

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

Present: Mayor Brescia, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Rivera-Stanley, DPW Supt. Nelson, Police Chief Walsh, Mary Ann Lindner, Maria Beltrametti, Theresa Butler, Rachel Coleman, Marc Devitt, Johanna Sweikata, June Buckley, Andrew Roepe, Don

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 meeting minutes of September 16, 2014. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: REQUEST TO MEET WITH THE BOARD**

Theresa Butler, CEO of Middletown Community Health Center, Inc. requested a letter of support for a new proposed site in the Town of Montgomery on Route 208.

MCHC is seeking grant funding from HRSA's FY 2015 New Access Point (NAP). The funding is to provide primary Care services in Montgomery, NY and the surrounding areas. Through this grant, MCHC will be able to bring Internal Medicine, including Behavioral Health and Podiatry, Pediatrics and Dental services to this community.

MCHC is committed to quality healthcare, offering a comprehensive range of services and programs to help patients maintain optimal health and quality of life. MCHC wishes to open a facility closer to these patients and reduce the existing barrier to quality care.

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved the request of a letter of support for a HRSA New Access point Grant to help MCHC provide care services to the Montgomery Community with a new proposed site on Rte 208. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: ABSTRACT NO. 09-2014**

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board all bills listed on ABSTRACT NO.09-2014 were audited and approved for payment with \$275,757.38 from the General Fund, \$ 10,841.10 from the Water Fund, \$ 28,616.41 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$ 315,214.89. Check No: 46876 - 47005. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Benedict reported a CASH BALANCE for the month of September 30, 2014, as follows: General Fund \$ 2,452,862.55, Water Fund \$ 321,409.85, Sewer Fund \$254,536.81.

## **RE: REPORTS**

Trustee Hembury reported on the Car show, it went well with 90 cars entered. It cost \$ 15.00 per entry and \$ 10.00 back in Village businesses gift certificates. The comments were on the unique cars, some have never seen before. There were no incidents and look forward to next years show.

DPW Supt. Nelson reported on the water issues. The weather being as been dry it has been. We are ok for now. Our Jacobson Street well pumps 80,000 gallons a day and it is down to 25,000 a day. We are putting the summer wells into use which has sulfur in it. We are working on it with chemicals. They have not been in service for a few years because we have had plenty of water. If there is no rain by the first frost we are in trouble. Hopefully it does not get worse.

Mayor Brescia asked DPW Supt. Nelson to keep the Board apprised there is a need to issue an emergency report on water shortage. Our water usage is down, no one is water there lawns. We should be fine with our back up wells. We may need to issue a water conservation report if we do not get any rain. This also causes issues with sulfur and reddish colored water, especially down around Marron Court. It may be that way for about a month or two, until we get some rain.

The paving on Mason Street is pretty much complete after all the new gas lines on the lower section have gone done.

DPW Supt. Nelson requested an extension on his vacation time for a period of sixty days.

## **RE: VACATION TIME EXTENDED**

Move by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approve to extend vacation time for DPW Supt. Nelson for sixty days. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Police Chief Walsh reported on the Federal COPS grant application for funding the school resource officer. We did not get the initial funding. However, our application is still pending. There is still a slight chance, only seventeen percent change was awarded. Newburgh was awarded four positions. We should hear in the next four months.

We sent the lieutenant to Nar Camp training, training for trainers. We are in the process of training all our staff by next week. We should be able to deploy Nar Camp as needed to someone who is suffering from opium overdose.

Mayor Brescia said we should try to host a community event to educate the public about the heroine over doses. I know other communities like the Foxhill; Brooder Hoff's have been involved these type of events and maybe reach out to other groups, such as drug and alcohol abuse counsel as well. Hosting the seminar at the senior center would best. Theresa Butler from Community Health Center would be more than will to participate also. Let us try and put something together in the next few months. Thank you Theresa for being will to help.

**RE: APPROVE MEDICAL BUYOUT**

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved the medical buyout for James Coscette effective October 1, 2014 with the first payment on January 1, 2015 at \$500.00 per quarter with a maximum of \$2000.00 a year and proof of health insurance coverage. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR THE SENIOR DINING PROGRAM**

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted a resolution for the use of the senior center for the senior dining program. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR MARCH 18, 2015 GENERAL ELECTION DESIGNATING OFFICES TO BE FILLED AND TERM OF OFFICE**

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted a resolution the March 18, 2015 General Election Designating Offices to be filled and the term of office – Mayor (1), Term 4 Years; Trustee's (2), Term 4 Years. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: NAME LITTLE LEAGUE STORAGE BUILDING AFTER RICHARD DEGROAT**

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved naming the Little League Storage Building after Richard DeGroat. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: CUB SCOUT PACK 30 REQUEST USE OF THE SENIOR CENTER AT NO CHARGE**

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved Cub Scout pack 30 use of the Senior Center at no charge on Sunday, October 26, 2014 for a Halloween party; Friday, December 12, 2014 for a Christmas party; Friday, February 20, 2015 and Sunday, February 21 for the Pinewood Derby with a snow date of Sunday, February 22, 2015 with the stipulation that is a paying event takes precedence, there events can be moved to the recreation center and the proper insurance naming the Village as an additional insurer is provided. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: 4H REQUEST USE OF THE RECREATION CENTER**

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved 4H use of the Recreation Center on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm to 8:30, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 thru May 2015 pm at no charge and with stipulation there are no conflicting schedules with little league. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY**

Village Offices will be closed Monday, October 13, 2014 in Observance of Columbus Day.

**RE PUBLIC PORTION**

Mayor Brescia addressed the public for any comments.

No comments heard from the public, silence.

Mayor Brescia addressed the previous concerns of Ms. Beltrametti regarding the Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2014. The recording was reviewed by Trustee Andolsek and myself, there was no public portion on June 17, 2014.

The Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2014 the Village Clerk summarized a lengthy discussion by you and you said we should not have printed your private business.

Ms. Beltrametti stated she wanted clarification because usually if there is no inclusion of the public portion in the minutes, then why is my story included in the minutes. I'm sure it is the wrong meeting.

Trustee Andolsek said it is not the wrong recording we listened to the tape of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Brescia said it was summarized from a lengthy discussion that I should not have entertained because it was a private civil matter. I should have not entertained it at a Board meeting and I think it was summarized quite adequately. I suggest if you do not want something stated in our minutes then you should not say anything in an open public meeting. Everything you said could have been put in those minutes. Some places do it verbatim, we are only required to summarize. It is quite accurate what the Clerk did.

Ms. Beltrametti disagrees

Trustee Andolsek said the tapes are available for your review.

Mayor Brescia addressed the public for any additional comments.

June Buckley from the Humane Society in Walden is requesting to hold a dog parade on Sunday, October 11, 2015 from the dog park to Clinton Street Bandstand with live music and various vendors for the benefit of the shelter and to raise awareness on the service the shelter has to offer and pet ownership and care of pets. It would be around 1 pm.

Mayor Brescia said the Board willing to entertain a conceptual approval for the moment. It sounds like a good cause. We need to check for any conflicting events, such as the Taste of Montgomery.

Don Berger, resident of 158 Waters Edge is not sure of the protocol for getting on the agenda. I was under the assumption that I need a written statement to be placed on the agenda. I plan on attending future meetings on a regular basis.

Mayor Brescia said we run an informal meeting if you want to be on the agenda. If you want to speak on a particular item, we put on the beginning of the agenda. If you want to speak on something off the cuff, you will speak during the public portion; as you are right know.

Mr. Berger was informed the agenda was done.

Mayor Brescia said we receive the agenda's on the Friday's. Please submit your requests the Friday before. Our meetings go fairly quickly.

Mr. Berger stated is has a water issue with his new home as of June 28th on Waters Edge. I have spoken with my neighbors about it. I have had the DPW come down and explain things and I am not getting a lot of answers. The water is pretty poor down there, as you probably know. My question is what is the issue to a resolution to the problems? There is a filter head which you give to the residents on Waters Edge. I understand there is no protocol to issues the filters, when do you issue them. How often do you supply them? Is it every forty five, thirty days? What is it? No one seems to have an answer.

Mayor Brescia asked are we talking about the brown water situation. We do not have an exact protocol on that.

DPW Supt. Nelson stated I have people that have brown water problems while others do not. We have filters installed. Prior to having the water main's installation on Weaver Street some have said it is better. The people with filters want to continue using filters. They call me for a filter and set it up. They do not call for filters every thirty days. If you start losing some pressure and think you filter is getting plugged, we can supply new filters.

Mayor Brescia asked how many filters that we supply to residents down there?

DPW Supt. Nelson replied we supply about ten or twelve filters.

Mayor Brescia said he has not received any brown water complaints lately. Have you? We did get a few on Pleasant Avenue over a period of time and we put in a whole new ten in main down Weaver Street. It was expensive, \$300,000 deal.

DPW Supt. Nelson said Weaver has been pretty good, it just Myruski at the end. He is the first gets all the water rushing past him. When the wells shut off, it back feeds. What happens is it water is scouring the pipes. When water runs in one direction it builds up deposits. When the well shuts off you get a back flow and breaks off the tuberculation.

It only has to break off a minute amount to turn five thousand gallons of water completely brown. There are some problems there, as I said other do not have any issues on Waters Edge.

Mayor Brescia asked if the new water tower will help the issue a little bit.

DPW Supt. Nelson said no, it will not help. A new water main on Pleasant and River would be the next step to doing our water main replacement.

Mayor Brescia said that is not going to happen in the next year or two either. That new ten inch main on Pleasant cost \$300,000.

DPW Nelson said it cost about \$327, 000.

Mayor Brescia said it will take time.

Mr. Berger said since I have lived there the initial thing is that there is no water flow at all. If you have two faucets running it is impossible to do that, in my particular unit. I am at 158 Water Edge at the beginning of the cold a sac.

Mayor Brescia asked Andy, another resident that lives in that area, if he had a problem.

Mr. Roepe said he was not aware his neighbors would be here tonight and welcomed his new neighbor to the Village. He stated when he first moved here he had an issue and it have been mitigated a lot; that what seems to happen down there. It could be the different positions of the taps to the main. There are a lot of reasons why this is happening.

Mr. Berger said he noticed the sediment once and I called in the Village. My main issue is the pressure. I pulled the filter and it was black and filled with soot, it was disgusting.

DPW Supt. Nelson asked when was that last time it was replaced

Mr. Berger said is not sure. He has asked his neighbors and the only time they get a filter is when the call for one. There is no standing protocol to issuing filters and there should be, Steve. When I received the filter everything was fine through out the house, other than that there was no water. Tomorrow it will be two weeks.

DPW Supt. Nelson said we will have to judge it off that and see.

Mayor Brescia said I do not think we need to have a set protocol to issue a filter. Your issue is the pressure or the quality of the water?

Mr. Berger said the quality of the water is not good. My first issue was the pressure and the pressure being resolved with the new filter. There is still sediment in the water that should not happen.

DPW Supt. Nelson said that is why we flush hydrants. We have planned to flush hydrants in October but with the water shortage, we may not be able to. We will try to flush the dead ends as much as possible. There is always going to be an issue.

Mr. Berger said is there going to be a grand plan to resolve the issue.

Mayor Brescia said I would like to think there is, we can put one together. We plan on replacing the water mains. We still have one for two inch lines in the Village.

DPW Supt. Nelson said yes we do. Replacing those mains alleviated a lot of the problems.

Mayor Brescia said houses close to the water tower tend to have low water pressure also. We are always going to have certain issues Don. It just seems since you moved to the Village you get your tax bill, brown water and no water pressure.

In audible (room filled with laughter).

Mr. Berger asked DPW Supt. Nelson you are hand out a P5 filter?

DPW Supt. Nelson said yes, we get them from Scott Corner Paint and Hardware. Tim is great he gets them for us. Once you start losing your pressure it will be upstairs first, just call me.

Mayor Brescia stated his concern hearing about the water pressure after spending all this money for the water main. We did it jointly with the developer which saved the Village quite a bit of money. Let us put something together and we are open to suggestions.

Ms. Beltrametti expressed her concern about the street crossing guard directing traffic wearing a muscle shirt. I feel it so inappropriate. It should not be allowed in front of our school.

Mayor Brescia said we will take that under advisement and address that if need be. Ok, Thank you.

**RE: ADJOURNED**

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adjourned the meeting of October 7, 2014 at 8:05 pm. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

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Monserate Rivera-Stanley, Village Clerk