

REGULAR MEETING OF MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes - April 25, 2023

7:00pm – PUBLIC SESSION

Statement of Open Public Meetings Act Compliance read by Mayor

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by mailing, emailing and/or faxing notice to the Daily Record and the Citizen newspapers, posting notice on the Township website and posting notice on the bulletin boards of the Municipal Building, 195 Changebridge Road, Montville, NJ 07045, and sending notice to those individuals requesting same.

We would like to remind residents that the Governor signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 317 which established various COVID-19 relief measures for residential customers of local government water, sewer and electric service. To comply with the law, Montville Township provides installment plans for a minimum 12-month duration for arrearages accruing between March 9, 2020 and March 15, 2022. Residents are encouraged to contact the Water and Sewer Department at (973) 331-3330 for more information about these COVID-19 Ratepayer Relief Payment Agreements.

Roll Call Township Committee

Present: June Witty, Committeewoman
Rich Cook, Committeeman
Richard D. Conklin, Committeeman
Matthew S. Kayne, Chairman

Also present: June E. Hercek, Township Administrator
Fred Semrau, Esq., Township Attorney
Stacy Sullivan-Gruca, Township Clerk
Margaret Shepard, Deputy Clerk

Absent: Frank W. Cooney, Deputy Mayor

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance by Committeewoman Witty

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2023 Closed Session Meeting Minutes

Motion by Cook second by Witty to approve above listed minutes

All in favor – Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE FOR FINAL ADOPTION

Ordinance 2023-08 Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2022-05 establishing the salaries or wages of officials and employees of the Township of Montville in the County of Morris for years 2021-2025 Morris Council No. 6 – White Collar

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Motion by Conklin second by Cook to open public hearing on Ordinance 2023-08

All in Favor - Motion Carried

No Public Comments

Motion by Cook second by Conklin to close public hearing on Ordinance 2023-08

All in Favor - Motion Carried

Motion by Witty second by Conklin to adopt Ordinance 2023-08

Roll Call: Yes – Kayne, Witty, Cook, Conklin No – 0 Absent - Cooney

REPORTS

Administrator's Report

Township Administrator reported the following:

As a result of today's rebid for solid waste and recycling collection and based on our estimate for recycling disposal, we got to a 2.12% tax-levy increase. We figured out that with a reduction of \$27,000 somewhere else in the budget, we are able to get just below a 2% tax-levy increase. With the Board of Education deciding to handle solid waste and recycling services on their own, the tonnage should go down which will result in a decrease in disposal fees, and we're comfortable decreasing the disposal budget accordingly. So, we are proposing to amend the budget due to the results of the rebid for solid waste and recycling collection, to reflect a 1.99% tax-levy increase for the municipal and library taxes, resulting in an average increase of \$41.50 per Average Assessed home (\$533,571). If you recall the introduced budget was at a 2.32% tax-levy increase, resulting in an average increase of \$49.84 on the average assessed home.

Attorney Report

Echoes Administration's report and commends Hercek and CFO (Katie Yanke) for their dedicated efforts on behalf of the taxpayers.

Township Committee liaison reports and comments

Witty

Monthly Newsletter recognition of Engineer article regarding Stormwater Management

Environmental Commission distributing tree seedlings to the 3rd graders for Arbor Day / expressed willingness to assist residents with recycling efforts (training/communication/etc.)

VFW Post 5481 preparing for Poppy Drive, Memorial Day event and Flag Retirement ceremony

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Cook

Recreation Annual Fishing Derby May 6th from 8-10am at Masar Pond

Summer Concert Series to begin July 5th

Conklin

Mention of Recreation's Annual Clean Up event on April 22nd

HPRC historical site referred to as the Asa House repairs are underway to restore the structure

Kayne

Reports attendance to NJ Conference of Mayors and several noteworthy events.

Chamber of Commerce hosted a breakfast at Town Hall for Township business leaders

Ramadan lighting event held on April 20 was a success with beautiful weather and a good turnout.

Shredding Event success reported and compliments to the DPW staff and Police Explorers for their efforts

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

Ordinance 2023-10 Bond Ordinance providing for the acquisition of property for use as Open Space in and by the Township of Montville, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, appropriating \$1,850,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$1,319,000 bonds or notes of the Township to finance part of the cost thereof

Motion by Conklin second by Witty to introduce Ordinance 2023-10

All in Favor - Motion Carried

Clerk set public hearing date for May 9, 2023

PUBLIC PORTION

Reminder to the public to state your name and address for the record, and there is a 3-minute time limit on all public comments

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Motion by Cook second by Witty to open public portion

All in favor – Motion Carried

No Public Comments

Motion by Cook second by Conklin to close public portion

All in favor – Motion Carried

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONSENT AGENDA NO. 2023-CA08

Resolution 2023-159 Resolution authorizing submission of a Grant Application Fiscal Grant Cycle 2023-24 for the Montville Municipal Alliance

Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Fiscal Grant Cycle 2023-24, July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

FORM 1B

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 Montville, County of Morris, 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 Morris;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Montville, County of Morris, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

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1. The Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Montville Township DAC Municipal Alliance grant for the fiscal year of 2023-24 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$9,670.00
Cash Match	\$3,811.00
In-Kind	\$7,252.50

2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Resolution 2023-160 Resolution approving request from Tax Collector for refund of overpayment (tax appeals)

WHEREAS, The TAX COURT OF NJ has entered judgment on appeals filed by taxpayers in the Township of Montville;

WHEREAS, The judgment reduced assessments and cancelled tax creating an overpayment of taxes for the various years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the treasurer be authorized to draw checks in the amount of overpayment to:

Jacobus , Jennifer R. – Trustee

for Zhong, Xiaofeng

4 Michelle Way

Block 144 Lot 24	2022 Tax Appeal	<u>\$ 896.00</u>
	TOTAL REFUND	\$ 896.00

Schneck, Michael I. – Trustee

for Diamond Communications LLC

331 Changebridge Rd	2021 Tax Appeal	\$ 631.25
Block 160.2 Lot 23 Qualifier X	2022 Tax Appeal	<u>\$1,280.00</u>

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TOTAL REFUND \$1,911.25

Resolution 2023-161 Resolution authorizing the processing of certain tax sale certificate redemptions

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montville, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the following tax sale certificate redemptions be processed by the department of Finance:

Block 40.1 Lot 1, 2 Gloria Dr

Lien Redemption Certificate #22-00017	\$1,889.86
Premium Money	<u>\$2,200.00</u>
Total Payment	\$4,089.86

To: WSFS AS CUST LVTLOPS/FIRSTTRUST

Resolution 2023-162 Resolution of the Township of Montville, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, authorizing the release of the cash restoration bond received for work performed at 4 Main Road and 8 Main Road, block 45, lots 9 and 10

WHEREAS, the property owner, Four-Eight Main, LLC, has requested a release of the cash restoration bond submitted in connection with work being performed at 4 Main Road and 8 Main Road, Block 45, Lots 9 and 10, in the Township of Montville; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed the request, performed an inspection of the work completed, and recommend by correspondence, dated April 19, 2023, that the cash restoration bond in the amount of \$5,750.00, held in connection with this project, be released.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Montville, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize that the cash bond held in connection with this project, which is in the amount of \$5,750.00, be released to Brian Petrucelli, Four-Eight Main, LLC, 8 Main Road, Montville, New Jersey 07045.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution 2023-163 Resolution of the Township of Montville, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, authorizing the release of the cash soil movement bond received for work performed at 17 Upper Mountain Avenue, block 79, lot 8

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WHEREAS, the property owner, Bruce Senatore, has requested a release of the cash soil movement bond submitted in connection with work being performed at 17 Upper Mountain Avenue, Block 79, Lot 8, in the Township of Montville; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed the request, performed an inspection of the work completed, and recommend by correspondence, dated April 19, 2023, that the cash soil movement bond in the amount of \$785.00, held in connection with this project, be released.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Montville, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize that the cash bond held in connection with this project, which is in the amount of \$785.00, be released to Bruce Senatore, 17 Upper Mountain Avenue, Montville, New Jersey 07045.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution 2023-164 Resolution accepting resignation from the Board of Adjustment

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of Montville that Board of Adjustment member J. Deane Driscoll's resignation is accepted with regret as of April 19, 2023.

Resolution 2023-165 Resolution authorizing appointment to Board of Adjustment

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee make the following appointment:

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

Jake Kovalcik – appoint as member, unexpired term ending 1/1/2025

Victor Canning – appoint as Alternate #1, unexpired term ending 1/1/2025

Resolution 2023-166 Resolution of the Township of Montville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey rescinding Resolution 2023-66

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2023, the Township Committee adopted Resolution 2023-66 authorizing the expenditure of funds from the affordable housing trust fund related to the administration of the affordable housing program; and

WHEREAS, there was a redistribution of the funds and a new resolution is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Montville, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey that the Township Administration is hereby authorized to rescind Resolution 2023-66.

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This Resolution will take effect immediately.

Motion by Cook second by Witty to adopt consent agenda resolutions, [Resolution 2023-159](#) through [Resolution 2023-166](#)

Roll Call: Yes - Witty, Cook, Conklin, Kayne No – 0 Absent - Cooney

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Cook second by Conklin to adopt [Resolution](#) approving the listing of bills and signing of checks for April 25, 2023

Roll Call: Yes - Witty, Cook, Conklin, Kayne No – 0 Absent - Cooney

[Resolution 2023-167](#) Resolution of the Township of Montville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey authorizing an amendment to the Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Boonton for the provision of Construction Department Services

WHEREAS, in enacting the “Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act,” N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., the New Jersey Legislature has permitted municipalities to enter into agreements to provide or receive services to/from one another as a means to reduce municipal expenses; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, Montville Township and Boonton Township entered into a Shared Services Agreement through which Montville Township will provide construction department services to Boonton Township; and

WHEREAS, the term of the agreement is for two (2) consecutive years beginning on January 1, 2023 and terminating on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, the agency determined the term of the agreement shall be for a period of four (4) consecutive years; and

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WHEREAS, the shared services agreement between Montville Township and Boonton Township shall be amended to four (4) consecutive years beginning on January 1, 2023 and terminating on December 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Montville, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Boonton for construction department services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Shared Services Agreement shall be amended to four (4) consecutive years beginning on January 1, 2023 and terminating on December 31, 2026.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Conklin second by Witty to adopt Resolution 2023-167

Roll Call: Yes - Witty, Cook, Conklin, Kayne No – 0 Absent - Cooney

Resolution 2023-168 Resolution of the Township of Montville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund related to the administration of the Affordable Housing Program

WHEREAS, The Township of Montville prepared a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan that addresses its regional fair share of the affordable housing need in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 *et seq.*), the Fair Housing Act (FHA) (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301) and the regulations of the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) (N.J.A.C. 5:91-1 *et seq.* and N.J.A.C. 5:93-1 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Montville's Affordable Housing Trust Fund was established on September 17, 2008; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of the Fair Share Housing Center Settlement Agreement and the April 4, 2019 Order of the New Jersey Superior Court, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:93-8.16 the Township was required to prepare and adopt an Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township Planner prepared an Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan dated July 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Montville Township Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan was adopted by resolution of the Township Committee on August 13, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, the Planning Board adopted a resolution recommending the expenditure of development fee revenues as set forth in this spending plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed the recommendation of the expenditures as follows:

Projects/Programs	1/1-12/31 2023
Rehabilitation	\$100,000.00
Signature - Special Needs	\$21,333.00
Extension of Controls (Subsidies)	\$0.00
Extension of Controls (Repairs and Upgrades)	\$0.00
Affordability Assistance	\$90,000.00
Administration	<u>\$145,340.63</u>
Total	\$356,673.63

Township found the above consistent with the plan; and

Township approves the release of funds itemized above in accordance with the spending plan; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has expenditures to be adopted spending

WHEREAS, the Committee

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the above funds are available in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Montville, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it authorizes the distribution of 2023 development fee revenues as set forth in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan, including the carryover of 2022 funds not previously distributed as itemized above. Payments to be distributed from the Trust Fund will consist of but are not limited to Rehabilitation; Signature Care Homes Special Needs Housing; Extension of Controls; Affordability Assistance; and Administrative Expenses in accordance with the spending plan expenditure schedule.

Motion by Witty second by Cook to adopt Resolution 2023-168

Roll Call: Yes - Witty, Cook, Conklin, Kayne No – 0 Absent - Cooney

[Resolution 2023-169](#) Resolution adopting temporary capital budget

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6 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2023 - 2028

SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS

1 PROJECT	2 Estimated TOTAL COST	3 Budget Appropriations		4 Capital Improvement Fund	5 Capital Fund Balance	6 Grants in Aid And Other Funds	7 BONDS AND NOTES				
		Current Year 2021	Future Years				General	Self Liquidating	Assessment	School	
Acquisition of Land	\$ 1,850,000					\$ 531,000	\$ 1,319,000				
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$ 1,850,000			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 531,000	\$ 1,319,000	\$ -			

Be It Further Resolved that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.
 It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution creating the temporary capital budget section adopted by the Township Committee on the 25th day of April, 2023.

Certified by me

 (DATE)

TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
 APPROVED _____, 2023

 DIRECTOR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

 MUNICIPAL CLERK

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Motion by Conklin second by Cook to adopt Resolution 2023-169

Roll Call: Yes - Witty, Cook, Conklin, Kayne No – 0 Absent - Cooney

Resolution 2023-170 Resolution of the Township of Montville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, authorizing the execution of an agreement between Sabika Wallizadeh and the Township of Montville

WHEREAS, Sabika Wallizadeh is the owner of 26 Stony Brook Road within the Township of Montville; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wallizadeh seeks to construct and install a lateral to connect to the Montville Township Sanitary Sewer System; and

WHEREAS, due to the length of the lateral, the property owner agrees to the responsibility of the entire lateral as per the agreement.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montville, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the agreement between Sabika Wallizadeh and the Township of Montville.

Section 2. A copy of the agreement shall be sent to Mrs. Wallizadeh's counsel for information.

Section 3. A copy of the agreement shall be recorded with the Office of the Morris County Clerk.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Cook second by Conklin to adopt Resolution 2023-170

Roll Call: Yes - Witty, Cook, Conklin, Kayne No – 0 Absent - Cooney

Resolution 2023-171 Resolution of the Township of Montville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey authorizing the award of a contract to Aton Computing, Inc. for management information systems support under the Passaic County Cooperative Pricing Council

WHEREAS, a Passaic County Cooperative Pricing Council contract is available for Management Information Systems Support (Contract #RFP-19-016 Management Systems Support); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Montville has a need for the provision of Management Systems Support; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Montville wishes to award the contract for the provision of Management Information Systems Support to ATON Computing, Inc. under the Passaic County Cooperative Pricing Council at the following rate:

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Term	Hourly Rate	Not to exceed amount
05/01/2023 through 05/31/2023	\$122.04	\$6,000.00
TOTAL		\$6,000.00

to be charged to: Information Systems and Technology OE, Professional Fees,
3-01-20-140-227, not to exceed \$6,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Montville, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, that ATON Computing, Inc. is hereby awarded the Contract for the provision of Management Information Systems Support under the Passaic County Cooperative Pricing System, Contract #RFP-19-016 Management Information Systems Support.

This Resolution will take effect immediately upon its passage.

Motion by Cook second by Witty to adopt Resolution 2023-171

Roll Call: Yes - Witty, Cook, Conklin, Kayne No – 0 Absent - Cooney

Resolution 2023-172 Resolution of the Township of Montville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey authorizing the award of various contracts for the marketing of recyclables

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-5 (1)(s) provides an exemption from the public bidding requirement for the marketing of recyclable materials recovered through a recycling program; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Montville requested proposals for the Marketing of Recyclables; and

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WHEREAS, the Township Administrator and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed the proposals received and recommend award of contracts for the period of May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024, with an option to extend for a second year, for the Marketing of Recyclables in an amount not to exceed \$119,457.00 to:

- Commingled Materials (bottles, cans, plastic) - Republic Services, 103-105 Iron Mountain Road, Mine Hill, NJ 07803 (proposal dated 4/4/23)
- Mixed Paper – Ricova Inc. (Recycle City), 1 Broad Street, Clifton, NJ 07011 (proposal dated 3/22/23)
- Vegetative Waste - RER Supply, LLC, 4 South Corporate Drive, Riverdale, NJ 07457 (proposal dated 3/28/23)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Montville, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, that Republic Services, Ricova Inc. (Recycle City), and RER Supply, LLC are hereby awarded contracts for the period of May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024, with an option to extend for a second year, for the marketing of recyclables.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the accounts to be used for these services are as follows:

- 3-01-26-305-256, Recycling and Vegetative Waste Disposal; \$94,457
- 2-01-41-701-301, Recycling Tonnage Grant; \$25,000

This Resolution will take effect immediately upon its passage.

Motion by Cook second by Conklin to adopt Resolution 2023-172

Roll Call: Yes - Witty, Cook, Conklin, Kayne No – 0 Absent - Cooney

Resolution 2023-173 Resolution of the Township of Montville, County of Morris, State of New Jersey authorizing the award of a contract for solid waste and recyclable materials collection service

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WHEREAS, pursuant to authorization by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Montville, the Township received sealed competitive bids for Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection Service on February 28, 2023; and

WEHREAS, the Township, via Resolution 2023-158, rejected bids because the sole bid received substantially exceeded the Township’s cost estimates for the project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to authorization by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Montville, the Township rebid Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection Service; and

WHEREAS, one (1) sealed bid was received and opened on April 25, 2023, in accordance with the bid specifications:

Option 1 – Solid Waste; Option 2 – Bulk Waste;

Option 3 – Designated Recyclables; Option 4 – Vegetative Waste

6.8.1 Collection Option	1 Year Bid (Diesel)	2 Year Bid (Diesel)	5 Year Bid (Diesel)	1 Year Bid (Natural Gas)	2 Year Bid (Natural Gas)	5 Year Bid (Natural Gas)
1-A(1)	\$1,132,000	\$2,298,000	\$6,256,000	\$1,132,000	\$2,298,000	\$6,256,000
1-A(2)	\$192,000	\$390,000	\$1,060,000	\$192,000	\$390,000	\$1,060,000
1-A(3)	\$52,000	\$106,000	\$288,000	\$52,000	\$106,000	\$288,000
2-A(1)	\$90,000	\$183,000	\$497,000	\$90,000	\$183,000	\$497,000
2-A(2)	\$27,000	\$55,000	\$149,000	\$27,000	\$55,000	\$149,000
3-A(1)	\$611,000	\$1,241,000	\$3,374,000	\$611,000	\$1,241,000	\$3,374,000
3-A(2)	\$122,000	\$248,000	\$674,000	\$122,000	\$248,000	\$674,000
4-A(1)	\$275,000	\$558,000	\$1,518,000	\$275,000	\$558,000	\$1,518,000
4-A(2)	\$8,000	\$17,000	\$50,000	\$8,000	\$17,000	\$50,000

; and

WHEREAS, said bid has been duly reviewed and analyzed by the Montville
Township
Attorney and Township Administration; and

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WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that competitive bidding contracts be awarded to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder; and

WHEREAS, the bid received from Suburban Disposal Inc. as listed above has been found to be in proper form and in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:11-23.5 and the specifications as written; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Montville, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby awards a two-year contract under the two-year bid Natural Gas collection option per the bid specifications, to Suburban Disposal Inc., 54 Montesano Road, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004, for the provision of Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection Services in accordance with the bid specifications at the pricing set forth in its bid proposal and listed above.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a two-year contract with Suburban Disposal Inc. in accordance with its bid for the provision of Solid Waste and Recyclable Collection Services in an amount not to exceed \$5,096,000.

3. The Township's Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract.

4. This resolution and contract shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

5. The accounts to be used for these services are as follows:

2023 – 8 months 5/1/2023-12/31/2023:

2023 - Solid Waste Collection	3-01-26-305-255	\$ 1,672,666.67
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2024 – 12 Months 1/1/2024-12/31/2024:

2024 - Solid Waste Collection	4-01-26-305-255	\$ 2,561,000.00
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2025 – 4 Months 1/1/2025-4/30/25:

2025 - Solid Waste Collection	5-01-26-305-255	\$ <u>862,333.33</u>
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Grand Total – 2 years \$ 5,096,000

This Resolution will take effect immediately.

Motion by Conklin second by Cook to adopt Resolution 2023-173

Roll Call: Yes - Witty, Cook, Conklin, Kayne No – 0 Absent - Cooney

REVIEW OF MEETING ACTION ITEMS

None

Resolution authorizing Closed Executive Session to discuss the following matters as permitted pursuant to NJSA 10:4-12:

Contract Negotiations

Litigation

Personnel

Attorney-Client Privilege/Potential Litigation

VA center; contract negotiations other than collective bargaining; solid waste and recycling

Motion by Cook second by Witty to adopt the above Resolution authorizing closed executive session

All in favor – Motion carried

Mayor notes action may be taken after closed session

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Cook second by Witty to add Resolution 2023-174 to the agenda

All in favor – Motion carried

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Resolution 2023-174 Resolution supporting the establishment of a Veterans Affairs (VA) Center in Northwest, New Jersey

WHEREAS, Veterans in the State of New Jersey deserve high quality and accessible mental health care; and

WHEREAS, The United States has a long history of providing assistance to veterans, beginning in the colonial era; and

WHEREAS, During the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed a law to establish a national soldiers and sailors asylum, creating the blueprint for future VA hospitals; and
WHEREAS, In 1917, the United States Congress established a new system for veterans benefits, expanding services and providing soldiers returning from World War I with access to newly established hospitals that specifically addressed the needs of veterans; and

WHEREAS, After World War II, the population of veterans increased, leading the United States Congress to enact new benefits for veterans and to the modernization of the VA; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, the United States Congress recognized the mental health needs of veterans who had returned from Vietnam and created Vet Centers to provide mental health and readjustment services to veterans; and

WHEREAS, Vet Centers provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to eligible veterans in order to help the veteran make a successful readjustment to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Vet Centers provide veterans, service members, and their families with readjustment counseling including individual and group counseling, family counseling, bereavement counseling, military sexual trauma counseling and referral, and substance abuse assessment and referral, and with other medical and social services to assist veterans; and

WHEREAS, Separate from VA sites to ensure confidentiality of services and easy access to care, Vet Centers are located within the community to best serve veterans, service members, and their families; and

WHEREAS, There are currently five Vet Centers in New Jersey, none of which are located in the northwestern part of the State; and

WHEREAS, As of September 30, 2020, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs has estimated that about 40,000 veterans reside in Morris, Sussex, Warren, and Hunterdon counties; and

WHEREAS, The lack of a Vet Center in the northwestern part of the State creates a burden on veterans, service members, and their families who are forced to travel long distances or travel out of State to receive much needed mental health services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee in the Township of Montville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey respectfully urges the federal Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a Vet Center in Northwestern New Jersey and other underserved areas across the country.

REGULAR MEETING OF MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes - April 25, 2023

Motion by Conklin second by Witty to adopt Resolution 2023-174

Roll Call: Yes - Witty, Cook, Conklin, Kayne No – 0 Absent - Cooney

Motion by Conklin second by Witty to adjourn

All in favor – Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT at 8:46pm

Approved:
Montville Township Committee

Stacy Sullivan-Gruca, Township Clerk

Matthew S. Kayne, Mayor

ADJOURNMENT

Regular Meeting: May 9, 2023 at 7pm