

**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA TO THE EXTENT KNOWN

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL** – Singh (), Barragan (), Keenan (), Taylor Todd (), Ahn ()

ALSO PRESENT – Rubinstein Quiroga (), Savron (), Fania ()

3. **NOTICE OF MEETING** – In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 12, 2024 to the Courier News and the Star Ledger, posted on the municipal bulletin board, and filed with the Township Clerk.

4. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

5. **PROCLAMATION – Launching the Montgomery Township Mayors Wellness Campaign**

WHEREAS, across New Jersey, the conditions in which we live, work and age in combination with wellness, particularly rising obesity rates and decreasing physical activity, impacts our overall health; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute’s Mayors Wellness Campaign, in partnership with the New Jersey League of Municipalities, recognizes that Mayors and other local leaders can be effective champions of community health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Mayors Wellness Campaign is to improve the health and wellness of New Jersey communities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors Wellness Campaign provides communities with technical assistance, evidence-based resources, and other support to implement community health and wellness improvement initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Montgomery cares deeply about all of its residents and the future health and wellness of its community members; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors Wellness Campaign will work to implement a comprehensive program to create and sustain local activities to improve wellness in Montgomery Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor, Neena Singh, on behalf of the Township Committee, ask that all residents of this community join me in supporting and actively engaging in our local Mayors Wellness Campaign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that I, Mayor, Neena Singh, on behalf of the Township Committee, encourage the residents of Montgomery Township to participate in the Mayors Wellness Campaign activities as we work towards living healthier lives and improving the health and wellness of our community.

6. **PROCLAMATION – Recognizing the Month of January as Radon Action Month**

WHEREAS, radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, prolonged exposure to radon can kill as many as 500 people in New Jersey each year; and

WHEREAS, families who reside in homes with elevated radon levels are at risk of developing serious health problems; and

WHEREAS, any home could have high levels, even when neighboring homes do not; and

WHEREAS, radon testing can be done with great ease at a relatively low expense to the homeowner, with the cost of reducing radon concentrations being comparable to a home repair; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the United States Environmental Protection Agency are collaborating during the month of January to promote the need for radon testing in an effort to protect the lives of our State’s residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Neena Singh, Mayor of the Township of Montgomery, on behalf of the Township Committee, hereby proclaim the month of January 2024 as Radon Action Month in the Township and call upon all residents who have not yet tested to test their homes for radon and to reduce levels if elevated levels are found, to protect their families from the serious health risk of radon.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Members of the public wishing to address the Township Committee on matters pertaining to the Township will be limited to three minutes per person. If comments are similar to those already stated, please indicate your support or opposition. Groups are asked to select a spokesperson.

8. **ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

A. **ORDINANCE #24-1715 – An Ordinance of the Township of Montgomery in Somerset County, New Jersey Concerning Licenses for Towing and Storing of Motor Vehicles in Replacing Chapter 4A of The Code of the Township of Montgomery (1984)**

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 according to law with a public hearing and a vote scheduled for the meeting of February 1, 2024.

MOTION to introduce Ordinance #24-1715 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ahn				
Taylor Todd				
Keenan				
Barragan, Deputy Mayor				
Singh, Mayor				

9. **ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL ADOPTION**

There are no ordinances for final adoption.

10. **CONSENT AGENDA** – All matters listed on the consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

A. **RESOLUTION #24-1-47 – Authorizing Refund of Overpaid 2023 Taxes (Block 12001, Lot 19)**

BE IT RESOLVED that a refund in the amount of \$3,185.91 be given to Close Point USA, LLC, 275 E Main Street, Somerville, NJ 08876-3008 for the overpayment of 2023 taxes on Block 12001, Lot 19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that taxes are cancelled as of February 10, 2023, as the property is owned by a one-hundred percent totally and permanently disabled veteran.

B. **RESOLUTION #24-1-48 – Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #23-00017**

WHEREAS the Township received payment for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #23-00017 in the amount of \$3,058.08.

BE IT RESOLVED that a refund in the amount of \$3,058.08 be given to Pro Cap 8, LLC, Pro Cap 8 FBO Firsttrust Bank, P.O. Box 774, Fort Washington, PA 19034-0774 for the Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #23-00017 on Block 7026, Lot 5.

Tax Lien Redemption

Certificate Amount	\$1,692.08
Subsequent Charges	\$1,295.54
Redemption Penalty	\$ 33.84
Interest	\$ 24.62
Search Fees	\$ 12.00
TOTAL	\$3,058.08

C. **RESOLUTION #24-1-49 – Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantee for Road Opening Permit 23-R-20 – Princeton Gardens (Block 37001, Lot 3)**

WHEREAS, Mark Herrmann, Township Engineer, has recommended the release of a cash performance guarantee to Robert George because all work has been satisfactorily completed with respect to a street opening permit at Block 37001, Lot 3 (Princeton Gardens, Buildings 1-4).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, New Jersey that the cash performance guarantee in the amount of \$780.00 be released to Robert George.

10. CONSENT AGENDA (CONT.)

D. RESOLUTION #24-1-50 - Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantee for Road Opening Permit 23-R-22 – Princeton Gardens (Block 37002, Lot 3.02)

WHEREAS, Mark Herrmann, Township Engineer, has recommended the release of a cash performance guarantee to Robert George because all work has been satisfactorily completed with respect to a street opening permit at Block 37002, Lot 3.02 (Princeton Gardens, Buildings 11-13).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, New Jersey that the cash performance guarantee in the amount of \$1,110.00 be released to Robert George.

E. RESOLUTION #24-1-51 - Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantee for Road Opening Permit 23-R-32 – 9 Bethpage Drive (Block 31008, Lot 25)

WHEREAS, Mark Herrmann, Township Engineer, has recommended the release of a cash performance guarantee to Douglas Conover because all work has been satisfactorily completed with respect to a street opening permit at Block 31008, Lot 25 (9 Bethpage Drive).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, New Jersey that the cash performance guarantee in the amount of \$1,235.00 be released to Douglas Conover, 9 Bethpage Drive, Skillman, NJ 08558.

F. RESOLUTION #24-1-52 - Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantee for Road Opening Permit 23-R-34 – 11 Bethpage Drive (Block 31008, Lot 24)

WHEREAS, Mark Herrmann, Township Engineer, has recommended the release of a cash performance guarantee to Carol Desmond because all work has been satisfactorily completed with respect to a street opening permit at Block 31008, Lot 24 (11 Bethpage Drive).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, New Jersey that the cash performance guarantee in the amount of \$870.00 be released to Carol Desmond, 11 Bethpage Drive, Skillman, NJ 08558.

G. RESOLUTION #24-1-53 – Authorizing the Issuance of 2024 Towing License – Stewart’s Towing, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Township has received a completed towing application for a heavy-duty and light-duty towing license from Stewarts Towing to provide towing services in 2024; and

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

WHEREAS, the Police Director has reviewed the results of said investigation, approved said application, and recommended the issuance of a heavy-duty and light-duty towing license to Dave’s Heavy Towing.

10. CONSENT AGENDA (CONT.)

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

1. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a heavy-duty license and a light-duty towing license to Stewart’s Towing for 2024.
2. All towing licenses are subject to the provisions set forth in Chapter IV-A of the Code of the Township of Montgomery (1984), and shall expire on December 31, 2024.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION to adopt Consent Agenda, **Resolutions #24-1-47 to #24-1-53** _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ahn				
Taylor Todd				
Keenan				
Barragan, Deputy Mayor				
Singh, Mayor				

11. RESOLUTIONS

A. **RESOLUTION #24-1-54 – Authorizing Shared Services Agreement Between the Township of Montgomery and the County of Somerset for 2024 Recycling**

WHEREAS, pursuant to its duly approved Solid Waste Management Plan and amendments thereto, the County of Somerset has established a mandatory countywide recycling program; and

WHEREAS, the duly approved Solid Waste Management Plan and amendments thereto call for the execution of agreements by and between Somerset County and municipalities located within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Montgomery desires to participate in the recycling program; and

WHEREAS, the award of this contract to the County pursuant to N.J.S.A. Section 13:1E-99.14 is an exception to the bidding requirements as set forth in the Local Public Contracts Law pursuant to N.J.S.A. Section 40A:11-5(2), and the Board of Public Utilities Somerset Waste Franchise for Somerset County; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the extent to which funds for this contract are available pursuant to the temporary budget. Account #: 01-201-26-290, which will fund this project.

11. **RESOLUTIONS (CONT.)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, New Jersey that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Somerset County for the provision of recycling services for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2024 through and including December 31, 2024.

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-1-54 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ahn				
Taylor Todd				
Keenan				
Barragan, Deputy Mayor				
Singh, Mayor				

B. **RESOLUTION #24-1-55 – Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with General Code for Codification Services for the Ordinances of the Township of Montgomery (“The Code”)**

WHEREAS, there exists a need to acquire the following professional services for 2024 without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law”:

Codification Services for the Ordinances of the Township of Montgomery

WHEREAS, the Township Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services over the course of the contracts is anticipated to exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., authorizes the award of professional services contracts without competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for the aforesaid services in accordance with the amounts set forth in the 2024 Budget, with performance of said services after March 31, 2024 being subject to the Township’s amendment of the 2024 Budget, and/or adoption of the final 2024 Budget.

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

- (1) The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute proper agreements for a not to exceed amount with the following:

General Code for the Codification Services for the Ordinances of the Township of Montgomery - \$28,500.00 (Account #01-201-20)

- (2) The contract is awarded for a period of one year, for the amount set forth in each contract, and without competitive bidding as “Professional Services” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) as contracts for services to be performed by persons authorized by law to practice recognized professions that are regulated by law and because the services to be performed are not susceptible of quantifying in bid specifications.

11. **RESOLUTIONS (CONT.)**

- (3) The contractor has completed and filed with Montgomery Township a Campaign Contributions Affidavit as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.2 et seq. certifying they have not made any prohibited contributions to a candidate committee or municipal committee representing the elected officials of the Township.
- (4) A copy of this Resolution, the Certifications of Contract Value, the Campaign Contributions Affidavit, and the executed Agreements shall be placed on file in the office of the Township Clerk.
- (5) A notice of this action shall be published once in the official newspaper as required by law.
- (6) Performance of services under the terms of these contracts, and payment for the services, after March 31, 2024 is subject to the amendment of the 2024 Budget and/or adoption of the final 2024 Budget, and certification of availability of funds by the Chief Financial Officer.

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-1-55 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ahn				
Taylor Todd				
Keenan				
Barragan, Deputy Mayor				
Singh, Mayor				

C. **RESOLUTION #24-1-56 – 2024-2025 Municipal Alliances Grant**

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Somerset.

11. **RESOLUTIONS (CONT.)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Montgomery Township and Rocky Hill Borough Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2024-2025 in the amount of:

Alliance GCADA Fund Allocation	\$ 6,863.66
Cash Match (must be 25% of GCADA Fund Allocation)	\$ 1,715.92
In-Kind Match (must be 75% of the GCADA Fund Allocation)	\$ 5,147.74

TOTAL ALLIANCE BUDGET \$13,727.32

2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.
3. Montgomery Township accepts subsequent award of this grant.

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-1-56 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ahn				
Taylor Todd				
Keenan				
Barragan, Deputy Mayor				
Singh, Mayor				

D. **RESOLUTION #24-1-57 – Authorizing the Purchase of CrowdStrike Falcon Complete Endpoint Protection Proprietary Computer Software**

WHEREAS, Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 requires that every contract awarded by the contracting agent for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd) the Township of Montgomery is authorized by law to undertake the purchase of goods or services for the support or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software; and

WHEREAS, IT Director, Jack Ferrara, has secured a quote in the total amount of \$49,406.24 which would cover the proprietary software, application, support, and license fees as per the GovConnection, Inc. quote dated December 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are available funds for this purchase in Account Numbers 01-201-20-140-262 and 07-201-55-544-262.

11. **RESOLUTIONS (CONT.)**

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

1. The purchase of proprietary software, application, support, and license fees. for a total cost of \$49,406.24 payable from Accounts 01-201-20-140-262 and 07-201-55-544-262 is hereby authorized.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute documents necessary to effectuate such purchase, and said officers, together with all other officers, professionals and employees of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.
3. This award is subject to the Contractor’s compliance with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127 (N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq.) and the regulations thereunder regarding affirmative action.
4. The foregoing award is further subject to the certification of availability of funds by the appropriate officers of the Township.
5. This Resolution shall take effect as herein provided.

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-1-57 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ahn				
Taylor Todd				
Keenan				
Barragan, Deputy Mayor				
Singh, Mayor				

E. **RESOLUTION #24-1-58 – Authorizing 2024 Appointments in the Office of Emergency Management**

WHEREAS, the Township of Montgomery is required to have an Emergency Operations Plan to provide for actions to be taken to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from the effects of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Montgomery Township’s Office of Emergency Management Coordinator, Sean Devlin, to appoint the following individuals for the year 2024 as follows:

Adam Verducci, Deputy OEM Coordinator
 Thomas Connell, Deputy OEM Coordinator
 Kiele Cruse, Deputy OEM Coordinator
 John Ferrara, OEM Specialist

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, New Jersey that the aforementioned individuals are hereby appointed for a one-year term effective January 1, 2024.

11. **RESOLUTIONS (CONT.)**

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-1-58 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ahn				
Taylor Todd				
Keenan				
Barragan, Deputy Mayor				
Singh, Mayor				

F. **RESOLUTION #24-1-59 – Authorizing Lease of Public Property by Submission of Sealed Bids for Wireless Telecommunications Facility**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Lands and Buildings Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14) (“LLBL”) a municipal corporation may lease to any private person real property owned by said municipal corporation which is not needed for a public use; and

WHEREAS, the LLBL requires that a lease by a municipal corporation to a private person, except for a lease to a private person for a public purpose, be made to the highest bidder by open public bidding at auction or by submission of sealed bids; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Montgomery (“Township”) currently leases a 45-acre parcel of property identified on the Township Tax Map as Block 20001, Lot 10.05 (the “Property”) pursuant to a Lease Purchase Agreement with the Somerset County Improvement Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Lease Purchase Agreement allows the Township to rent or lease the Property; and

WHEREAS, there are substantial gaps in wireless communications service and emergency services communications coverage in Skillman; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide for wireless communications service and emergency services communications coverage in Skillman; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined to lease an approximately 3,000 square foot area of Block 20001, Lot 10.05, north of Orchard Road and west of Community Drive (the “Premises”), which Premises is not needed for public use and which is suitable for the construction of a wireless communications tower which will address the need for wireless communications service and emergency services communications coverage in Skillman.

WHEREAS, the improvements and the related support facilities shall be constructed at the sole cost and expense of the successful bidder and the Township shall have the right to locate its antennas to said tower once constructed.

11. **RESOLUTIONS (CONT.)**

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

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14, the Township, through its Administrator or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to solicit sealed bids for the lease of the approximately 3,000 square foot area of Block 20001, Lot 10.05, north of Orchard Road and west of Community Drive (the “Premises”) for purposes of designing, constructing and operating a wireless communications tower and ancillary support equipment, structures and foundations on the Premises; at such time and place as deemed appropriate and necessary to effectuate the terms hereof.

2. The Administrator and Qualified Purchasing Agent shall cause said bidding to be advertised in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14(a) by causing the advertisement to be published in a newspaper circulating in the Township by two insertions at least once a week during two consecutive weeks, the last publication to be not earlier than seven (7) days prior to the date of the bid opening. Said advertisement shall specify that the minimum rental bid shall be \$40,000 and that the Township reserves the right to reject all bids where the highest bid is not accepted.

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-1-59 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ahn				
Taylor Todd				
Keenan				
Barragan, Deputy Mayor				
Singh, Mayor				

G. **RESOLUTION #24-1-60 – Supporting the Designation of the Sourland Mountain Region as a Special Resource Area**

WHEREAS, the Township of Montgomery previously supported the designation of the Sourland Mountain Region (“Region”) as a Special Resource Area (“SRA”) in the State Development and Redevelopment Plan by Resolution #04-8-286, adopted August 19, 2004 which recognized that the Sourland Mountain Region comprises the headwaters of many streams in the Region and surrounding towns; that its forested areas maintain the stream water and groundwater quality, including drinking water; that it provides habitat for many threatened and endangered species as well as offers many unique scenic, historic, agricultural and recreational resources for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Montgomery remains desirous in supporting the designation of the Sourland Mountain Region as a Special Resource Areas; and

WHEREAS, the Sourland Mountain Region, defined by its unique geology, encompasses 90 square miles, including parts of eight municipalities in Mercer, Somerset and Hunterdon Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Sourlands, home of the largest contiguous forest in Central New Jersey, are an island of biodiversity in a sea of encroaching sprawl; and

11. **RESOLUTIONS (CONT.)**

WHEREAS, the Sourlands are home to dozens of rare and endangered species of plants and animals, and an irreplaceable stopover for migrating birds; and

WHEREAS, the Sourland forest is the most intensive carbon sink anywhere in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, more than 90 miles of streams in the region are “first order” streams, the critical headwaters to the Raritan and Millstone Rivers, an important source of drinking water for New Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, the Sourlands are enjoyed and relied on by countless urban and suburban New Jerseyans as a recreational resource; and

WHEREAS the Sourland forest is losing more than a million trees (about a quarter of the forest) to the Emerald Ash Borer, and more to emerging threats; and

WHEREAS, natural forest regeneration is impossible in the Sourlands because of the vast overpopulation of white-tailed deer; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is currently updating the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, designation of the Sourlands as a Special Resource Area in the State Plan would have numerous benefits, including:

- State recognition of the importance of the Sourlands will help with both the public and private preservation of land.
- The SRA designation will help attract both public and private funding for reforestation efforts.
- The SRA designation will lay the groundwork for any needed legislation to protect the Sourlands.
- The SRA designation will help with efforts to bring the deer population under control.
- The SRA designation will call attention to the need to protect the quantity and quality of surface waters and groundwater of the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, New Jersey supports the designation of the Sourland Mountain Region as a Special Resource Area and urges the State Planning Commission to include this designation in its current update of the State Plan.

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-1-60 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ahn				
Taylor Todd				
Keenan				
Barragan, Deputy Mayor				
Singh, Mayor				

11. **RESOLUTIONS (CONT.)**

H. **RESOLUTION #24-1-61 – Authorizing Mark Herrmann and Olu Ochei to be the Authorized Representatives for the Pike Brook Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion Project with Respect to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Loan**

WHEREAS, Montgomery Township intends to file an application with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust for the Pike Brook Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion Project; and

WHEREAS, an Authorized Representative and backup Authorized Representative need to be established to handle matters pertaining to the loan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mark Herrmann and Olu Ochei are authorized to act as the Authorized Representatives in all matters relating to the project undertaken pursuant to the above referenced New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Loan executed with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust. The Authorized Representatives may be contacted at the following address: 100 Community Drive, Skillman, NJ 08558 and phone number: (908) 359-8211.

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-1-61 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ahn				
Taylor Todd				
Keenan				
Barragan, Deputy Mayor				
Singh, Mayor				

I. **RESOLUTION #24-1-62 – Authorization to Execute Treatment Works Approval Permit Application (TWA) for the Pike Brook Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion Project**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, New Jersey, that Lori Savron, Township Administrator, is hereby authorized to execute a Treatment Works Approval (TWA) application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection related to the Pike Brook Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion Project, subject to review and approval by the Township Engineer and Director of Wastewater Operations as to form and content.

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-1-62 _____ Second _____

11. **RESOLUTIONS (CONT.)**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ahn				
Taylor Todd				
Keenan				
Barragan, Deputy Mayor				
Singh, Mayor				

12. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There are no meeting minutes for consideration.

13. **RESOLUTION #24-1-63 - PAYMENT OF BILLS – POSTED**

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial 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, County of Somerset 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.

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-1-63 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ahn				
Taylor Todd				
Keenan				
Barragan, Deputy Mayor				
Singh, Mayor				

14. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Resident email regarding lighting at Mill Pond Park and taxes

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

17. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Inclusive Playground

19. RESOLUTION #24-1-64 – Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, 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:
 - Personnel Police Interview
 - Potential Acquisition for Open Space, Conservation, Recreation and/or Municipal Purposes:
 1. Block 8001, Lots 7.01 & 8 (“Staats”)
 2. Block 12001, Lot 15 (“Irish”)
 3. Block 15002, Lot 1 (“Tucker”)
 - Anticipated/Pending Litigation:
 1. Country Club Meadows v. Township of Montgomery
3. It is unknown precisely when the matter discussed in this session will be disclosed to the public. Acquisition of property and settlement of litigation shall only be approved by the Township Committee in a public session.
4. The Township Committee will return to Regular Session and may take further action.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-1-64 _____ Second _____

19. **RESOLUTION #24-1-64 – Executive Session (cont.)**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ahn				
Taylor Todd				
Keenan				
Barragan, Deputy Mayor				
Singh, Mayor				

MOTION to close Executive Session and open Regular Session _____ Second _____ Favor _____ Opposed _____

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn _____ Second _____ Favor _____ Opposed _____