" from them to utilize and register.

Committeewoman Gural reported that the Board of Health will not be meeting until after this meeting. Recreation has not had a meeting, but as liaison of Recreation, she wanted to ask Mr. Nieman about the opening of the playgrounds.

Mr. Nieman stated that the Public Works Department has started the process of opening the parks, but we asking people to mask up, and not congregate in large numbers.

Committeewoman Gural has been working with a group called Smart Recovery, a secular alternative to 12-step addiction recovery. Due to COVID, some people have access to recovery, but virtual is sometimes not the ideal way to have meetings and it deters people from seeking help. She wanted to make members of the community aware of this group for those who are of the LGBTQ, and those who are averse to organized religion. The knowledge and availability of this program as an option to those that are sent to such programs by our court system.

Deputy Mayor Schuldiner wanted also commended Committeewoman Keenan on her work with the library. He attended the Complete Count meeting and Montgomery Township is at 76 percent compliance for filing out the 2020 Census. He urged everyone to complete their census and if you have not they will be sending people out on August 11th for those who have not completed their census forms. He wanted to remind everyone of the Monty Cares program a consortium of community groups. If you are a person who has a need that is not being filled such as food, transportation etc. contact Montycares.org.

Mr. Nieman reported that the Food Pantry is accepting donations via appointment but would like people to know that we prefer at this time to give gift cards.

Mayor Jaffer attended a One Montgomery, Montgomery Mosaic Juneteenth event with Assemblyman Greg Stanley who introduced the state Amistad commission on African American heritage and history in all student curriculums in New Jersey. The video is available online. She also meet with the black community and the police department. She thanked all the participants, Captain James Gill, and the other police officers in attendance. She invited the public to a Zoom Meeting hosted by Dr. Sandra Dunay on Anti-Implicit Bias Training. She also attended a Black Mother's Rising Event with Administrator Nieman, Captain Gill and members of the police department.

22. Committeewoman Gural and Committeeman Huang left the meeting

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

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

1. The Township Committee will now convene in a closed session that will be limited only to consideration of items with respect to which the public may be excluded pursuant to Section 7B of the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. The general nature of the subject to be discussed in this session is as follows:
 - Kid Connection.
3. It is unknown precisely when the matter discussed in this session will be disclosed to the public.

23-1. Deputy Mayor Schuldiner moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Huang and carried unanimously.

23-2. Committeewoman Gural and Committeeman Huang left the meeting.

24. Meeting reconvened in Open Session and **ADJOURNMENT** was at 10:16 p.m. on a motion by Deputy Mayor Schuldiner. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Keenan and carried unanimously.

Date of Approval:

Donna Kukla, Township Clerk