

MINUTES FOR
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
May 17, 2018

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 Conforti, Deputy Mayor Madrid, Committeemembers Graham and Jaffer
Committeeman Trzaska was absent

Also present were:

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY - Kristina P. Hadinger, Esq.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR - Donato Nieman

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER - Michael Pitts

TOWNSHIP CLERK - Donna Kukla

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

4. **RESOLUTION HONORING EMS CADETS**

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

WHEREAS, When Montgomery EMS was officially formed on June 1, 1972, it consisted of approximately 50 volunteer members who provided emergency medical services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, The following Montgomery EMS Cadets have graduated to full members and are to be recognized for their contributions while cadets to this great organization:

Shrikeshav Deshmukh	Indrasish Moitra	Alina Sigalov
Trent Kettelkamp	Kaley Murday	Leona Tomy
Melisa Kolodziej	Salman Mughal	

WHEREAS, These Cadets joined the Montgomery EMS as early as age 16; have completed the full, rigorous 210 hour EMT certification class and passed the State EMT test; volunteered with Montgomery EMS at least 20 hours a month; have assisted in squad fundraising activities and stood by to provide medical support for a multitude of community events; and have served the health and safety of residents through thousands of volunteer hours on 9-1-1 duty shifts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Montgomery Township Committee congratulates the 2018 Montgomery EMS Cadet Program graduates on all their past accomplishments and expresses deep gratitude for their continued commitment to the citizens of Montgomery Township on this 17th day of May, 2018.

- 4-1. Deputy Mayor Madrid moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Jaffer and carried unanimously.

5. **GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARDS - Lauren Cunniff, Elise Randolph, Ava Raccaro**

WHEREAS, The prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award has been earned by

LAUREN CUNNIFF	ELISE RANDOLPH	AVA RACCARO
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WHEREAS, This award is the highest honor a girl can attain in Girl Scouting; and

WHEREAS, To qualify for the Gold Award, a Girl Scout must complete not only a significant service project, but also complete numerous other leadership, career and service prerequisites, all of which demand efficient organizational, time management, and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, The Gold Award represents the culmination of many years of service and work that benefit the community; and

WHEREAS, Lauren, Elise and Ava accepted the challenge and worked diligently to achieve this goal, exhibiting excellence in leadership qualities reflecting the highest personal standards and civic values.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Montgomery Township Committee takes great pride in congratulating Lauren Cunniff, Elise Randolph and Ava Raccaro on their accomplishments and contributions to the public good, and wishes them continued success in the future.

- 5-1. Committeewoman Graham moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Jaffer and carried unanimously.

- 5-2. Lauren Cunniff's Gold Award project involved explaining the effects of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder on Military members and veterans and how service dogs are an aide to them. She worked with the organization Semper Fido to train dogs for service men and women. She did a donation drive and raised money for dog toys and other needed items. She also made gift bags.

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5-3. Elise Randolph's Gold Award project involved introducing the sport of volleyball to youngsters. She constructed a volleyball court at Montgomery Upper Middle School for students to play during their class and lunchtime. She saw results at the freshman tryouts this year.

5-4. Ava Raccaro was not in attendance.

6. **POLICE REPORT**

Police Lieutenant Kurt Rock reported on the following activities of the Police Department for the month of April, 2018:

- 44 motor vehicle accidents;
- 44 arrests;
- 2 thefts;
- 1 criminal mischief;
- 2 domestic violence.

Lieutenant Rock spoke about the Click It or Ticket program that will take place from May 21 through June 3, 2018.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

7-1. Brett Borowski, York Drive, commented on how great the volunteer EMS and Fire Companies are in Montgomery Township.

7-2. Brett Borowski, York Drive, stated that he attended the "Not In Our Town" meeting and he thought it was a really positive event. He is looking forward to the next meeting. He thanked Committeewoman Jaffer for getting the program going.

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 #18-5-113 - REFUND OVERPAID 2018 TAXES**

BE IT RESOLVED That refunds be given to the following for the overpayment of 2018 taxes:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7036	6	Saad & Saima Khan	\$ 6,217.77
16003	16	Yaolong Lan	\$ 5,299.05
17007	16	Benakesh & Nandibasa Hosamane	\$10,341.87
30002	107	Sundaraju & Anupam Dattatreya	\$ 4,495.15
34019	20	Trident Abstract Title Agency, LLC	\$ 500.00

B. **RESOLUTION #18-5-114 - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSING - Block Party - Knickerbocker Drive**

BE IT RESOLVED By the Montgomery Township Committee that authorization is hereby given for the temporary closing of a portion of Knickerbocker Drive (between the stream and the intersection of Knickerbocker Drive and Willow Run Road) to accommodate a neighborhood block party scheduled for September 8, 2018 from approximately 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (raindate - Saturday September 15, 2018). The Montgomery Township Police have no objection to the road closing provided that:

The roadway must be made accessible to emergency vehicles.

The roadway must be made accessible to traffic originating and terminating on the closed section.

Block party organizers should provide advance courtesy notification to those residents that will be affected by the closure.

C. **RESOLUTION #18-5-115 - SUPPORTING THE CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION OF MAY 21 - JUNE 3, 2018**

WHEREAS, There were 626 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2017; and

WHEREAS, A large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and

WHEREAS, Use of a seat belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

WHEREAS, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 135,000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000; and

WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization from May 21 - June 3, 2018 in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of high visibility enforcement and public education; and

WHEREAS, The Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 94% to 95.5%; and

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WHEREAS, A further increase in seat belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That Montgomery Township declares its support for the *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 21 - June 3, 2018 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

- 8-1. Committeewoman Graham moved the adoption of the **CONSENT AGENDA**. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Madrid and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Jaffer, Graham, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Trzaska

9. **RESOLUTION #18-5-116 - AMENDING RESOLUTION #17-8-184 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RESOLUTION - Riverside and Oxbridge Treatment Plant Consolidation Project Proposal for Construction and Administration Services - Kleinfelder, Inc**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. #17-8-184 adopted on August 3, 2017, the Township Committee awarded an agreement for professional services to the firm of Kleinfelder, Inc. to provide Construction and Administrative Services for the Riverside and Oxbridge plant demo, forcemain, and pump station installation("Project"), for the sum of \$296,240.00 ("Agreement for Professional Services" or "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineering Department has requested that the Township Committee authorize Kleinfelder, Inc. to complete additional engineering and construction services in connection with this Project, and in particular, to extend the scope of Kleinfelder's services to include Phase 1 and Phase 2 Environmental and LSRP Services and additional Construction Administration services, all of which were not included in the original scope of services for said Project; and

WHEREAS, Kleinfelder, Inc. submitted a written proposal dated May 8, 2018 to complete these additional services for the sum of \$85,400 ("Proposal"), which Proposal shall be incorporated herein by reference; and

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

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

WHEREAS, there exists account number 08-215-55-901-1495E which will fund this Agreement amendment; and

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

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

1. The existing Agreement for Professional Services entered into between the Township and Kleinfelder, Inc., is hereby amended, to extend the scope of Kleinfelder's services to include Phase 1 and Phase 2 Environmental and LSRP Services and additional Construction Administration services, all of which were not included in the original scope of services for this Project, as detailed in Kleinfelder's May 8, 2018 Proposal, incorporated herein by reference, resulting in an increase in the contract amount by \$85,400, bringing the contract total, as amended, to \$381,640.00
2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement which shall be executed by the parties to confirm the additional scope of services and anticipated cost; the form of the Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services shall be subject to the approval of the Township Attorney.
3. A copy of this Resolution and Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services shall be placed on file in the Office of the Township Clerk, and shall be available for public inspection.

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

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Jaffer, Graham, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Trzaska

10. **RESOLUTION #18-5-117 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - Natural Resource Inventory - Professional Planning Services - Kenyon Planning, LLC**

WHEREAS, The Township of Montgomery seeks to retain professional planning services for the Natural Resource Inventory; and

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

WHEREAS, The firm of Kenyon Planning, LLC has submitted a proposal offering to provide the sought-after service to the Township; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer has provided a certification that sufficient funds are available for payment of this contract under Account #01-201-21-181-251 and #01-201-27-186-251.

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Kenyon Planning, LLC for the Natural Resource Inventory.
2. Kenyon Planning, LLC shall be paid a not to exceed fee of \$12,000.00 for its services.
3. A copy of this Resolution, the Certification of Contract Value, the Campaign Contributions Affidavit, and the executed agreement shall be placed on file in the office of the Township Clerk.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper as required by law.
5. Performance of services and payment for services are subject to the certification of availability of funds by the Chief Financial Officer.

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

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Jaffer, Graham, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Trzaska

11. **RESOLUTION #18-5-118 - AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE STEPP MANUFACTURING SSPH HOOK STYLE HOT BOX FOR THE MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS THROUGH THE NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE**

WHEREAS, The Township of Montgomery intends to participate in the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) contract to purchase one (1) STEPP Manufacturing SSPH Hook Style Hot Box; and

WHEREAS, Said equipment is available through NCPA contract #05-26 with STEPP Manufacturing Company awarded for the period of December 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Information regarding the contract may be found at the Office of the Township Clerk, Township of Montgomery, during regular business hours, as well as on the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance website at:

<http://www.ncpa.us/Vendors/Details/1269>; and

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds available for this project in account number 04-215-55-901-1576.

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

W.E. Timmerman Company, Inc.
3554 Route 22 West
Whitehouse, NJ 08888

for the purchase of one (1) STEPP Manufacturing SSPH Hook Style Hot Box through W.E. Timmerman Company, Inc. at a not to exceed amount of \$42,000.00.

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

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

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Jaffer, Graham, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Trzaska

12. **RESOLUTION #18-5-119 - AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A HOOKLIFT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, Exemptions from competitive bidding are allowed for items/services purchased through New Jersey State Contract per N.J.S.A.40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Montgomery has determined the following State Contract identifier 1NJCP, Contract #79123 (T-2787), has provided the Township with the most competitive price for these items; and

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds available for this purchase in Account Number 04-215-55-901-1576.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the purchase of one (1) International Hooklift Dump Truck at a not to exceed amount of \$130,000.00 be authorized through the utilization of the New Jersey State Contract to:

Bucks County International, Inc.
1340 Old Oxford Valley Road
Langhorne, PA 19047

12-1. Committeewoman Graham moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Jaffer and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Jaffer, Graham, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Trzaska

13. **ORDINANCE #18-1577 - Use of Third Party Electronic Payroll Services - Introduction**

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE USE OF
THIRD PARTY ELECTRONIC PAYROLL SERVICES.

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 June 7, 2018 at approximately 7:00 p.m. as the date and time when said ordinance will be further considered for final adoption.

13-1. Committeewoman Graham moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Jaffer and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Jaffer, Graham, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Trzaska

14. **ORDINANCE #18-1578 - Transfer of Sharbell/Hillside Pump Station Block 28003, Lot 210 - Introduction**

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY, IN
SOMERSET COUNTY NEW JERSEY ACCEPTING PROPERTY KNOWN
AS BLOCK 28003, LOT 210 (HILLSIDE SEWAGE PUMP
STATION FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT) FOR GENERAL
MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING SANITARY SEWERAGE.

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 June 7, 2018 at approximately 7:00 p.m. as the date and time when said ordinance will be further considered for final adoption.

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

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Jaffer, Graham, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Trzaska

15. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Regular Session minutes of April 19, 2018 and May 3, 2018 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 Deputy Mayor Madrid and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Jaffer, Graham, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Trzaska

17. DEER MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION

Township Clerk Donna Kukla explained that the Township Committee will need to adopt a resolution for the 2018-2019 deer hunting season. She stated that there are some new properties that the Wildlife Management Committee would like to add to the program. Attorney Hadinger explained that the Township Committee has to approve the deer hunting program resolution every year. Ms. Kukla indicated that a representative from the Wildlife Management Committee will attend an upcoming meeting to report on a number of items, including the youth hunting program.

18. LAWN SERVICE DONATION

Administrator Nieman stated that he was contacted by the president of Fairway Green. He would like to make a donation of six (6) applications of fertilization on the Township's Municipal Building property. There would be no advertising. He would just post the necessary warning signs when the fertilizer or insecticide was used. The Committee appreciated the offer; and a resolution of acceptance will be drafted and placed on the next Township Committee meeting agenda.

19. "ONE MONTGOMERY"

Mayor Conforti explained a proposal to establish a "One Montgomery" Committee and its proposed charge. He has reached out to a group of religious and cultural leaders in the community to set up a committee to try to foster a greater understanding and a greater education of the community. Everyone who was approached about this committee was very enthusiastic about it. The Mayor, Township Administrator and Chief of Police would serve as facilitators, nothing more.

Committeewoman Jaffer commented that it seemed very similar to what she put together in the "Not In My Town" program. Mayor Conforti explained that the difference was that "One Montgomery" did not include members of the community, where "Not In My Town" included community members. Committeewoman Jaffer stated that there is already a movement that was started by someone else on the Governing Body that is relatively similar to "One Montgomery" and there seems to be no desire to cooperate.

Deputy Mayor Madrid stated that "One Montgomery" is about bringing out the cultural differences in the community and appreciating and celebrating them. Committeewoman Jaffer stated that the reason she was doing this is so that people get to know each other, they get to know what members of the community are like, and that will hopefully combat prejudice. She explained that "Not In Our Town" actually is a Gold Star City initiative and it has a number of different milestones and ideas that towns can try that will have them moving in the direction of having more inclusivity and diversity. She felt the two programs could work together very well and should not be at cross purposes.

Mayor Conforti responded that the biggest difference is that the people came to the Township Committee meeting and asked, requested, and demanded that the government do something. That was the final tipping point for him. The "Not In Our Town" is an important community initiative. "One Montgomery" is sponsored by the government.

Committeewoman Graham stated that she didn't understand why Committeewoman Jaffer says it doesn't involve community engagement. Her understanding is that the leaders that Mayor Conforti has gone to are going to plan programs. So, to the extent they want community engagement, it will be there.

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- 19-1. **Motion #18-5-1** - Committeewoman Graham moved to approve establishment of the "One Montgomery" Committee. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Madrid and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Jaffer, Graham, Madrid, Conforti
Nays - None
Absent - Trzaska

20. **ANTI-BIAS RESOLUTION**

Committeewoman Jaffer presented the following resolution:

20-1. **RESOLUTION #18-5-120 - RESOLUTION CONDEMNING HATE CRIME AND ANY OTHER FORM OF RACISM, RELIGIOUS OR ETHNIC BIAS, DISCRIMINATION, INCITEMENT TO VIOLENCE, OR ANIMUS TARGETING A MINORITY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, In the past several years, violent crimes, threats of violence, and other incidents of hate-motivated targeting of religious, racial, and ethnic minorities have increased across the United States; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, hate crimes targeting Muslims in the United States increased by 67 percent, reaching a level of violence targeting Muslim Americans that the United States had not experienced since the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, attacks, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, anti-Semitic incidents increased in the United States for the second straight year, according to the Anti-Defamation League's 2015 Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents, which describes trends such as the tripling of assaults targeting Jews since 2012 and the rise of online harassment and hate speech directed at Jewish journalists and individuals through social media; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, among single-bias hate crime incidents in the United States, 59.2 percent of victims were targeted due to racial, ethnic, or ancestry bias, and among those victims, 52.2 percent were victims of crimes motivated by their offenders' anti-Black or anti-African American bias, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, Islamic centers and mosques have been burned in the States of Texas, Washington, and Florida, and Jewish cemeteries have been desecrated in the States of Missouri and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, there has been harassment and hate-based violence against individuals who are perceived to be Arab or Muslim, including members of South Asian communities in the United States, and Hindu and Sikh Americans have been the target of hate-based violence targeting religious minorities; and

WHEREAS, On February 28, 2017, President Donald Trump, before a joint session of Congress, acknowledged threats targeting Jewish community centers and the vandalism of Jewish cemeteries, and stated that "we are a country that stands united in condemning hate and evil in all of its very ugly forms"; and

WHEREAS, In April 2018, a pork-based meat product was thrown onto the car windshield of a Muslim resident in the Belle Mead section of Montgomery Township, Somerset County, New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Montgomery Township Committee:

- (1) affirms that Montgomery Township stands united in condemning hate and evil in all forms;
- (2) rejects hate-motivated crime as an attack on the fabric of the society of Montgomery Township and the ideals of pluralism and respect;
- (3) condemns hate crime and any other form of racism, religious or ethnic bias, discrimination, incitement to violence, or animus targeting a minority in Montgomery Township, New Jersey;
- (4) calls on local law enforcement, working with County, State and Federal Officials:
 - (A) to expeditiously investigate all credible reports of hate crimes and incidents and threats against minorities in Montgomery Township, New Jersey; and
 - (B) to hold the perpetrators of those crimes, incidents, or threats accountable and bring the perpetrators to justice.
- (5) encourages the United States Department of Justice, New Jersey Attorney General's Office, the Somerset County Sheriff and Prosecutor's Office and other State and Federal agencies:
 - (A) to work to improve the reporting of hate crimes; and
 - (B) to emphasize the importance of the agencies' collection and reporting of data pursuant to State and Federal law.
- (6) encourages the growth of local affiliates of non-governmental organizations (such as "Not In Our Town") and other grass-roots organizations to collaborate on the development of effective strategies and efforts to detect and deter hate crime in order to protect minority communities; and

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(7) calls on the County, State and Federal governments:

- (A) to continue to offer assistance that may be available for victims of hate crimes; and
- (B) to continue to carry out safety and preparedness programs for religious institutions, places of worship, and other institutions that have been targeted because of the affiliation of the institutions with any particular religious, racial, or ethnic minority in Montgomery Township, Somerset County, the State of New Jersey and the United States.

20-2. Committeewoman Jaffer moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Madrid and carried unanimously.

21. **VAN HARLINGEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Mayor Conforti stated that he had attended the Van Harlingen Historical Society picnic. It was a memorial and celebration for past President and long-time volunteer Judy Peters, who passed away recently.

22. **TARZIA PROPERTY**

Attorney Hadinger stated that the Township was closing on the Tarzia property on Dutchtown-Zion Road on Tuesday, May 22.

23. **"NOT IN OUR TOWN"**

Committeewoman Jaffer stated that the next meeting of "Not In Our Town" is tentatively scheduled for June 4 at Congregation Kehilat Shalom from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

24. **COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

24-1. **VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

Committeewoman Graham reported that the Veterans Memorial Committee is preparing for Memorial Day. There will be a flag raising ceremony on Memorial Day at 9:00 a.m. at the Montgomery Veterans Memorial Park. The Committee is also busy planning the Veterans Day event.

24-2. **PLANNING BOARD**

Mayor Conforti reported that, after much discussion, the Sharbell project was approved at the Planning Board.

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

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

1. The Township Committee will now convene in a closed session that will be limited only to consideration of items with respect to which the public may be excluded pursuant to Section 7B of the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. The general nature of the subjects to be discussed in this session are as follows:
 - Advice of counsel regarding contract negotiations with PSE&G;
 - Offer of donation of property (Block 7026, Lot 1).
3. It is unknown precisely when the matters discussed in this session will be disclosed to the public. No agreements shall be authorized except by action of the Township Committee. Acquisition of property shall only be authorized by the Township Committee in a public session.

25-1. Committeewoman Graham moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Madrid and carried unanimously.

26. Meeting reconvened in Open Session and **ADJOURNMENT** was at 8:12 p.m. on a motion by Deputy Mayor Madrid. The motion was seconded by Committeewoman Graham and carried unanimously.

Date of Approval:

Donna Kukla, Township Clerk