

**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 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. **DEDICATION OF BRECKNELL WAY**

6. **PROCLAMATION – Recognizing Municipal Clerks’ Week – May 5 to May 11, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, New Jersey hereby recognizes the week of May 5 through May 11, 2024, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extends appreciation to Montgomery Township Municipal Clerk, Lisa Fania and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they serve.

7. **PRESENTATION – EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – Jensen Lin**

8. **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.

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

A. **ORDINANCE #24-1733 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter XII “Sewer and Water” of the Code of the Township of Montgomery (1984) to Establish the 2024 Sewer Capacity Charges and Services Rates**

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 June 6, 2024.

MOTION to introduce Ordinance #24-1733 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

B. **ORDINANCE #24-1734 – Bond Ordinance Providing for the Pike Brook Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion Project in and by the Township of Montgomery, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, Appropriating \$14,600,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$14,600,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance the Cost Thereof**

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 June 6, 2024.

MOTION to introduce Ordinance #24-1734 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

- A. **ORDINANCE #24-1731 - Bond Ordinance Providing for the Improvement of the Sewer System in and by the Township of Montgomery, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, Appropriating \$250,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$250,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance the Cost Thereof**

MOTION to CLOSE the Public Hearing _____ Second _____

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby adopted this 14th day of May, 2024 and that the ordinance summary be published in an official newspaper as required by law.

MOTION to adopt Ordinance #24-1731 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- B. **ORDINANCE #24-1732 - An Ordinance Establishing A Comprehensive Salary and Wage Plan for the Township of Montgomery, Somerset County, and to Provide for its Administration in 2024**

MOTION to CLOSE the Public Hearing _____ Second _____

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be hereby adopted this 14th day of May, 2024 and that the ordinance summary be published in an official newspaper as required by law.

MOTION to adopt Ordinance #24-1732 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

11. **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.

There are no matters for the Consent Agenda.

12. **RESOLUTIONS**

- A. **RESOLUTION #24-5-174 – Authorizing Access and Use Agreement Between the Township of Montgomery and Montgomery Township Board of Education for Swimming Pool Located at Montgomery High School**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an Access and Use Agreement between the Township of Montgomery and the Montgomery Township Board of Education with respect to use of the swimming pool located at Montgomery High School. The term of the agreement shall be from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-5-174 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- B. **RESOLUTION #24-5-175 – Authorizing Outdoor Assembly Permit – Ride for Freedom – Rolling Thunder Ride (May 26, 2024)**

WHEREAS, Rolling Thunder, Inc. has requested approval of the Township Committee to conduct a freedom ride event on May 26, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Village Elementary Parking Lot and Skillman Park.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, New Jersey has considered the application and hereby grants the same subject to the following conditions:

- a. This approval is for the period specified and is not to be considered approval to conduct similar events without Committee approval.
- b. This event shall be held subject to the provisions of the Montgomery Township Code, Outdoor Assembly, Chapter 4-2.1.
- c. The organizers will obtain the required approval from the Police Department regarding parking facilities, traffic plan and safety considerations.

12. **RESOLUTIONS (CONT.)**

- d. The organizers will obtain the required health certificates from the Township Health Department.
- e. The organizers will obtain the required construction permits and Fire Prevention inspections from the Township Code/Construction and Fire Prevention Departments.

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-5-175 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

C. **RESOLUTION #24-5-176 – Authorizing Township Committee Appointments to the Board of Health**

WHEREAS, vacancies exist on the Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is desirous in filling said vacancies.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, New Jersey, that the following appointments shall be made as listed:

Janani Mohan	Regular Member	Unexpired 3-year term to December 31, 2025
Joseph Prati, PhD	Alternate I Member	Unexpired 2-year term to December 31, 2024
Vacant	Alternate II Member	Unexpired 2-year term to December 31, 2025

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-5-176 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

12. **RESOLUTIONS (CONT.)**

D. **RESOLUTION #24-5-177 – Authorizing New Hires/Promotions**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, New Jersey, that the following new hires/promotions are hereby authorized:

Sigrid Solis, Health Educator, effective May 6, 2024 at a salary of \$38.00/hour;

Alexis Guirand, Executive Secretary, effective April 29, 2024 at a salary of \$25.00/hour;

Carl Conti, promotion to IT Director, effective May 6, 2024 at a salary of \$102,000.

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-5-177 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

E. **RESOLUTION 24-5-178 – Authorizing An Agreement For Sewer Capacity Reservation in the Skillman Village Sewage Treatment Plant– for Montgomery Crossing Phase 1a, Proposed Block 28009, Lots 2.01-2.20 Condo (Now or Formerly Block 28009 Lot 2)**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Montgomery Township Committee that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Sewer Capacity Reservation Agreement with Sharbell Cranbury, Inc., related to sewer capacity in the Skillman Village Sewage Treatment Plant, for the proposed twenty (20) stacked townhome residential condominium units in two (2) buildings within the Montgomery Crossing Development, Phase 1A, Block 28009, Lot 2, which is intended to be subdivided as proposed Lots 2.01 through 2.20. The Sewer Capacity Reservation Agreement is subject to review and approval of the Township Engineer and Township Attorney as to form and content.

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-5-178 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

12. **RESOLUTIONS (CONT.)**

F. **RESOLUTION #24-5-179 – Authorizing and Approving Execution of a First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Lease Purchase Agreement with the Somerset County Improvement Authority (TO BE DELIVERED)**

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-5-179 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

G. **RESOLUTION #24-5-180 – Authorizing Use Agreement Between Montgomery Township and Montgomery Township Friends of Open Space Farmers Market**

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-5-180 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

H. **RESOLUTION #24-5-181 – Amending Resolution #24-5-165 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the Montgomery Board of Education and the Township of Montgomery for the Construction and Use of Pickleball Courts to Change the Contract Amount**

WHEREAS, Resolution #24-5-165 authorizing a shared services agreement between the Montgomery Board of Education and the Township for the construction and use of pickleball courts was adopted May 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the contract is more than the original quote due to unanticipated costs for crack repair of the existing courts; and

WHEREAS, the not to exceed amount is \$6,000 more or a total of \$47,930; and

12. **RESOLUTIONS (CONT.)**

WHEREAS, the cost shall be born equally by the Township and the Board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, New Jersey that the total not to exceed amount for the contract for the construction and use of pickleball courts is \$47,930.

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-5-181 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

13. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **MOTION** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2024 _____ Second _____ Favor
 _____ Opposed _____ Abstain
- b. **MOTION** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2024 _____ Second _____ Favor
 _____ Opposed _____ Abstain
- c. **MOTION** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2024 _____ Second _____ Favor
 _____ Opposed _____ Abstain
- d. **MOTION** to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2024 _____ Second _____ Favor
 _____ Opposed _____ Abstain

14. **RESOLUTION #24-5-182 - 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

14. **RESOLUTION #24-5-182 - PAYMENT OF BILLS – POSTED**

3. That the proper Township Officials are authorized to sign the checks.

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-5-182 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

15. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. New Jersey of Department of Community Affairs – Montgomery Township Plumbing Inspector, Michael Krupksy, 2024 Plumbing Inspector of the Year

16. **NEW BUSINESS AND OLD BUSINESS**

- Proposed Application for Outdoor Assembly Permit – Princeton Preserves and Farm
- Proposed resolution in support of OPRA modernization
- Proposed resolution in support of requesting the State of New Jersey to Pursue Regional Solutions to the Flooding within the Millstone River Basin
- Broadside Productions filming in Montgomery

17. **RESOLUTION #24-5-183 – Authorizing the Closure of Hollow Road – Film Production at SSAAM**

MOTION to adopt Resolution #24-5-183 _____ Second _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

18. **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS**

19. **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

20. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 2024-2025 Liquor License Renewals

21. **RESOLUTION #24-5-184 – 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:
 - Attorney-Client-Privilege: 1. SJC
 - Personnel: 1. Community Resource Manager & Senior Center Director
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 #24-5-184 _____ Second _____

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 ____

22. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn _____ Second _____ Favor _____ Opposed _____