

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 February 21, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, Maria Beltrametti, Amanda Spadaro, Don Berger, J. David Stockburger, Kathie Stockburger, Brian Fitzpatrick

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

RE: REQUEST TO MEET WITH THE BOARD

Ms. Beltrametti voiced her displeasure in the manner in which the candidates are placed on the election ballot. Her feeling is that the ballot layout should list the candidates alphabetically and not in the order that the petitions are filed with the Village Clerk by date and time. Furthermore, the Clerk should not have to write in the time, a stamp should be used to record the time as well as the date.

Mayor Brescia stated the manner in which the petitions are accepted and recorded for the Village Election ballot layout is as it has been done historically. The methods used here is the same for the neighboring municipalities. There are a few that have different practices, however, the Village of Montgomery will continue to use the methods as the Village Clerks have done historically.

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez said, I will accept and record the Election Petitions in the manner that the Village of Montgomery has done historically. The ballot layout will be done as the petitions are received for the Village Election.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NAMES, ADDRESSES, OFFICES AND CANDIDATES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION ON MARCH 21, 2017 TO BE POSTED AND PUBLISHED

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to adopt a resolution designating the names addressed, offices and candidates for the General Election on March 21, 2017 to be posted and published.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted a resolution designating the names addressed, offices and candidates for the General Election on March 21, 2017 to be posted and published. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY LAMPOST INITIATIVE, IS A PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY PROJECT AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO BEGIN INSTALLATION OF VICTORIAN ERA LAMPOST LIGHTING IN THE DOWNTOWN HISTORIC AREA.

Brian Fitzpatrick stated this initiative is an extension of the Bandstand advisory committee, our goal is to reach beyond the Bandstand property to start looking at lighting. I have researched online for historic lamppost designs. The thought is to expand it onto Clinton Street and Union Street. Many small villages have done something similar, part of it is the Village government partnership with the local businesses. There are numerous funding grants available through the State, Federal and programs for Main Street Development initiatives. The other aspect is also with businesses possibly adopting a lamp post and or funding one with a family name or a group name placed on the lamp post. The estimated cost from Central Hudson was from \$800 to \$1,200 for a Victorian type lamp, obviously there is construction costs and installation. I have several funding thoughts

in mind as well as consolidated funding, CFA, was mentioned in the Master Plan, which is one of the largest funding applications in NY State.

Trustee Lindner suggested adding this initiative to the Master Plan, as I have just learned of from attending training. When pursuing funding through the State or Federal agencies, they look to see what is outlined in the Comprehensive Plan or Master Plan. It gives you extra points in your favor by doing so. During the concert season in late August it gets dark earlier, we then have minimal lighting from the bank. The thought is to start at the Bandstand and branch out from there. Our previous contact with CFA, it was said that our project was too small. Therefore, a \$150,000 proposal that would include several projects such as part of the parkland and the Bridge across the Wallkill River projects then CFA would be more receptive.

Mayor Brescia suggested to recommend the Lamppost Initiative to be included into the Master Plan.

Brian Fitzpatrick said there is a lot involved the Main Street Development Program.

Mayor Brescia said, we could probably fund one or two a year. You can come up with a design and see how it is favored. It should be comparable to Viking Heights & Rolling Meadows. Thank you Brain.

Brain Fitzpatrick mentions coming through Milford Pennsylvania, they have a seven minute video of the installation of 107 lamp posts. They went beyond Main Street and reached out to other streets.

Mayor Brescia said, we would have done something similar but the cost of aluminum is cheaper than cast iron, they were expensive.

Ms. Beltrametti suggested before spending any money, maybe we should straighten out the trash can situation on Clinton Street and Union Street. The condition of the trash cans that our eateries use, for the most part, there are some exceptions; the way they are left upside down on the Street. They are left that way all day, with nasty dirty bottoms, leaking out onto the sidewalks, the sidewalks need power washing.

Brian Fitzpatrick replied, I am not looking to spend Village money, the Initiative is to obtain grant funding. For example, in Cape May, NJ there is fencing connecting to parkland in there Bandstand area, there have trash cans connected to black wrought iron posts.

Ms. Beltrametti asked are the Streets clean.

Brain replied, yes.

Ms. Beltrametti mentioned, that the eateries receive trash pick-up four times a week and they do not pay anything because most of them are tenants. There is no discipline or care taken, it does not matter to them. Garrison's is the worst offender. They put their trash out on Thanksgiving and it still there until Monday.

Mayor Brescia stated, we have discussed this and you are correct about the charges for the businesses, they are not paying any additional for a third and fourth pick up of trash. We will certainly look at that.

RE: REQUEST USE OF THE MEETING ROOM

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to approve Friends of the Library requests use of the Meeting Room on Sunday, February 26th from 12 Noon to 5:00 pm for an afternoon of Zumba for small children, craft and light refreshments with the conditions that a certificate of insurance is provided listing the Village as the addition insured.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the Friends of the Library use of the Meeting Room on February 26th from 12 Noon to 5:00 pm for an afternoon of Zumba for small children, craft and light refreshments with the conditions that a certificate of insurance is provided listing the Village as the addition insured. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: BOARD MEETING CHANGED

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to change the Board of Trustees Meeting from Tuesday, March 21st to Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall.

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board changed the Board of Trustees meeting from Tuesday, March 21st to Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ST. PAT'S RAMBLE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

St. Pat's Ramble is on Saturday, March 18th beginning with the "Run for the Gold 5K race at 10:00 am, the Grand Marshal Mass is at 11:00 am with Pat Pskowski as the Grand Marshal, and the Parade is at 1:00 pm, (Parade Route: River St. - Union St. - Clinton Street)

RE: ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Trustee Hembury mentioned how well received the mock Board meeting scenario went that he conducted with the about eight Boy Scouts and their Scout Master, to learn how Village government operates. My wife Susan was asking them questions. They were not sure at first on how the process works but their requests consisted of an extra week off from school and a skate park. I told them we could not do that. They were good and they left with better understanding of Village government. In addition, I am hopeful to obtain the services through Howard Garrett to extend the music series to the Montgomery Nursing Home, the senior residents there are mostly home bound and I feel they would appreciate and enjoy it.

RE: BUDGET WORK SESSION

Trustee Lindner announces the Budget Work Session that is scheduled for Thursday, March 16th at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall.

Mayor Brescia stated that Jessica Cohen made some serious errors in her last article about the last Board meeting with respect to the tax cap. "It read, the Village was piercing the Cap to give two percent raises to the employees" this is not was said. If the facts cannot be relayed correctly, I will ask Carl Aiello to send another reporter. She has made many mistakes, it is a shame. I did say, I planned to put in two percent raises for all Village employees including the elected officials. However, I am going to rescind that, to not include the elected officials. She also mentioned the two Trustees being absent, this Board has great attendance. Trustee Hembury was at mandatory training in Georgia for his job. Trustee Lindner mother in law passed away. It was totally unprofessional, after Trustee Lindner received her call and you

telling her you had a death in the family, she continued questioning you. It is disgraceful and I am sorry.

RE: PUBLIC PORTION

Ms. Beltrametti questioned the process of the handling of the absentee ballots. I believe they are opened in front of the election inspectors, are they not.

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez explains, the absentee ballots are hand delivered by no one other than myself and given to the Chairperson of the Election Inspectors, sealed and to be opened by this individual at the end of all the casted votes for the day, when the poles are closed.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adjourned the meeting of February 21, 2017 at 8:01 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk