

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, March 7, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, DPW Supt. Nelson, Chief of Police Walsh, Patrick Kelleher, Assistant Recreation Director Jackson, Maria Beltrametti, Johanna Sweikata, Tom Steed, Susan Hembury, Kathie Stockburger, Don Berger, MaryAnn Lindner

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

RE: MINUTES

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 7th and February 21st.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the meeting minutes of February 7th, 2017. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the meeting minutes of February 21, 2017, Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: REQUEST TO MEET WITH THE BOARD

Pat Kelleher summarizes on the upcoming events for the St. Pat's Ramble scheduled for March 18th. It starts off on Sunday with the Grand Marshal reception, with Patricia Pskowski as the Grand Marshal, held at Ward's Bridge Inn from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. If you plan on attending, please make your reservations with Kathy from Devitt Management by calling 845-457-9666. The 5K Race is Saturday, the 18th starting at 10:00 am by the Firehouse Museum on Wallkill Avenue. There are over 300 runners registered, it would be great if the Mayor Brescia and the Board of Trustees are present, and with Mayor Brescia to start them off. The race is followed by the Grand Marshal mass at St. Mary's at 11:00 am, with Peggy from Mount Saint Mary's College, she has agreed to be the singer for the day. It is an honor and a privilege to have her. The parade starts at one o'clock from River Street and Union Street. There will be a VIP formation area on the corner of River and Union Street by Marc's house. We hope to have water available there. We have seventy five units, which is slightly more than last year. Montgomery Nursery School is one of our largest contingency due to Pat Pskowski being the Grand Marshal and her involvement with the Montgomery Nursery School. A large number of her pupils are adults now that attended the Nursery School and their children are now attending also. She has a large following, it is a special day for Pat. Another large contingency is from the Village of Maybrook with Mayor Leahy. Congressmen Maloney will be marching also. After the parade, the lower end of Clinton Street will be closed with the hopes of having a bag piper's recital. It is very entertaining and a lot of fun. Furthermore, Dana Distributors have agreed to sponsor a Safe Ride Program for the night of March 18th, signs will be posted at all the eating and drinking establishments in the Village with a number to call for a free ride home. It is great for the Ramble, the Village and for everyone to get home safely.

Mayor Brescia and the Board thanked Pat Kelleher for the wonderful job that he does.

Pat Kelleher commended the Police Department and the DPW, they have done anything and everything that is asked of them. He also thanked the Board of Trustees for their support.

Ms. Beltrametti comments on the Village Election, she asked the Board what the three words have in common, independent, impartial, and objective. It is the first three qualities required of Village Executives. Again, she expressed her dislike of the number of signatures required to be obtained on a petition to be on the election ballot. She feels the incumbents did not work as hard as she and Don have to obtain their petition signatures. Furthermore, she is also not pleased with the manner in which the ballot layout is completed.

Trustee Lindner stated, that he misquoted the ballot layout, it is listed by party and placed in order as the Village Clerk receives the petitions. He directed, Ms. Beltrametti to the Board of Elections regarding the process and procedures associated with the Village elections.

RE: ABSTRACT NO. 1 OF 2017

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to approve the Abstract No. 1 of 2017.

RE: ABSTRACT NO. 01-2016

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, all bills listed on ABSTRACT NO.01-2017 were audited and approved for payment with \$266,642.51 from the General Fund, \$ 37,779.95 from the Water Fund, \$24,091.23 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$328,513.69. Check No: 50259 – 50339, 47771 - 47787. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Griffith reported a CASH BALANCE for the month of January 31, 2017, as follows: General Fund \$1,461,417.45, Water Fund \$358,416.10, Sewer Fund \$379,810.66.

RE: REPORTS

Chief of Police Walsh reports that in addition to the D.A.R.E. Bike Rodeo, we will be hosting a child seat inspection station that the County is assisting us with, with several technicians along with Officer Narain, who is also certified as a technician. For residents and family members with a newly born child or grandchild, if you would like to have their child seat inspected to ensure it is installed correctly or that is not subject to a recall. The inspection station will be front of the Senior Center, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on May 13th. D.A.R.E graduation is on March 16th, it is important that the residents are aware that many municipalities do not support their D.A.R.E. program. He thanked the Board for their continued support and funding, it is a great program. It is evident to see how well Officer Smith, aka “Officer Jack” as the kids know him as, is received. Furthermore, our grant application for the video surveillance project under the Homeland Security through the Sheriff Department was denied.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND AUTHORIZE MAYOR BRESCIA TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE OF NYS, STOP – DWI/TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board adopted a resolution accepting as well as authorizing Mayor Brescia to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement, between the County of Orange of NYS, STOP –DWI/Traffic Safety Program through its Department of Emergency Services and the Village of Montgomery by and through its Police Department. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: APPROVE PAYMENT IN SUPPORT IN OF THE D.A.R.E. BIKE RODEO

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to approve payment in support of the D.A.R.E. Bike Rodeo in the amount of \$500.00.

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved payment in the amount of \$500 in support of the D.A.R.E. Bike Rodeo to be held on May 13, 2017. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

DPW Supt. Nelson reported on seven the inch snow storm of Sunday, February 12th. During the storm we had a water main break on Roosevelt Avenue. We fell a bit behind by mid-day on the plowing, although it was not by choice. It all worked out and it was done fairly quickly. It added to another long weekend of overtime. On February 25th, we had the wind storm come through with quite a bit of damage on Sears Street, Harmony, and Robert Street. The DPW crew worked until eleven o'clock that night. He was back at 5:00 am the next morning to see where Central Hudson picked up where they had left off. He called the crew in about 8:00 am and until Central Hudson needed help on Sears Street. All the clean-up was done by last Friday.

In addition, a steam pipe of the Village Hall boiler system located under the porch broke.

Mayor Brescia said the DPW did an exception job on the storm, as well as the Police Station. They were out in full force and did a great job.

DPW Supt. Nelson also reported on the Holt Well testing updates, he has been working with the Health Department to obtain prices on the testing. The testing is going to more than he originally had figured. He received one quote for \$5,030, for Holt Well and Jacobson Street testing. Three other companies have been called and they do not do all the testing that is being required. We are trying to locate a company to do all the testing.

Asst. Recreation Director Jackson reports on the Summer Recreation registration is in full swing with 280 registrants enrolled. Our capacity is 250 enrollees for each week. We are waiting on our past staff to respond, on their intent to return. Interviews will be conducted in May. The CIT criteria requirement has been revised this year. The new applicants must provide a write up about themselves and why they want to become a CIT.

RE: APPROVE EDMUNDS AND ASSOCIATES PROPOSAL FOR THE PAYROLL MODULE

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to approve Edmunds & Associates proposal for the payroll module in the amount of \$14,125.00 with a maintenance fee of \$2,316.00 beginning the second year, the first year is included.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved the Edmunds & Associates proposal for the payroll module in the amount of \$14,125.00 with a maintenance fee of \$2,316.00 beginning the second year, the first year is included. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: BUDGET WORK SESSION IS SCHEDULED

Thursday, March 16th at 7:30pm, FY 2017-2018 Budget Work Session is at the Village Hall, Meeting Room 133 Clinton Street.

RE: MES D.A.R.E GRADUATION

Montgomery Elementary D.A.R.E graduation is on March 16th at 2:00 pm.

RE: 5TH - ST. PAT'S RAMBLE EVENT

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: BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING RESCHEDULED

Board of Trustees Meeting of March 21, 2017 is rescheduled for Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7:30 pm to be held at the Village Hall 133 Clinton Street.

RE: PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Berger expressed his concerns with Ms. Beltrametti frustration on process of the ballot layout. He feels the Board have not quite clear on the particulars.

Mayor Brescia said, all you have to do his ask.

Ms. Sweikata commented on the Eagle Scout project done on the gazebo at the Veterans Memorial Park. It has been beautifully refurbished.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to adjourn the meeting of March 7th.

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adjourned the meeting of March 7th at 8:00 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk