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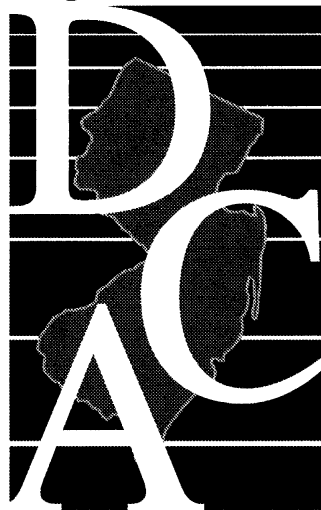
Montgomery Township Fire District # 1
(Fire District name and number)

Fire District Budget

www.montgomerybofc1.org

(Fire District Web Address)

Department Of



**Community
Affairs**

Division of Local Government Services

2020 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

Certification Section

2020

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

(Fire District Name and Number)

FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

For Division Use Only

CERTIFICATION OF APPROVED BUDGET

It is hereby certified that the approved Budget made a part hereof complies with the requirements of law and the rules and regulations of the Local Finance Board, and approval is given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-11.

*State of New Jersey
Department of Community Affairs
Director of the Division of Local Government Services*

By: _____ Date: _____

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTED BUDGET

It is hereby certified that the adopted Budget made a part hereof has been compared with the approved Budget previously certified by the Division, and any amendments made thereto. This adopted Budget is certified with respect to such amendments and comparisons only.

*State of New Jersey
Department of Community Affairs
Director of the Division of Local Government Services*

By: _____ Date: _____

2020 PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

Montgomery Township Fire District No. 1

(Fire District Name and Number)

FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

It is hereby certified that the Fire District Budget, including the annual budget and all schedules attached thereto, represents the Board of Commissioners' resolve with respect to statute in that: all estimates of revenues, including the amount to be raised by taxation to support the district budget, are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated; all items of appropriation are properly set forth; and in itemization, form and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the Fire District.

It is further certified that all proposed budgeted amounts and totals are correct. Also, I hereby provide reasonable assurance that all assertions contained herein are accurate and all required schedules are completed and attached.

Preparer's Signature:			
Name:	Eric M. Perkins		
Title:	Board Attorney		
Address:	9 Dogwood Lane, Skillman, N.J. 08558		
Phone Number:	609 947-3617	Fax Number:	
E-mail address:	eandsperkins@gmail.com		

2020 PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION OTHER ASSETS

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 (Fire District Name and Number)

FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

It is hereby certified that operating appropriations, as reported in this annual budget on Page F-3, for the acquisition of Other Assets not included as Capital Outlays are Non-Bondable Assets. The Board of Commissioners has determined that the aforementioned Other Asset appropriation(s) do not meet the criteria for bonding pursuant to the Local Bond Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 2-1 et. seq.) and more specifically, as it pertains to the expected useful life of the asset, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-21.

It is further certified that the Other Asset appropriation(s) as reported herein have been determined not to be Capital Assets pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-84 and 40A:14-85. Therefore, the election has been made to treat such Other Assets as Operating Appropriations: Current Operating Expenses, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-78.6.

Preparer's Signature:			
Name:	Eric M. Perkins		
Title:	Board Attorney		
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E-mail address:	eandsperkins@gmail.com		

2020 APPROVAL CERTIFICATION

Montgomery Township Fire District No. 1 (Fire District Name and Number)

FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

It is hereby certified that the Fire District Budget, including all schedules appended hereto, are a true copy of the Annual Budget approved by resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District, at an open public meeting held pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.4, on the 12th day of December , 2019.

It is further certified that the recorded vote appearing in the resolution represents not less than a majority of the full membership of the Board of Commissioners thereof.

Officer's Signature:			
Name:	Michael Parise		
Title:	Clerk of the Board		
Address:	PO Box 130 Belle Mead, N.J. 08502		
Phone Number:	(908)359-6511	Fax Number:	
E-mail address:	commissioners@mtvfc1.org		

FIRE DISTRICT INTERNET WEBSITE CERTIFICATION

Fire District's Web Address:	www.montgomerybofc1.org
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All fire districts shall maintain either an Internet website or a webpage on the municipality's Internet website. The purpose of the website or webpage shall be to provide increased public access to the Fire District's operations and activities. N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70.2 requires the following items to be included on the Fire District's website at a minimum for public disclosure. Check the boxes below to certify the Fire District's compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70.2.

- A description of the Fire District's mission and responsibilities
- Commencing with 2013, the budgets for the current fiscal year and immediately two prior years
- The most recent Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Unaudited) or similar financial information
- Commencing with 2012, the annual audits of the most recent fiscal year and immediately two prior years
- The Fire District's rules, regulations and official policy statements deemed relevant by the commissioners to the interests of the residents within the district
- Notice posted pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act" for each meeting of the commissioners, setting forth the time, date, location and agenda of each meeting
- Beginning January 1, 2013, the approved minutes of each meeting of the commissioners including all resolutions of the commissioners and their committees; for at least three consecutive fiscal years
- The name, mailing address, electronic mail address and phone number of every person who exercises day-to-day supervision or management over some or all of the operations of the Fire District
- A list of attorneys, advisors, consultants and any other person, firm, business, partnership, corporation or other organization which received any remuneration of \$17,500 or more during the preceding fiscal year for any service whatsoever rendered to the Fire District, but shall not include volunteers receiving benefits under a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP).

It is hereby certified by the below authorized representative of the Fire District that the Fire District's website or webpage as identified above complies with the minimum statutory requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70.2 as listed above. A check in each of the above boxes signifies compliance.

Name of Officer Certifying compliance

_Michael Parise

Title of Officer Certifying compliance

_Board Clerk

Signature

2020 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Montgomery Township Fire District No. 1

(Fire District Name and Number)

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget for the Montgomery Township Fire District No. 2 (the “Fire District”) for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 has been presented before the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at its open public meeting of December 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the budget as introduced is in compliance with the Property Tax Levy Cap Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.44 et. seq.) *[Include the following as appropriate: [includes a proposed public referendum in the amount of \$___N/A_____ in excess of the allowable amount to be raised by taxation][includes a proposed public referendum in the amount of \$___N/A_____ as an appropriation from restricted fund balance to be used as budget revenue]]*; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$1,173,880 which includes an amount to be raised by taxation of \$964,100, and Total Appropriations of \$1,173,880; and

WHEREAS, the amount to be raised by taxation to support the district budget shall be the amount to be certified to the assessor of the municipality to be assessed against the taxable property in the district, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-79. Such amount shall be equal to the amount of the total appropriations set forth in the budget minus the total amount surplus and miscellaneous revenues set forth in the budget; and

WHEREAS, in calculating the amount to be raised by taxation, the Fire District has taken into account the assessed valuation of taxable property in the Fire District;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District, at an open public meeting held on December 10, 2019 that the Annual Budget, including all related schedules, of the Fire District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the anticipated revenues as reflected in the Annual Budget are of sufficient amount to meet all proposed expenditures/expenses and all covenants, terms and provisions as stipulated in the Fire District's outstanding debt obligations, capital lease arrangements, service contracts, and other pledged agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District will consider the Annual Budget for adoption on January 14, 2020.

(Secretary’s Signature)

12/10/19
(Date)

Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
W. Spohn	XX			
T. Karsay	XX			
W. Hyncik	XX			
M. Parise	XX			
E. Lemon	XX			

2020 ADOPTION CERTIFICATION

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT 1

(Fire District Name and Number)

FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

It is hereby certified that the Fire District Budget annexed hereto is a true copy of the Budget adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.4, on the 14th day of January, 2020.

Officer's Signature:			
Name:	Michael Parise		
Title:	Board Clerk		
Address:	PO Box 130 Belle Mead N.J. 08502		
Phone Number:	908 359-6511	Fax Number:	
E-mail address:	commissioners@mtvfc1.org		

2020 ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION

Montgomery Township Fire District 1 (Fire District Name and Number)

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget for the Montgomery Township Fire District No. 1 (the “Fire District”) for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, has been presented for adoption before the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at its open public meeting of January 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the adopted budget is in compliance with the Property Tax Levy Cap Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.44 et. seq.) *[Include as appropriate: [includes a proposed public referendum in the amount of \$ _N/A_____ in excess of the allowable amount to be raised by taxation][includes a proposed public referendum in the amount of \$ _N/A_____ as an appropriation from restricted fund balance to be used as budget revenue]]*; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects Total Revenues of \$ 1,173,880, which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$964,100, and Total Appropriations of \$1,173,880; and

WHEREAS, an election shall be held annually on the third Saturday of February (only if required) in each established fire district to determine the amount to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at an open public meeting held on January 14, 2020 that the Annual Budget of the Fire District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, is hereby adopted and, *[subject to the proposed referendum being approved by 50 percent of the voters]* shall constitute appropriations for the purposes stated and authorization of Total Revenues of \$1,173,880, which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$964,100, and Total Appropriations of \$1,173,880; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an annual election shall be held on the third Saturday of February (only if required) to determine the amount to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year. The results of which shall be subsequently certified to the Division and the Municipal Assessor.

(Secretary’s Signature)

(Date)

Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
William Spohn				
Tom Karsay				
William Hyncik				
Mike Parise				
Eric Lemon				

2020 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

Narrative and Information Section

2020 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET MESSAGE & ANALYSIS

Montgomery Township Fire District No. 1

(Fire District Name and Number)

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

Answer all questions below. Attach additional pages and schedules as needed.

1. When is the Fire District's annual election? (February and/or November) If November, was the resolution submitted to the Division? **February**
2. Complete a brief statement on the 2020 proposed Annual Budget and make comparison to the 2019 adopted budget.
The Fire District operational revenues and expenditures are consistent with the 2019 budget. No capital outlays are proposed
3. **Explain any variances over +/-10% for each line item.** Attach any supporting documentation that will help to explain the reason for the increase/decrease in the budgeted line item. **No line items have increased over 10%. The five decreases in excess of 10% indicated in page F1 are all a consequence of the one time fund balance utilization in the 2019 in the amount of \$1,547,000 for the purchase of a new piece of fire apparatus.**
4. Complete a brief statement on the impact the proposed Annual Budget will have on the Amount to be Raised by Taxation, the use of the Restricted and Unrestricted Fund Balance(s) and how they are complying with the Property Tax Levy Cap. If Unrestricted Fund Balance is reduced by more than 10%, explain the projected impact on the following year's budget.
5. Does the Fire District plan on exceeding the Levy Cap? If so, please provide a statement with the reasons for exceeding the Levy Cap and identify the appropriations that caused the Fire District to exceed the Levy Cap, and how they are being addressed by a referendum. **The District does not plan to exceed the Levy Cap.**
6. If the Fire District plans to pass a Resolution for the Release of Restricted Fund Balance to be used in the 2020 proposed operating budget, explain the reason and purposes of the appropriation.
The District does not intend to pass a Resolution for the release of any part of the Restricted Fund Balance
7. Complete a brief statement on the Annual Budget's proposed capital appropriations including debt service for the proposed budget year and for future years. **The District does not propose any capital appropriations in the proposed budget year.**
8. If the proposed Annual Budget contains an amount for a Cash Deficit of the Preceding Year pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.6, then explain the reasons for the occurrence of the deficit. **None**
9. Does the Annual Budget appropriate such sums as it may deem necessary for the purchase of first aid, ambulance, rescue, or other emergency vehicles, equipment, supplies and materials for use by a duly incorporated association, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-85.1? If so, provide the organization's incorporated name and amounts.

10. Complete the following based on the municipal assessor's latest information pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-35:

Total Assessed Valuation of District	\$1,951,087,079
Proposed Tax Rate per \$100 of Assessed Valuation	\$0.049

11. Is the Fire District providing for a first-year funding appropriation to establish a length of service award program (LOSAP) in this year's budget subject to public referendum thereof?

No	XX	Yes		If yes, how much is appropriated?	\$
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If the public question is defeated, is the Board of Commissioners aware that the budget must be amended to delete the LOSAP appropriation amount and that the Amount to be Raised by Taxation to Support the Budget must be reduced by a like amount?

No		Yes	
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FIRE DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION

2020

Please complete the following information regarding this Fire District. All information requested below must be completed.

Name of Fire District:	Montgomery Township Fire District No. 1		
Address:	P.O. Box 130		
City, State, Zip:	Belle Mead	NJ	08502
Phone: (ext.)	908 359-6511	Fax:	
Fire District E-mail:	commissioners@mtvfc1.org		

Preparer's Name:	Eric M. Perkins		
Preparer's Address:	9 Dogwood Lane,		
City, State, Zip:	Skillman	NJ	08558
Phone: (ext.)	609 947-3617	Fax:	
E-mail:	eandsperkins@gmail.com		

Chairman:	William Spohn		
Phone: (ext.)	908 359-6511	Fax:	
E-mail:	commissioners@mtvfc1.org		

Secretary/Treasurer:	Michael Parise		
Phone: (ext.)	908-359-6511	Fax:	
E-mail:	commissioners@mtvfc1.org		

Name of Auditor:	Patrick Tierney, CPA		
Name of Firm:	Solitario & Tierney CPA PLLC		
Address:	206 Ridgecrest Avenue		
City, State, Zip:	Staten Island	NY	10312
Phone: (ext.)	718-415-7118	Fax:	866-304-7393
E-mail:	STCPAPLLC@gmail.com		

FIRE DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Montgomery Township Fire District No. 1

(Fire District Name and Number)

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

Answer all questions below completely and attach additional information as required.

- 1) Provide the number of regular voting members of the governing body: 5
- 2) Provide the number of alternate voting members of the governing body: 0
- 3) Did any current or former commissioner or officer have a family or business relationship with any other current or former commissioner or officer during the current fiscal year? YES *If "yes," attach a description of the relationship including the names of the individuals involved and their positions at the Fire District.*
- 4) Did all individuals that were required to file a Financial Disclosure Statement for the current fiscal year because of their relationship with the Fire District file the form as required? YES *If "no," provide a list of those individuals who failed to file a Financial Disclosure Statement and an explanation as to the reason for their failure to file.*
- 5) Does the Fire District have any amounts receivable from current or former commissioners, officers, or employees? NO *If "yes," attach a list of those individuals, their position, the amount receivable, and a description of the amount due to the Fire District.*
- 6) Was the Fire District a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties:
 - a. A current or former commissioner, officer, or employee? Yes
 - b. A family member of a current or former commissioner, officer, or employee? Yes
 - c. An entity of which a current or former commissioner, officer, or employee (or family member thereof) was an officer or direct or indirect owner? YES*If the answer to any of the above is "yes," attach a description of the transaction including the name of the commissioner, officer, or employee (or family member thereof) of the Fire District; the name of the entity and relationship to the individual or family member; the amount paid; and whether the transaction was subject to a competitive bid process.*
- 7) Did the Fire District provide any of the following to or for a commissioner, officer, or any other employee of the Fire District:
 - a. First class or charter travel No
 - b. Travel for companions No
 - c. Tax indemnification and gross-up payments No
 - d. Discretionary spending account No
 - e. Housing allowance or residence for personal use No
 - f. Payments for business use of personal residence No
 - g. Vehicle/auto allowance or vehicle for personal use No
 - h. Health or social club dues or initiation fees No
 - i. Personal services (i.e.: maid, chauffeur, chef) No*If the answer to any of the above is "yes," attach a description of the transaction including the name and position of the individual and the amount expended.*

FIRE DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE (CONTINUED)

Montgomery Township Fire District No. 1 (Fire District Name and Number)

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

- 8) Attach a list of the Fire District's vehicles including make, model and year, and indicate to whom the vehicles are assigned and their positions. If a vehicle is not assigned to a specific individual and is available to all authorized District personnel, indicate "motor pool."
- 9) Did the Fire District make any payments to current or former commissioners or employees for severance or termination? No *If "yes," attach explanation including amount paid.*
- 10) Did the Fire District make any payments to current or former commissioners or employees that were contingent upon the performance of the Fire District or that were considered discretionary bonuses? No *If "yes," attach explanation including amount paid.*
- 11) Does the Fire District contract with another entity (i.e.: volunteer fire company, neighboring municipality, etc.) to provide fire protection or EMS services within the Fire District? Yes
- 12) If the answer to #11 above is "yes," did the Fire District execute a written agreement with the entity that details the services that the entity will provide and the amount to be paid by the Fire District to the entity for the services provided? *If "yes," attach a copy of the agreement. If "no," attach a description of the arrangement for services with the entity including the services provided and the basis for the amount paid by the Fire District to the entity. Also explain why the Fire District does not have a formal written agreement with the entity.*
- 13) Does the Fire District have a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) plan? Yes *If "yes," indicate a) the year it was implemented; b) the total number of volunteer members presently eligible to participate; c) the total number of volunteer members presently vested; d) whether the annual contribution for each vested member is fixed or based on an automatic increase; e) the total LOSAP budgeted for the current year; and f) whether the Fire District has required the Plan Contractor to submit its annual financial statement to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.49.*

See page N 3 Supplemental

FIRE DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICERS
Montgomery Township Fire District No. 1
(Fire District Name and Number)

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

Complete the attached table for all persons required to be listed per #1-2 below.

- 1) List all of the Fire District's current commissioners and officers and amount of compensation from the Fire District and any other public entities as defined below. Enter zero if no compensation was paid.
- 2) List all of the Fire District's former commissioners and officers who received more than \$10,000 in reportable compensation from the Fire District and any other public entities during the most recent fiscal year completed.

Commissioner: A member of the governing body of the Fire District with voting rights. Include alternates for purposes of this schedule.

Officer: A person elected or appointed to manage the Fire District's daily operations at any time during the year, such as the chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, or treasurer. For the purposes of this schedule, treat the Fire District's top management official and top financial official as officers, if applicable. A member of the governing body may be both a commissioner and an officer for the purposes of this schedule.

Compensation: All forms of cash and non-cash payments or benefits provided in exchange for services, including salaries and wages, bonuses, severance payments, deferred payments, retirement benefits, fringe benefits, and other financial arrangements or transactions such as personal vehicles, meals, housing, personal and family education benefits, below-market loans, payment of personal or family travel, entertainment, and personal use of the Fire District's property. Compensation includes payments and other benefits provided to both employees and independent contractors in exchange for services.

Reportable compensation: The aggregate compensation that is reported (or is required to be reported) on Form W-2, box 1 or 5, whichever amount is greater, and/or Form 1099-MISC, box 7, for the calendar year 2018.

Other Public Entity: Any municipality, county, local authority, fire district, or other government unit, regardless of whether it is related in any way to the Fire District either by function or by physical location.

William Spohn, Chairperson, Commissioner	No Compensation
Tom Karsay, Vice Chairperson, Commissioner	No Compensation
Eric Lemon, Commissioner	No Compensation
Michael Parise Clerk, Commissioner	No Compensation
William Hyncik, Treasurer, Commissioner	No Compensation

2020 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

Financial Schedules Section