

**MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2023 - 7:00PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

As required by the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided. The notice specified the time and place of the meeting to the extent known at the time. The notice was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building, sent to the Daily Record and The Citizen and was placed on file in the Township Clerk's Office. This meeting has been properly noticed to the public in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Antal – Excused Absence  
Ms. Arminio - Present  
Mr. Daughtry - Present  
Ms. Trina Ehnholt - Absent  
Dr. Kornreich - Present  
Mr. Kovalcik – Excused Absence  
Ms. Misiewicz - Present  
Ms. Faber - Present  
Mr. Angiolini - Present  
Also present - Ms. Witty, TC Liaison  
Ms. Corcoran, EC Recording Secretary

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

**Board of Adjustment** – Ms. Misiewicz stated there will be a special meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Economic Development** – No Report

**Health Department** – No Report

**Open Space Committee** – Ms. Misiewicz stated that the Eagle Scouts will be working on the project at the Community Park in the Spring. There will be a Trail Walk from Santander to the Red Barn to map out a possible trail. They are also looking for more organizations to adopt a trail. The Scouts have adopted two trails.

**Planning Board** – Dr. Kornreich stated the meeting had no major issues.

**School Activities** – Ms. Arminio stated that she met with Mr. Rolfe and the Earth Club will assist with seedling wrapping on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the High School. They will also be making posters to distribute to the third-grade classes. Still working on the recycling issue at the High School. Ms. Arminio is attempting to find out what percentage of recycling is from the High School before proceeding with obtaining containers for the cafeteria and gyms. She is not having much success but will continue with her efforts. Ms. Witty discussed her experience when she visited the facility and offered to set up a class trip to the recycling center. She also mentioned that there is a video from the Morris County MUA about the recycling process that gives a lot of information on the process.

**Township Committee** – Ms. Witty stated the TC meeting was held last night and it was a light agenda. The next meeting will be held February 28<sup>th</sup>. The Veterans are planning a Memorial Day Event and will hold a flag retirement on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**MINUTES**

A motion to approve the Minutes from January 18, 2023 was made by Ms. Arminio, seconded by Mr. Angiolini. All in Favor: Unanimous  
Eligible: Arminio, Daughtry, Kornreich, Misiewicz, Faber, Angiolini

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to come before the board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Presentation by Dave Kirkham, Montville's Director of Water & Sewer** – Ms. Misiewicz introduced Mr. Kirkham who graciously consented to address the EC regarding the anticipated growth of the town. Mr. Kirkham stated that the town has three sources of water, Town well field (3 wells), Jersey City and Lincoln Park. He discussed the condition of the three wells in town, #1 is currently being redeveloped, there is a capital plan to redrill #2 within 1-2 years and #3 is in good condition. Montville is a heavy irrigation town. We have a sufficient supply of water and just negotiated an increase from Jersey City. We currently use about 1-1/2 million gallons per day and 4-1/2 million gallons per day in the summer with a peaking factor of 3. It is mandatory to have a water conversation plan in place to ensure enough water to go around. The state owns all the water and DEP has oversight on any new developments and water availability. Twenty percent of our water comes from Jersey City. Mr. Kirkham stated that our wells are good for the town's usage other than during peak times. The aquifer has had a great recharge this year and has risen about 5-1/2 feet since last year. Ms. Arminio asked if it was recommended to have odd/even watering days and Mr. Kirkham stated that it is already in force but was not aware as to how or who enforced it. The best thing would be to just get the word out there to remind everyone. The Township wells are located on Indian Lane. Ms. Misiewicz asked how prepared the sewers are. Mr. Kirkham stated it is an aging infrastructure of about 50-60 years. They are currently doing a study of the River Road branch. We may need piping work for the new developments and could possibly have the developers pay for it.

**Montville Township Natural Resource Inventory** – per Jane Mowles it will be put in next year's budget to amend.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Tree Ordinance** – per Ms. Hercek, Township Administrator it was sent to the planner to review. A tree specialist would be needed, and funds would need to be added to the budget for that. Mr. Angiolini asked what it was about. Ms. Misiewicz explained it was to protect the native species and use more native plants as replacements. She will send the Ordinance to the new members for their review.

**2023 Third Grade Arbor Day Seedling Program** – Wrapping of the seedlings will be on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the High School.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Mr. Tony D'Achille from 4 Franklin Ct asked the EC what the suit was regarding the Monarch project on Changebridge Rd. He was directed to contact the Township Clerk and was also given the dates for the next Planning Board meetings as the EC did not have that information.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Mr. Daughtry and seconded by Ms. Arminio the meeting was adjourned at 7:48PM.  
All in Favor: Unanimous