

MINUTES FOR
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
November 6, 2014

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 Smith, Deputy Mayor Sugden, Committeemembers Trzaska and Graham
Committeewoman Madrid was absent

Also present were:

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY - Kristina P. Hadinger, Esq.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR - Donato Nieman

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER - Walter Sheppard

TOWNSHIP CLERK - Donna Kukla

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

4. **RESOLUTION HONORING JONATHAN GARAFFA - 2014 SkillsUSA National Gold Winner**

WHEREAS, A community possesses no greater treasure than its young citizens; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Garaffa participated in the 2014 SkillsUSA National Competition in Kansas City, Missouri and won a gold medal for his performance in the Medical Math competition with an impressive score of 920 points out of 1,000, the same score he received as a first place winner at the State level; and

WHEREAS, SkillsUSA is a national program whose mission is to empower young Americans to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan attended the competition with 22 of his high school classmates from Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School where he is a student at the Academy of Health and Medical Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan is currently working on his Eagle Scout project, which involves raising awareness for the County food bank's Buy One, Bring One canned food donation program, and building donation drop-off point bins to be placed in the various Somerset County libraries; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan was selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for March 2014 and is very active in extracurricular activities at Montgomery High School as a member of Montgomery Track and Field, Cross Country, Cougar Robotics Programming Team, and Red Cross Club.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Montgomery Township Committee congratulates Jonathan Garaffa on his outstanding achievement and wishes him continued success in all his future endeavors on this 6th day of November, 2014.

- 4-1. Committeewoman Graham moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Sugden and carried unanimously.
- 4-2. Jonathan Garaffa stated that he attends the Academy of Health and Medical Sciences at the Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School. He stated that he found medical math interesting and explained the process that he went through to advance from winning at the State level to placing first at the National competition of SkillsUSA.

5. **RESOLUTION #14-11-242 - AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF TWO PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICERS**

BE IT RESOLVED That the Montgomery Township Committee authorizes the hiring of James T. Ward and Daniel B. Rasmusson conditioned upon satisfactory completion of all applicable Montgomery Township and law enforcement pre-employment screening requirements effective December 1, 2014.

- 5-1. Committeeman Trzaska moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Sugden and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Graham, Trzaska, Sugden, Smith
Nays - None
Absent - Madrid

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 6-1. Wilbert Donnay, Opossum Road, congratulated Mayor Smith on his recent election victory. He learned that getting elected to office requires a lot of time throughout the year. He planned on staying involved in the community and hopes to have an opportunity to work with the Township Committee. He asked that he be considered when planning the roster of committees for the year 2015. He stated that he would very much like to serve on the Budget and Finance Committee, given his background as a Certified Public Accountant and accounting professor.

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 #14-11-243 - REFUND OVERPAID 2012 TAXES**

BE IT RESOLVED That a refund in the amount of 740.63 be given to Alice Garrison, 53 Aiken Avenue, Princeton, NJ 08540 for the overpayment of 2012 taxes on Block 28005, Lot 52. Overpayment is due to homestead credit.

B. **RESOLUTION #14-11-244 - ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION - Barn Pictures from Donna Henry**

BE IT RESOLVED That the Montgomery Township Committee hereby accepts a donation of 2 barn pictures from Donna Henry, 5 Winged Foot Court, Skillman, NJ.

C. **RESOLUTION #14-11-245 - APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR RESERVATION OF REMAINING SEWER CAPACITY - Belvedere 2 Lot - Country Classics (formerly Belvedere Homes) - Block 6001, Lot 32**

BE IT RESOLVED By the Montgomery Township Committee that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement for reservation of remaining sewer capacity with Country Classics at Montgomery, LLC related to remaining capacity in the Pike Brook Sewage Treatment Plant for Belvedere 2 Lot - Country Classics (formerly Belvedere Homes), Block 6001, Lot 32.

D. **RESOLUTION #14-11-246 - APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2014 HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND PROJECT**

BE IT RESOLVED That the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery formally approves the grant application for the 2014 Highway Safety Fund project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Montgomery Township and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

E. **RESOLUTION #14-11-247 - PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) - Safe Corridors Highway Safety Grant**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special items of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item shall have been made by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, Said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget of the year 2014, in the amounts listed below, which item is now available as revenue from the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice - Law and Public Safety:

Safe Corridors Highway Safety Grant	\$21,762.89
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a like sum, be, and the same, hereby is appropriated under the above appropriation titles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Chief Financial Officer shall file an electronic Special Item of Revenue Resolution submittal form to the Division of Local Government Services.

F. **RESOLUTION #14-11-248 - RELEASE OF ESCROW FEE - Hassan Homami - Street Opening Permit #13-R-50**

WHEREAS, George Remboske, Assistant to the Township Engineer, has recommended the release of the cash escrow fee to Hassan Homami because all work has been satisfactorily completed with respect to a street opening permit at Block 20001, Lot 15 (131 Opossum Road).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Montgomery Township Committee that the cash escrow fee in the amount of \$1,080.00 be released to Hassan Homami, 131 Opossum Road, Skillman, NJ 08558.

G. **RESOLUTION #14-11-249 - RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE - Dutchtown-Harlingen Road Subdivision, Phase II**

WHEREAS, Gail Smith, Township Engineer, has certified on November 3, 2014 that all public improvements in a project known as Dutchtown-Harlingen Road Subdivision, Phase II have been in satisfactory continuous use for a period greater than two years and therefore recommends the release of the posted maintenance guarantee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Montgomery Township Committee that the Maintenance Bond #S11558M in the amount of \$82,536.75 be released to KBA Developers, LLC (Richard Grosso), 236 Long Hill Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844.

(CONSENT AGENDA Cont.)

H. **RESOLUTION #14-11-250 - CONFIRMING A GRANT OF CONSERVATION RESTRICTION/EASEMENT (RIPARIAN ZONE COMPENSATION)**

BE IT RESOLVED That the Montgomery Township Committee hereby confirms a grant of conservation restriction/easement between Montgomery Township and the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in connection with the Cherry Valley Road Project.

I. **RESOLUTION #14-11-251 - TO AUTHORIZE AUCTION OF USED TOWNSHIP VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, The Township of Montgomery has determined that certain personal property as described below, is no longer needed for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40a:11-36 requires that such personal property be sold at public auction to the highest bidder.

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

1. The below listed schedule of Township property is declared surplus and no longer needed for public purposes;
2. The Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized and directed to advertise public sale of said personal property to be sold on GovDeals.com, a State of New Jersey authorized web based auction. Said sale shall commence within ten (10) days of approval by the Township Committee.
3. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it determines such rejection to be in the public interest.
4. Said sale shall be in the manner of a public auction and in accordance with the procedure to be announced.

VEHICLES

1997 Diesel W/Plow, Sander	1HT5DAAR1VH463261
1996 Diesel W/Plow, Sander	1FDXR72C8TVA32136
1998 Taurus Wagon	1FAFP57S4WG265035
2007 Crown VIC	2FAHP71W17X136469
2008 PP MARKDFORD 4X2 GUV8 A4	2FAFP71V08X168748
2008 Crown VIC	2FAFP71V18X130686
2008 Crown VIC	2FAFP71V98X168747
2008 Ford P71	2FAFP71V58X130691
1997 LT Sedan Chevy 4X2 GUV6 A4	1GNGK26R8VJ334392
2002 Crown VIC	2FAFP71W82X105428
1991 Mower 72" Cut 4X2	30788-10172
1995 Tahoe 4X4	1GENK13K13KOSJ448701

- 7-1. Deputy Mayor Sugden moved the adoption of the **CONSENT AGENDA**. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Trzaska and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Graham, Trzaska, Sugden, Smith
Nays - None
Absent - Madrid

8. **RESOLUTION #14-11-252 - 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:

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<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Police (S&W)	PFRS (O&E)	\$11,467.60
		\$11,467.60
Employee Contributions (O&E)	Employee Opt Out (O&E)	\$50,000.00
		\$50,000.00
Roads - Overtime (S&W)	Roads - Salt (O&E)	\$60,000.00
		\$60,000.00
Code (S&W)	Code (O&E)	\$ 3,000.00
		\$ 3,000.00
Adult School (S&W)	Adult School - Prof. Services (O&E)	\$25,000.00
		\$25,000.00
Township Committee (O&E)	Municipal Library	\$ 7,500.00
		\$ 7,500.00
Administration (O&E)	Administration (S&W)	\$ 2,000.00
		\$ 2,000.00
Recreation (O&E)	Recreation (S&W)	\$ 5,000.00
		\$ 5,000.00

8-1. Committeewoman Graham moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Trzaska and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Graham, Trzaska, Sugden, Smith
 Nays - None
 Absent - Madrid

9. **RESOLUTION #14-11-253 - AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #2 - Dutchtown-Zion Road and Sunset Road Overlay Project (Decrease)**

WHEREAS, Resolution #14-7-170 adopted on July 17, 2014, authorized the award of a contract for the Dutchtown-Zion Road and Sunset Road Overlay Project to Top Line Construction in the amount of \$195,870.74; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #14-9-207 adopted on September 18, 2014 authorized Change Order #1 in the amount of \$36,612.47; and

WHEREAS, The Project includes overlay of portions of Dutchtown-Zion Road, Sunset Road, and "various locations throughout the Township"; and

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

WHEREAS, The work comprising Change Order #2 will result in a net decrease in the adjusted contract amount from Change Order #1 by \$1,636.78; and

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

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

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

1. Change Order #2 is hereby approved.
2. This Resolution, when counter-signed by Top Line Construction, shall serve as a contract amendment to Change Order #1 for the purpose of decreasing the adjusted contract amount from Change Order #1 by \$1,636.78 for a total contract amount of \$230,846.43.

9-1. Committeewoman Graham moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Trzaska and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Graham, Trzaska, Sugden, Smith
 Nays - None
 Absent - Madrid

10. **RESOLUTION #14-11-254 - ENDORSING THE STATE HOUSE COMMISSION FINAL APPLICATION TO THE NJDEP GREEN ACRES PROGRAM FOR THE DIVERSION OF PARKLAND**

WHEREAS, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC ("Transco") has applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the "FERC") for the approval to construct and operate a new underground natural gas pipeline as part of its Leidy Southeast Expansion Project (hereinafter the "Project"), which will be adjacent to a portion of Transco's existing natural gas pipelines; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project impacts two parcels of land owned in fee by the Township of Montgomery ("Township"), designated as Block 27001, Lot 6 and Block 15001, Lot 26 in the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset; and portions of the properties in question are encumbered with restrictions against disposal or diversion from recreation and conservation uses in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, rules and regulations (N.J.S.A. 13:8A-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 7:36-1.1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project will also impact eight parcels across which the Township holds conservation easements, designated as Block 33001, Lot 26.02, owned by PRL Cherry Valley, LLC; Block 33001, Lot 26.01, owned by WBT Mountainview, LLC; Block 33001, Lot 28.02, owned by Waldorf School Association of Princeton; Block 33001, Lots 21 and 18, owned by Robert and Caroline Phinney; Block 26001, Lot 1.02, owned by Princeton Show Jumping, LLC; Block 16002, Lot 9.01, owned by East Country Estates Homeowners Association, Inc.; and Block 4001, Lot 10.03, owned by Theodore H. Pedersen; and portions of these properties are encumbered with restrictions against disposal or diversion from recreation and conservation uses in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, rules and regulations (N.J.S.A. 13:8A-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 7:36-1.1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the proposed Project, it is necessary to remove the Green Acres restrictions from 4.629 acres in total across the following properties: Block 33001, Lot 26.02; Block 33001, Lot 26.01; Block 33001, Lot 28.02; Block 33001, Lot 21; Block 33001, Lot 18; Block 27001, Lot 6; Block 26001, Lot 1.02; Block 15001, Lot 26; and Block 16002, Lot 9.01 for the purposes of permanent easements. No permanent easement is needed across Block 4001, Lot 10.03; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the abovementioned permanent easements, 15.732 acres in total will be used by Transco as temporary workspace on the following properties: Block 33001, Lot 26.02; Block 33001, Lot 26.01; Block 33001, Lot 21; Block 27001, Lot 6; Block 26001, Lot 1.02; Block 15001, Lot 26; Block 16002, Lot 9.01; and Block 4001, Lot 10.03; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the abovementioned permanent and temporary easements, 0.437 acres in total will be used by Transco as temporary access roads on Block 33001, Lot 21 and Block 15001, Lot 26; and

WHEREAS, the agreed-upon compensation to be paid by Transco to the Township in connection with the diversion and temporary rights is \$1,655,500, to be used by the Township in accordance with law, including applicable Green Acres regulations; and

WHEREAS, the removal of the Green Acres restrictions from parkland requires the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection and the State House Commission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26; and

WHEREAS, resolution #14-7-172 was passed on July 17, 2014 endorsing the pre-application submission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.9(d)11; and

WHEREAS, a final hearing concerning this matter was held on October 13, 2014 in the Township of Montgomery and public comment was accepted until October 27, 2014, in accordance with Green Acres Program regulations found at N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.11(e); and

WHEREAS, the final hearing also served as the public hearing required by the New Jersey Conservation Restriction and Historic Preservation Restriction Act, and specifically N.J.S.A. 13:8B-5, in connection with the partial release of the conservation easements described herein above; and

WHEREAS, the compensation for the partial release of the conservation restriction will be satisfied by the compensation to be paid in connection with the Green Acres diversion; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.11(i)(4), it is necessary for the Township to submit as part of the final application a resolution endorsing its request for approval of its application for the diversion of parkland.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Township consents to the filing of a final diversion application for the diversion of a portion of lands located at Block 33001, Lot 26.02; Block 33001, Lot 26.01; Block 33001, Lot 28.02; Block 33001, Lot 21; Block 33001, Lot 18; Block 27001, Lot 6; Block 26001, Lot 1.02; Block 15001, Lot 26; Block 16002, Lot 9.01 in the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26;
2. The Township also consents to the use by Transco of the temporary workspace and temporary access roads set forth herein above;
3. The Township has reviewed both the oral and written comments received during the public comment period and has made a finding that, under the circumstances presented by Transco, the major diversion of parkland proposed by Transco will be adequately offset by the proposed compensation to be provided to the Township;
4. The Township acknowledges that upon the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the FERC, Transco's Project would meet the minimum substantive criteria at N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.1(d).
5. The Township acknowledges and consents to the partial release of the conservation easements cited herein above, provided all other State and federal agencies having jurisdiction over this matter, approve the same.
6. The Clerk of the Township of Montgomery shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, and to Transco.

10-1. Committeeman Trzaska moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Graham and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Graham, Trzaska, Sugden, Smith
Nays - None
Absent - Madrid

11. **ORDINANCE #14-1479 - NO LEFT TURN - Montgomery Road at Route 206 and Dunn Way at Route 206 - Public Hearing**

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE XIII OF CHAPTER VII, "NO LEFT TURN," OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY (1984) TO ESTABLISH LEFT TURN PROHIBITIONS AT MONTGOMERY ROAD AT ROUTE 206, AND AT DUNN WAY AT ROUTE 206.

- B. Mayor Smith opened the hearing to the public. Committeeman Trzaska moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Sugden and carried unanimously.
- C. BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby adopted this 6th day of November, 2014 and that notice thereof be published in an official newspaper as required by law.

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

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Graham, Trzaska, Sugden, Smith
Nays - None
Absent - Madrid

12. **ORDINANCE #14-1480 - Economic Development Commission Membership - Public Hearing**

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION 2-6.3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY (1984) REGARDING MEMBERSHIP OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

- B. Mayor Smith opened the hearing to the public. Committeewoman Graham moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Sugden and carried unanimously.
- C. BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby adopted this 6th day of November, 2014 and that notice thereof be published in an official newspaper as required by law.

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

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Graham, Trzaska, Sugden, Smith
Nays - None
Absent - Madrid

13. **ORDINANCE #14-1481 - Capital** - Installation of New Check Valve and Necessary Fittings in the NJAW Meter Pit Adjacent to 155 Burnt Hill Road - Public Hearing

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$15,775.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW CHECK VALVE AND NECESSARY FITTINGS IN THE NJAW METER PIT ADJACENT TO 155 BURNT HILL ROAD.

B. Mayor Smith opened the hearing to the public. Committeewoman Graham moved that the public hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Sugden and carried unanimously.

C. BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby adopted this 6th day of November, 2014 and that notice thereof be published in an official newspaper as required by law.

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

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Graham, Trzaska, Sugden, Smith
Nays - None
Absent - Madrid

14. **ORDINANCE #14-1482 - To Mandate Direct Deposit for Municipal Employees - Introduction**

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY (1984) TO MANDATE DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO C. 52:14-15f.2b et. seq.

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 December 4, 2014 at approximately 7:00 p.m. as the date and time when said ordinance will be further considered for final adoption.

14-1. Committeeman Trzaska moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Graham and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Graham, Trzaska, Sugden, Smith
Nays - None
Absent - Madrid

15. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 16, 2014**

The minutes of October 16, 2014 were approved as printed.

16. **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.

16-1. Committeewoman Graham moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Trzaska and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Graham, Trzaska, Sugden, Smith
Nays - None
Absent - Madrid

17. **REORGANIZATION MEETING DATE**

It was decided that the Reorganization Meeting would take place on January 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

18. **NOVEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE**

Due to back to back meetings, it was decided to cancel the November 13, 2014 meeting.

Attorney Hadinger suggested that moving forward the Township Committee might want to schedule only one meeting in November, due to the League Conference and Thanksgiving holiday. Committee agreed and it was decided that the November 2015 meeting will be held on the second Thursday of the month.

19. **DEER MANAGEMENT**

Mayor Smith stated that he had a discussion with the owner of White Buffalo regarding Montgomery's deer problem and the recent accidents caused by deer. The White Buffalo owner said that Montgomery has almost double the amount of deer to be culled than Princeton. Mayor Smith explained that the amount of deer to be culled is approximately 1,000, and at \$300.00 per deer, it becomes an extremely large amount of money. The owner of White Buffalo suggested doing different areas of town each year. Mayor Smith said that he called a meeting with the Township's Open Space Coordinator, Lauren Wasilauski, and Open Space Committee Chairman Clem Fiori, to discuss this and Mr. Fiori suggested some other options. There is a fantastic study online that Hopewell did with options that are outside of White Buffalo. It involves a little bit more of the hunter scenario and how to enhance that program. Mayor Smith stated that he would like to put a committee together of Committeewoman Graham, Open Space Coordinator Lauren Wasilauski, Open Space Committee Chair Clem Fiori, Attorney Hadinger, Wildlife Management Committee Chair Bruce Perone and himself to look at the hunter scenario and how the current program and ordinance might be changed. It was also suggested that there be a member of the Police Department available for consultation. Attorney Hadinger suggested that they also involve the Township Clerk's office in this, as they have had numerous suggestions made by the hunters that might help to streamline the process and help to cull more deer.

20. **ABANDONED PROPERTIES**

Deputy Mayor Sugden inquired about the cleaning up of abandoned properties in the Township and the status of the draft ordinance. Attorney Hadinger stated that it was still a work in progress. The ordinance should be done in concert with the Board of Health so that there are no conflicting ordinances on the books. The Board of Health ordinance, as it is currently written, applies only to residences that have been vacated and are not occupied. Attorney Hadinger has been including the Health Officer in this issue. Committeeman Trzaska asked if Attorney Hadinger could put together some highlights of similar ordinances from other towns.

Deputy Mayor Sugden spoke about the gas station property at the intersection of Routes 206 and 518. He inquired about how to go about getting that property condemned or getting the property owner to tear down the existing building. Mayor Smith stated that he had been in contact with the property owner's attorney and would reach out to the property owner.

ADJOURNMENT was at 7:55 p.m. on a motion by Committeeman Trzaska. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Sugden and carried unanimously.

Date of Approval:

Donna Kukla, Township Clerk