

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, April 15, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury (absent), Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Rivera-Stanley, Maria Beltrametti, Brain Briere, Rachel Coleman, Marc Devitt, Building Inspector Yancewicz

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

RE: MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the meeting minutes of March 4, 2014. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the meeting minutes of March 18, 2014. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Deputy Mayor, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the ATTACHED lists of Annual Appointments for FY 2014-2015 were approved. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: FY 2014-2015 TAX WARRANT

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted a Resolution to Relevy FY-2014-2015 Taxes and to Grant Execution of the Tax Warrant by the Mayor and the Clerk. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: TRAFFIC SIGN ON CONROY AVENUE

Mayor Brescia asked the Clerk Rivera-Stanley to have DPW Supt. Nelson to put up signs on Conroy Avenue to slow down traffic. Children at play traffic sign.

RE: BLOCK PARTY

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved resident Carol Monroe of 90 Weaver Street permission to hold a block party with the same conditions we have for all block parties on May 24, 2014 at 2:00 pm thru 9:00 pm with a rain date of May 25th 2014. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: RESOLUTION FOR GRAND CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES TO APPLY FOR ORANGE COUNTY TOURISM GRANT

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board authorized Howard Garrett with Mayor Brescia to apply for the Orange County Tourism Grant in the amount of \$1900.00. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: USE OF SENIOR CENTER AT A DISCOUNTED RATE

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the use of the Senior Center by Heathers Child Place on June 20, 2014 at a reduced rate for the graduating class as granted in previous years. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: PUBLIC PORTION

Ms. Beltrametti said she is appalled by the whole budget process. On principle the budget being at three and half percent over the previous year and ignoring the tax cap. She said it is clear that the Board has paid themselves first. In legal services alone the increase is 17.7 percent. How is the Village Attorney paid by the hour or on retainer?

Attorney Dowd said the legal service line in the budget is comprised of a multiple of legal services other than his monthly retainer.

Mayor Brescia informed Ms. Beltrametti that Attorney Dowd did not receive an increase in his retainer for the 2014-2015 Budget.

Ms. Beltrametti does not understand why and how legal fees could possibly cost so much.

Trustee Lindner said the legal fees the Village has is with union issues that are on going.

Ms. Beltrametti said that is extraordinary.

Mayor Brescia said the cost of legal fees change as the need arises, such as grievances from the Police Department or the DPW. There is no exact figure, it varies.

Ms. Beltrametti said the Village Engineer, what is it at lately, up 6.7 percent? The Village Board increases are at 3.6 percent. So you have paid yourselves first which is like a company out of obligation of property. You are here to serve the people; you should pay yourselves last if anything at all and only if there is a surplus. I just want that to be part of the record.

The Mayor said that Ms. Beltrametti made an inaccurate statement about the Wallkill Valley Times, and the Village not passing the Budget. The passing of the budget is recorded and will be played back for clarification.

Ms. Beltrametti said she was present and did not hear that.

Village Clerk Rivera-Stanley played back the motion passing the 2014-2015 budget aloud to be heard by all present.

The recording of the Regular Meeting minutes of April 1, 2014.

RE: ADPOTION OF THE FY 2014-2015 BUDGET

Moved by Trustee Linder, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted the FY 2014-2015 Budget. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Mayor Brescia said that is the motion there. Apparently you did not hear it. It was very clear. When making statements to the record, you might want to check with the Clerk first. I would appreciate you not make statements to the Wallkill Valley Times or any other paper if they are not true.

Ms. Beltrametti said, why have due dates of May first for the Budget if you are going to ignore what came up in a hearing.

Mayor Brescia said we took note of what you had to say.

Ms. Beltrametti said her concerns were ignored completely. The Budget was passed.

Mayor Brescia said the Public Hearing was posted and takes action based on the majority of the public. He asked if there were any other concerns.

No response was made by those present.

Deputy Mayor Scheels said the Easter Hunt was on Saturday at Veterans Memorial Park. I thought it was horrendous to find purple bags with poop in them. Where there was going to be little children. I was appalled to see this.

Ms. Beltrametti said it was not of her doing.

Deputy Mayor Scheels said it is all those bags Ms. Beltrametti is leaving all over the Village.

Mayor Brescia said maybe someone picked them up and put them down at the park. He asked if there is anything else from the public.

Brain Briere, resident of 193 Clinton Street said he is the voice of the people, and has received complaints about the purple bags left around the Village, and isn't sure of who is doing that. The people coming to him are walking their dogs and have been cognizant of picking up after there dogs waste. It is time to stop leaving purple bags around the Village.

Ms. Beltrametti wanted to explain her reasons for doing what she is.

Mr. Briere said he was not addressing her but addressing the Village Board with this concern. Everyone is complaining about these bags being left along the sidewalks as well as myself. These bags are not biodegradable.

RE: BUDGET TRANSFERS

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the Budget Adjustments of:

\$ 100.00 from Shared Services Contractual to Shared Services Overtime.

\$ 1000.00 from Parks and Recreation Equipment to Parks and Recreation Contractual.

\$ 10,000.00 from Basketball Contractual to Basketball Personal Service

Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

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 the employment history of a particular individual with the Building Inspector, Village Clerk Rivera-Stanley, Attorney Dowd in attendance. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek the Board went out of executive session at 8.06 pm. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: BOARD OF ETHIC RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board agreed the Building Inspector Yancewicz will not do work in the Village of Montgomery as of the close of business effective April 15, 2014. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Linder, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Stanley, Village Clerk