

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montgomery held in the Meeting Room at 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549 on Tuesday, **January 7, 2014** at 7:30 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels , Trustee Andolsek; Trustee Hembury; Trustee Lindner; Atty. Dowd; Village Clerk Rivera-Stanley; Deputy Police Chief Walsh; Maria Beltrametti, Marc Devitt, Elizabeth DeMeo.

Mayor Brescia opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**RE: MINUTES**

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the minutes of December 4, 2013. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board approved the minutes of December 17, 2013. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: ABSTRACT NO. 12-13**

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, all bills listed on ABSTRACT No. 12-2013 were audited and approved for payment, with \$ 482,876.64 from the General Fund, \$ 15,658.00 from the Water Fund, \$ 27,739.54 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$ 2,183,059.98 Check Nos. : 45822 - 45934. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Benedict reported a CASH BALANCE for the month ending December 31, 2013 as follows: General Fund \$ 1,655,978.28, Water Fund \$ 299,082.06, Sewer Fund \$ 227,999.64.

**RE: DPW GARAGE/OFFICE BIDS**

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Deputy Mayor, the Board approved to advertise notices to bid for DPW Garage/Office Spray Foam Insulation and Electrical Material List with a bid opening date of January 21, 2014 at 10:00 am at the Village Hall. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: DEPARTMENTS REPORTS**

Mayor Brescia said the weather is working in our favor with the DPW Garage construction the roof is on, sheathed and the shingles. The windows are next. DPW Supt. Nelson said the firewall is continuing today. The siding delivery is moved back by a week due to the block arriving for the firewall. It is all moving along nicely. All the purchases are going on the Pcard. The snow budget is getting hit with the storm and ice storm on Sunday; it was almost all night and constant. I have never seen this in twenty five years with the drastic weather changes, having to salt at fifty degrees. I am working on the budget to be submitted next month. The union contract is coming up and it is a part of the budget that I am still working on. Mayor Brescia inquired on the River Street

drainage progress. Atty. Dowd reported he is working on the release agreement with the Sharpe's. DPW Supt. Nelson said the Sharpe's are ready to start as soon as Monday after an adjustment is made to the release agreement. We are looking at ten (10) days to completion barring no watermain breaks. We could possibly have a small watermain break we are losing a small amount of water somewhere. Viking Heights is usually our problem area due to the development built all on shale. Trustee Lindner inquired about having the Wesley Hall roof looked at for a possible leak. Mayor Brescia said Wesley Hall received \$ 2,000 in grant funding for windows. DPW Supt. Nelson said he will check on the Wesley Hall roof and start on the windows. The repairs to the Wesley Hall siding are being addressed. Mayor Brescia said the Village Hall Handicap ramp posts are also in need of repair. The Village Hall rosettes are painted and looking better, the Board agreed.

Deputy Police Chief Walsh reported three of the four F/T Police Officer's are near the end of their field training period and anticipates most of them successfully completing in the allotted one hundred and sixty hours. The fourth Full Timer is due to graduate from the Orange County Police Academy on February 7, 2014. He will enter field training at the end of the first two F/T Officer's going into the field to start patrols. The two of the four laptops we received through an Orange County Grant have finally been installed. We have had some scheduling issues with the company. I anticipate the last two Laptops to be installed soon. The F/T Police Officer's are working eight hour shifts and overlapping with the six hour shifts that the P/T Police Officer's work.

#### **RE: RIVER STREET DRAINAGE AGREEMENT**

Motion moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved the RIVER STREET DRAINAGE agreement contingent upon Atty. Dowd and DPW Supt. Nelson working out the final details with the Sharpe's. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

#### **RE: LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Deputy Police Chief Walsh reported having a leave of absence request from P/T Police Officer Jakaitis for 60 day for a Family Emergency beginning January 7<sup>th</sup> through March 7, 2014. Deputy Police Chief Walsh has reviewed and is in agreement with the request for the leave of absence.

Motion moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved a leave of absence of 60 days for Police Officer Jakaitis, January 7<sup>th</sup> through March 7, 2014. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

#### **RE: RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO TOWN OF MONTGOMERY'S "A FUND" TAX INCREASE ON VILLAGE RESIDENTS**

Motion moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted a resolution objecting to the Town of Montgomery's "A Fund" Tax increase on Village Resident's. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nayes.

**RE: DIGITAL RECORDER**

Motion moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the purchase of a digital recorder in the amount of \$ 229.00 for the use of all four (4) Boards. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: ADDITIONAL WINDOW VALANCES – NEW WINDOWS INSTALLED**

Motion moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the Window Wear by Gina LLC proposal in the amount of \$ 2,320.00 to install eight window valances in Judges Chambers and the Court Clerk's office. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE WITH NOTICE OF TERMINATION**

Motion moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted a resolution to continue with the Notice of Termination of Tylor Woznick, effective January 10, 2014 as a result of absence from work for one year or more due to a work related injury, pursuant to the provisions of New York State Civil Service Law §71. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: PUBLIC PORTION**

Marc Devitt informed the Board of a public informational meeting regarding the Chandler Lane Project on January 8, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center and extended an invitation to the Board as well.

Marc Devitt informed the Board of Chris Mason from Fox Hill Communities that are working with the Town of Montgomery and Town of Montgomery Police Department on installing a permanent back up generator; they currently use mobile generators for power failures. Mayor Brescia and the Board agree the Village is interested in purchasing a permanent back up generator. DPW Supt. Nelson said the gas line to the Senior Center from Charles Street would need to be upgraded to install a permanent generator for the Village.

**RE: EVENTS**

The St. Patrick's Ramble reception is going well; it is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2014 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Senior Center. The second Annual St. Patrick's Ramble Day Parade is on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 1:00 pm.

**RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board entered to EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:59 pm under Public Officers Law §7(f) to discuss office of personnel and §7(e) to discuss collective negotiations between the Village of Montgomery and Village of Montgomery Police Benevolent Association pursuant to the Taylor Law with Deputy Police Chief Walsh, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Rivera-Stanley in attendance. Moved carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Trustee Lindner and seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board went out of EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:34 pm. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: PERSONNEL/OFFICE HOURS**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved a salary changes for Treasurer Benedict to \$24.00 an hour, Village Clerk Rivera-Stanley to \$23.00 an hour and Deputy Village Clerk Murphy to \$14:00 an hour. The Village Hall Office hours changed from 9:00 am to 4pm to 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Treasurer's office hours remain at 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Deputy Mayor, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

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Monserate Rivera-Stanley, Village Clerk