

AGENDA FOR  
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 20, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

It is the Township Committee's intention to conclude this meeting no later than 11:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** - Keenan ( ), Schuldiner ( ), Huang ( ), Bell ( ), Singh ( )

**ALSO PRESENT** - Rubinstein ( ), Nieman ( ), Kukla ( )

**MAYOR'S STATEMENT** - 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. This meeting is being held virtually by webcast and simulcast on Comcast Cable Channel 29.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

1. **APPOINTMENT OF PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER - Michael Contreras**

BE IT RESOLVED that Michael Contreras is hereby appointed Probationary Police Officer, effective January 21, 2022.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Singh				
Huang				
Schuldiner				
Bell				
Keenan				

1-1. Swearing in of Probationary Police Officer Michael Contreras

2. **APPOINTMENT OF PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER - Joelle Bridgewater**

BE IT RESOLVED that Joelle Bridgewater is hereby appointed Probationary Police Officer, effective January 21, 2022.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Singh				
Huang				
Schuldiner				
Bell				
Keenan				

2-1. Swearing in of Probationary Police Officer Joelle Bridgewater

3. **APPOINTMENT OF PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER - Kyle Chin**

BE IT RESOLVED that Kyle Chin is hereby appointed Probationary Police Officer, effective January 21, 2022.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

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**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Singh				
Huang				
Schuldiner				
Bell				
Keenan				

3-1. Swearing in of Probationary Police Officer Kyle Chin

4. **APPOINTMENT OF PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER - Carolyn Larue**

BE IT RESOLVED that Carolyn Larue is hereby appointed Probationary Police Officer, effective January 21, 2022.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Singh				
Huang				
Schuldiner				
Bell				
Keenan				

4-1. Swearing in of Probationary Police Officer Carolyn Larue

5. **APPOINTMENT OF PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER - Craig Merkle**

BE IT RESOLVED that Craig Merkle is hereby appointed Probationary Police Officer, effective January 21, 2022.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Singh				
Huang				
Schuldiner				
Bell				
Keenan				

5-1. Swearing in of Probationary Police Officer Craig Merkle

6. **COVID-19 UPDATE - Devangi Patel**

7. **MENTAL WELLNESS AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, 2021 was a challenging year for many Americans as they experienced increased stress, anxiety, and mental strain during this previous year, and

WHEREAS, January is Mental Wellness Month, a perfect time to check in with ourselves and our loved ones to see how we are holding up emotionally and mentally as mental wellness should be a priority in everyone's life; and

WHEREAS, like physical health, mental health is affected by many external and internal factors in our lives; and

WHEREAS, there are many ways to help maintain mental wellness through life's struggles such as by practicing mindfulness, medication, rest, gratitude, and asking for help; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery Township Committee reminds all citizens that they are not alone, and together with the help of family, friends and mental health professionals, they can take steps to have better mental wellness in this upcoming year.

8. **SHADE TREE COMMITTEE PRESENTATION - Committee Overview and Goals**

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

To make a public comment, participants may comment by utilizing the "Raise Your Hand" feature in Zoom. For members of the public participating by phone, you may "Raise Your Hand" by dialing \*9

Members of the public may also submit comments in advance of any meeting by sending an email to: [publiccomment@montgomerynj.gov](mailto:publiccomment@montgomerynj.gov) or by written letterform, delivered to the Montgomery Township Municipal Building, 2261 Route 206, Belle Mead, New Jersey 08502. All advance comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. the day of the scheduled meeting and will be read by the Township Clerk during the public comment portion of the meeting.

We respectfully ask members of the public to limit your comments to approximately three (3) spoken minutes. Additionally, if your comments are similar to comments already made, instead of repeating them at length, we ask that you instead indicate that you join in or support those comments previously made.

Any questions posed to the Township Committee will be answered after the closure of public comment. Any question requiring research or additional information will be answered at a subsequent Township Committee meeting.

10. **CRICKET FIELDS PRESENTATION**

11. **INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND AT NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING PRESENTATION**

12. **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 #22-1-32 - REFUND OVERPAID 2021 TAXES**

BE IT RESOLVED that a refund in the amount of \$1,783.59 be given to MM/PG Montgomery Properties LLC, 1000 Main Street, Suite 2400, Houston, TX 77002 Attention: Daniel Hespeneide for the overpayment of 2021 taxes on Block 34001 Lot 51.

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**B. RESOLUTION #22-1-33 - REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #20-00012**

WHEREAS the Township received payment for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #20-00012 in the amount of \$44,680.60;

BE IT RESOLVED that a refund in the amount of \$44,680.60 be given to ATCF II New Jersey, Alterna Tax Certificate Fund II LP, P.O. Box 69239, Baltimore, MD 21264-9239 for the Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #20-00012 on Block 12001 Lot 18.

Tax Lien Redemption

Certificate Amount	\$ 4,440.98
Subsequent Charges	\$ 12,021.37
Interest Amount	\$ 1,664.43
Redemption Fee	\$ 88.82
Recording Fee	\$ 53.00
Search Fee	\$ 12.00
PREMIUM	\$ 26,400.00
TOTAL	\$ 44,680.60

**C. RESOLUTION #22-1-34 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY TO JOIN THE PASSAIC COUNTY CO-OP**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the County of Passaic, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2022 the governing body of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Montgomery pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

**D. RESOLUTION #22-1-35 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, there exists a need to acquire the following professional services for 2022 without a "fair and open process" as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the "Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law":

Appraisal Services  
Engineering Services

WHEREAS, the Montgomery 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, the 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

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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 2022 Temporary Budget, with performance of said services after March 31, 2022 being subject to the Township's amendment of the 2022 Temporary Budget, and/or adoption of the final 2022 Budget.

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 proper agreements for a not to exceed amount with the following:
  - Merrill Taub of Valuation Consultants, Inc. as Appraiser - \$40,000 (Acct. #01-201-20-145-251)
  - Bettina D. Sholk, Appraisals, LLC, as Appraiser - \$31,000 (Acct. #22-288-56-000)
  - Menlo Engineering, Inc. as Consulting Engineer - \$92,000 (Acct. #23-288-56-000, 04-215-55-901)
  - Environmental Resolutions, Inc. as Consulting Engineer - \$85,000 (Acct. #01-201-20-165, 23-288-56-874, 01-201-21-181, 04-215-55-901)
  - Melick-Telly Associates as Consulting Engineer - \$10,000 (Acct. #01-201-20-165, 04-215-55-901)
  - Princeton Hydro, LLC as Consulting Engineer - \$25,000 (Acct. #22-288-56-000)
- (2) These contracts are awarded for a period of one year, for the amounts 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.
- (3) These contractors have 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, 2022 is subject to the amendment of the 2022 Temporary Budget and/or adoption of the final 2022 Budget, and certification of availability of funds by the Chief Financial Officer.

**E. RESOLUTION #22-1-36 - AUTHORIZING GUARANTEE EXTENSIONS FOR THE COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS - Various Projects**

WHEREAS, the period for the completion of improvements on the following projects have recently expired or will expire soon. For all listed projects, the developer is in the process of completing the bonded improvements or is working on punch list items.

WHEREAS, Gail Smith, Township Engineer, has recommended that the Township Committee consider extending the period of time for the completion of bonded improvements as follows:

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<u>Development</u>	<u>New Completion Date</u>
Gibraltar Rock of Belle Mead - Process Basin Project PG	01/11/2023
Montgomery Ridge - Site Improvements, Phase 1 Townhouses Performance Guarantee	02/07/2023
Montgomery Ridge - Site Improvements, Phase 1, Affordable Apartments Performance Guarantee	02/07/2023
2 High Ridge Road, Block 31003, Lot 31 - TCO Guarantee	09/08/2023

F. **RESOLUTION #22-1-37 - AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY GUARANTEE - Goddard School**

WHEREAS, the improvements for the above referenced project pertaining to the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy Guarantee have been completed by the developer, Sanjay Tuladhar. The completed improvements are acceptable to the Township Engineer and the Certificate of Occupancy has been authorized. The Township Engineer is herein recommending that the Township Committee consider the release of the \$10,920.00 TCO Guarantee.

The Township **will not accept any improvements** and no maintenance guarantee is required as part of this guarantee release.

G. **RESOLUTION #22-1-38 - AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE - Goddard School**

WHEREAS, improvements for the above referenced project pertaining to the Performance Guarantee have been completed by the developer, Sanjay Tuladhar and the completed improvements are acceptable to the Township Engineer. She is herein recommending that the Township Committee consider the release of the Performance Guarantee.

It is recommended that the Performance Guarantee release include the following conditions:

1. Sanjay Tuladhar shall post a 2-year maintenance guarantee in the amount of 15% of the original estimated installed cost of the improvements which are being released pursuant to Township Code Section 6-9.2d2.(e), which is:

**Maintenance Guarantee = \$ 45,023.25**

2. Sanjay Tuladhar shall post adequate escrow funds.

Upon satisfactory completion of these conditions, it is recommended that the Township accept the following:

**Sanitary Sewers** - Sanitary sewerage structures, such as manholes and collection lines, completely contained within the Georgetown-Franklin Turnpike (County Route 518), Vreeland Drive, and Acadia Lane rights-of-way, from Manhole 1 to Manhole 8 as referenced on the Township Engineer's memo dated January 10, 2022.

The following improvements **will not be accepted** by the Township:

**Roads and Rights-of-Way public improvements** - no roads or rights-of-ways are being accepted as part of this project. The parking lot for the Goddard School shall be maintained by the property owner.

**Stormwater Management Facilities** (e.g. detention basins, wet ponds, etc.) - all Stormwater Management Facilities including the infiltration basin shall be maintained by the property owner.

**Storm sewer collection lines** - the drainage collection system shall be maintained by the property owner.

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**Sanitary Sewers** - The sewer service lateral connection and clean outs from the building on Block 28006, Lot 67, to Manhole 1 in the Route 518 right-of-way shall be maintained by the property owner.

**Other Improvements** - any other improvements not listed herein shall not be accepted by the Township.

H. **RESOLUTION #22-1-39 - AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF LANDSCAPE BUFFER GUARANTEE -**  
Goddard School

WHEREAS, improvements for the above referenced project pertaining to the Landscape Buffer Guarantee have been completed by the developer, Sanjay Tuladhar. The completed improvements are acceptable to the Township Engineer and she is herein recommending that the Township Committee consider the release of the Landscape Buffer Guarantee.

It is recommended that the Landscape Buffer Guarantee release include the following conditions:

1. Sanjay Tuladhar shall post a 2-year maintenance guarantee in the amount of 15% of the original estimated installed cost of the improvements which are being released pursuant to Township Code Section 6-9.2d2.(e), which is:

**Maintenance Guarantee = \$ 2,977.50**

2. Sanjay Tuladhar shall post adequate escrow funds.

The Township will not accept any improvements as part of this guarantee release.

I. **RESOLUTION #22-1-40 - AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SAFETY AND STABILIZATION GUARANTEE**  
Goddard School

WHEREAS, improvements for the above referenced project pertaining to the Safety and Stabilization Guarantee have been completed by the developer, Sanjay Tuladhar. The completed improvements are acceptable to the Township Engineer and she is herein recommending that the Township Committee consider the release of the Safety and Stabilization Guarantee.

It is recommended that the Safety and Stabilization Guarantee release include the following conditions:

1. Sanjay Tuladhar shall post a 2-year maintenance guarantee in the amount of 15% of the original estimated installed cost for the following private site improvements: stormwater management basins, in-flow and water quality structures within the basins, and the out-flow pipes and structures of the stormwater management system, if any, in accordance with Township Code Section 6-9.2d2.(e)(2), which is:

**Maintenance Guarantee = \$ 4,421.10**

2. Sanjay Tuladhar shall post adequate escrow funds.

The Township will not accept any improvements as part of this guarantee release.

J. **RESOLUTION #22-1-41 - AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE -** Road  
Opening Permit #21-R-20 - 62 Franklin Drive

WHEREAS, Gail Smith, Township Engineer, has recommended the release of a cash performance guarantee to Marc Vigod because all work has been satisfactorily completed with respect to a street opening permit at Block 7029, Lot 13 (62 Franklin Drive)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Montgomery Township Committee that the cash performance guarantee in the amount of \$920.00 be released to Marc Vigod, 62 Franklin Drive, Belle Mead, NJ 08502.

CONSENT AGENDA Cont.

K. **RESOLUTION #22-1-42 - AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE - 25 Waverly Court**

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WHEREAS, the matter regarding the conservation easement encroachments and restoration have been resolved by the developer, Staats Farm Road Developers, LLC and the Township Engineer is herein recommending that the Township Committee consider the release of the \$5,000.00 Performance Guarantee.

The Township will not accept any improvements and no maintenance guarantee is required as part of this guarantee release.

L. **RESOLUTION #22-1-43 - AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY GUARANTEE - 35 Waverly Court**

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The improvements for the above referenced project pertaining to the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy Guarantee have been completed by the developer, Staats Farm Road Developers, LLC. The completed improvements are acceptable to this department. The Certificate of Occupancy has been authorized therefore, we are herein recommending that the Township Committee consider the release of the \$10,000.00 TCO Guarantee.

The Township will not accept any improvements and no maintenance guarantee is required as part of this guarantee release.

M. **RESOLUTION #22-1-44 - AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE - DeRochi Subdivision**

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WHEREAS, the above referenced project was inspected for maintenance guarantee release and all punch list work is complete. No apparent deficiencies were found during inspections conducted by the Engineering Department or Township Landscape Architect.

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer is herein recommending that the Township Committee consider the release of the posted Maintenance Guarantee and inspection escrow funds.

N. **RESOLUTION #22-1-45 - AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR SOMERSET COUNTY RECREATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM**

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WHEREAS, the Township of Montgomery is proposing to install an inclusive playground at the new municipal center located on Orchard Road; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for inclusive play where children of all ages and abilities can play, be challenged, and have fun together; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery Township Recreation Director has worked with a consulting engineering firm, consulting landscape architect and playground manufacturer to design a new inclusive playground and associated site improvements; and

WHEREAS, as the estimated cost of the new playground and associated site improvements is \$1.8 million dollars, the Township Committee is looking for numerous ways to offset the cost; and

WHEREAS, Somerset County is offering a 2022 Recreational Open Space Funding Program, for which the playground project is applicable; and if the application is deemed viable by the Somerset County Open Space Advisory Committee, the award from the grant would greatly reduce the cost to the Township.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee approves the application to the Somerset County Recreational Open Space Funding Program for the new inclusive playground project.



CONSENT AGENDA Cont.

**O. RESOLUTION #22-1-46 - APPROVAL OF 2022 RECYCLING AGREEMENT WITH SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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 Finance Officer has certified the extent to which funds for this contract are available pursuant to the temporary budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery in Somerset County 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, 2022 through and including December 31, 2022.

**P. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that Mark Herrmann is hereby appointed Regular Member to the Raritan & Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission, five-year appointment expiring December 31, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED that Ellen Robbins is hereby appointed to the Somerset County Community Development Commission, one-year appointment expiring December 31, 2022.

12-1. Motion to adopt **CONSENT AGENDA** \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Singh				
Huang				
Schuldiner				
Bell				
Keenan				

**13. RESOLUTION #22-1-47 - APPROVAL OF REVISED PERSONNEL POLICIES & PROCEDURES MANUAL**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Montgomery Township Committee that the revised Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual dated January 18, 2022 is hereby adopted.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

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**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Singh				
Huang				
Schuldiner				
Bell				
Keenan				

14. **RESOLUTION #22-1-48 - RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING USE OF COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Montgomery (the "Township"), in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., solicited bids for communication consulting services ("Services"); and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2021, four (4) bids were received, in response to the Township's public solicitation for the Services, from Stepping Stone Strategies ("Stepping Stones"), TeliApp Corporation ("TeliApp"), Kessler PR Group ("Kessler") and Fuerza Strategy Group ("Fuerza"); and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the bids submitted by Stepping Stones, TeliApp, Kessler, and Fuerza and the Bid Specifications, the Township determined there was a need to substantially revise the Bid Specifications to clarify and perfect the solicitation under the competitive contracting process, the submission requirements and the methodology for evaluation of proposals; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2 specifically provides a list of reasons justifying the rejection of all bids by a contracting unit, including a decision by the contracting unit to substantially revise the Bid Specifications for the provision of the Services; and

WHEREAS, based upon the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, the Township has concluded that the bids for the provision of Communication Consultant Services should be rejected, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2, as the Township intends to substantially revise the Bid Specifications prior to rebidding for the provision of the Services; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1(b) (m) permits competitive contracting to be utilized to procure consulting services that warrant a qualitative evaluation of specialized goods or service providers to determine the provider that is most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.3(a) requires that in order to use competitive contracting for the first time for a specified purpose, the governing body shall pass a resolution authorizing the use of competitive contracting for such purpose; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.3(b) requires that the competitive contracting process shall be administered by a designated Authorized Agent who may be a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9, or by legal counsel of the contracting unit, or by the chief administrative officer of the contracting unit; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that the procurement of consulting services said purposes through the use of competitive contracting is in the best interest of the Township.

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

1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth at length; and

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2. All bids received in response to the Solicitation of Professional Services Contract for Communications Consultant Services, are hereby rejected in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2 in order for the Township to substantially revise the bid specifications; and
3. The Township administration is hereby authorized and directed to substantially revise the bid specifications to clarify and perfect the solicitation under the competitive contracting process, the submission requirements and the methodology for evaluation of proposals; and
4. The Township Purchasing Agent is authorized to initiate competitive contracting for the solicitation of proposals for consulting services and to publicly advertise and solicit new bids for the Services pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law; and
5. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the four (4) bidders who submitted proposals for the Project.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Singh				
Huang				
Schuldiner				
Bell				
Keenan				

15. **RESOLUTION #22-1-49 - AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR HVAC SERVICES AT THE VARIOUS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS THROUGH THE ESCNJ EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY**

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Montgomery has determined the following cooperative pricing system identifier ESCNJ 19/20-13 has provided the Township with the most competitive price for this item; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds available for this purchase in Account Numbers 01-201-26-310-268 and 07-201-55-544-268.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that HVAC Repair Services at the various Township Municipal Buildings at a not to exceed amount of \$100,000.00 be authorized through the utilization of the ESCNJ Educational Services Commission of New Jersey to:

In-Line Air Conditioning Company, Inc.  
 85 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
 Bayonne, New Jersey 07002

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Singh				
Huang				
Schuldiner				
Bell				
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16. **MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following people are hereby appointed Advisors to the Shade Tree Committee, one-year appointment expiring December 31, 2022:

Philip Adams, Michelle Blane, Ed Heebner, Ed Trzaska, John Waltz

BE IT RESOLVED that Pravnav Anurag Chaturvedi and Nethmi Vishalya Dharmasena are hereby appointed to the Youth Leadership Council ad hoc Committee.

17. **ORDINANCE #22-1676 - Acquisition by Gift of Property Identified as Block 27001 Lots 19.01 and 19.02 (246 Opossum Road - Public Hearing)**

- A. Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY GIFT OF PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 27001 LOTS 19.01 and 19.02 LOCATED AT 246 OPOSSUM ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY.
- B. Public Hearing. Motion to close \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Favor \_\_\_\_\_ Opposed \_\_\_\_\_
- C. BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery that the foregoing ordinance be adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022 and that a notice thereof be published in an official newspaper as required by law.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Singh				
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18. **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 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Singh				
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Schuldiner				
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**COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE**

**NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Community Garden

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

February 3 - Shared Services Agreement with Princeton for Animal Control

February 17 - Environmental Commission Presentation

19. **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:
  - Potential acquisition of property (Block 25001 Lot 4 (Normile), Block 37003 Lot 7 (Trap Rock), Block 11002 Lot 38 (Harcarik), Block 17008 Lot 1 (Martin) for open space, conservation, recreation purposes;
  - Personnel matter;
  - Advice of Counsel with regard to potential litigation;
  - Police matter.
3. It is unknown precisely when the matters discussed in this session will be disclosed to the public. Agreements and/or acquisition of lands shall only be authorized by the Township Committee in a public session. Matters concerning litigation may be announced upon the conclusion of any trial or settlement of the litigation.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Favor \_\_\_\_\_ Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**ADJOURNMENT** at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Favor \_\_\_\_\_ Opposed \_\_\_\_\_