

Minutes of the 2017-2018 Tentative Public Hearing 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, April 4, 2017 at 7:00 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, Village Justice Clerk Conroy, Deputy Treasurer Palmieri, B/I Yancewicz, Maria Beltrametti, MaryAnn Lindner, Don Berger, Johanna Sweikata, John S. Vero.

RE: OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2017-2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to open the Public Hearing.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board opened the Public Hearing. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Mayor Brescia asked the Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez if all the paperwork is filed to hold this Public Hearing.

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez replied, yes all the paperwork is filed to hold this Public Hearing.

Mayor Brescia announced that all questions will be taken at the end with a limit of three minutes.

Mayor Brescia read aloud the 2017-2018 Tentative Budget, page one, the total of all funds is \$5,415,250 with General Fund at \$4,485,050, Water Fund at \$385,925 and the Sewer Fund at \$544,275, the assessed valuation of \$184,005,033 and with the tax rate of \$15.194 which is 3.54 percent over last year's rate.

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Ms. Beltrametti asked, what is the Board of Trustee's contractual consist of?

Mayor Brescia asked Deputy Treasurer Palmieri to provide a description of the expenses for the Board of Trustee's contractual.

Deputy Treasurer Palmieri stated, the contractual expenses for the Board is for seminars, cell phone expenses, training, and various other items such as dues and Association of Towns, Village and Cities. She was not able to recall all of the expenditures without looking at a print out.

Mayor Brescia welcomed anyone wanting to review the expenditures, can do so; by coming to the Village Hall and foiling the information.

JUDICIAL.

No public comments.

EXECUTIVE.

Mr. Berger asked, what the Bank of Montreal expenditure is for.

Deputy Treasurer Palmieri said, this is the PCard, which is the purchasing card.

Mayor Brescia explained that the PCard is a purchasing card that is offered through the County. The program offers rebates on the total amount of purchases made. The Bank of Montreal is the Bank that the Purchasing card is processed through.

Ms. Beltrametti asked, what are the Executive contractual expenditures and who has a cell phone?

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez said, three Board members, the Building Inspector, the DPW Supt. and the DPW staff have cell phones.

Deputy Mayor Scheels replied, I have a Village cell phone for the purposes of being on call.

Trustee Andolsek also mentioned having a Village cell phone for being on call as well.

Mayor Brescia mentioned having a Village cell also and take calls while on vacation and when I'm out of the State

Ms. Beltrametti feels there is no need for the Village officials to have a Village cell phone.

Trustee Linder said, the Executive contractual expenditures include the cell phone expenses, the Newsletters, the Montgomery Quarterly, training, dues, and so forth. If you would like more of a detailed list, one can be provided by foiling the request.

Mayor Brescia said, with on further comments; he moved to next budget line item.

AUDITIOR.

No public comments.

FINANCE.

Ms. Beltrametti questioned the increase in the Finance contractual expenditure.

Trustee Lindner said, that is for the Edmunds & Associates software and payroll program that is being implemented.

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No public comment.

LAW.

Mr. Berger asked about the Law expenditures lines with the new categories. He began to state his position on Traffic Court.

Mayor Brescia asked Mr. Berger to hold his comments until the end.

Ms. Beltrametti asked, what the line item labeled as B/T legal counsel is for.

Mayor Brescia said, it is the Board of Trustees legal counsel retainer for the year. The Law expenditures have been categorized with a better delineation as previously requested at the work session. The Law Contractual also includes labor law as well as other various Board legal counsel.

ENGINEER.

No public comment.

ELECTIONS.

Mr. Berger asked about the possibilities of changing the Village Election to November and allowing the Board of Elections to run the Village Election, thus saving the Village the expense.

Mayor Brescia said, the change to the Village election in the near future, is the term for the Village Justice. In doing so, the Village Justice and the Board of Trustees offices will be up for re-election together.

Atty. Dowd said, changing the Village Election to be in November, it would require State legislation by amending the law. It would also affect the calendar period for the Village budget.

SHARED SERVICES.

No public comment.

SPECIAL ITEMS.

Mayor Brescia asked why there was a large decrease in the Liability Insurance line.

Trustee Lindner mentioned there was less of an expense for the current line item and therefore, the line was reduced.

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No public comment.

SAFETY FROM ANIMALS.

No public comment.

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS.

No public comment.

DRUG ABUSE D.A.R.E.

No public comment.

PAGE FIVE OF FOURTEEN, STREET DEPARTMENT

No public comment.

SNOW REMOVAL.

No public comment.

STREET LIGHTING.

No public comment.

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE.

No public comment.

PARK & RECREATION.

No public comment

Mayor Brescia said he will continue by page for the remainder of the tentative budget.

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No public comment.

PAGE SEVEN OF FOURTEEN.

Mr. Berger questioned the increased line item for the Police Retirement.

Deputy Treasurer Palmieri mentioned calling retirement system and both retirement systems are amortized over a ten year period, dating back to 2013. In addition, they are on a contribution stabilization program, which some years a credit is received, this was one of those years. The last credit that was received was in 2016, it also involves the different Tiers and the gross salaries, times by a rate. The rate is based on the market and how well it is doing at that time. There are a lot factors involved.

Mr. Berger asked how many policemen are in the retirement program that would create these rates.

Police Chief Walsh said, we currently have four full timers and they are all enrolled in the retirement system. In addition, to most of the part-timers also. They have full time employment with other agencies, however, they do get credit for the time that they work here. The one exception is if they are enrolled in the NYC retirement system that is different from the NYS Police and Fire. Why it increased, I have no idea. At the budget workshop, it was mentioned that the current Tier is Tier 5 and Tier 6 that are contributory.

Mr. Berger said, there are always increases. The question is why it is so large.

Police Chief said, yes, it is large.

Ms. Beltrametti asked, how do those Tiers work?

Police Chief Walsh replied, I believe three of them are in Tier 6, and Brian Briere might be in Tier 2.

Ms. Beltrametti asked, do the Tiers go backwards.

Police Chief Walsh said, no the Tiers do not go backwards. An employee that has more time in, the smaller the Tier number would be. Tier 1's are dinosaurs, for instance, I am a Tier 2.

Mayor Brescia said we still have to contribute for part timers to the NYS Retirement system.

Police Chief Walsh said, yes and your Tier is based on your enrollment date.

Mr. Berger asked, when hiring part time Police Officers, would it behoove the Village to hire NYC part time where you are not paying in that fund.

Police Chief Walsh said, they are not allowed to hold another law enforcement shield and double tin, unless they are retired.

Mr. Berger said, that is what I meant, hiring retired officers.

Police Chief Walsh said, they still maybe be a cost to the Village for retirement, this is something we would have to look into.

Deputy Treasurer Palmieri said, I am not really sure.

Mr. Berger mentioned, in years pasted, the Police retirement budget was at twenty two thousand dollars, that is when you had the part timers.

Mayor Brescia said, we have to have four full timers due to the Town Law §150, you are aware of this.

Mr. Berger said, he is aware and understands that. I am curious about part timers and if you could hire retired NYC Police officers.

Police Chief Walsh mentioned, if there are qualified retired NYC Police officer that wants to apply; we would certainly consider them.

Trustee Lindner said, they still may be eligible for retirement plan here.

Mr. Berger said, no they are not.

Trustee Hembury said, no.

Mayor Brescia said, we have tried that in the past with various agencies to hire police officers. In some cases, the productivity from certain areas of retired individuals, just does not seem not to be there. The retirement may cost us a little money but the return on our investment, with officers writing tickets. It makes a difference, and it is unfortunate that a quota is not a requirement. I wish we could. In the past, we have had officers that would only write two or three tickets a year. They would not survive in the private sector. It is the fact of life. Are there any additional questions under the Employee Benefits? Monse' meet with Maybrook on the MVP health plan. It is my belief that Maybrook switched to the MVP plan. I sat with the supervisor of Deer Park last week at the Association of Towns, Villages and Cities, they switched and saved quite a bit of money. It maybe something that we might have to consider down the road. I would not rather consider it right now because we have a good plan and we do not want to lose benefits either. Our copay for new employees are at twenty percent now for a new hire. It is something we might have to look at, in the not too distant future. So as long as, we protect the employees.

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BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

SERIAL BONDS

STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND

BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

Ms. Beltrametti asked, what was the cost of the Street Sweeper?

DPW Supt. Nelson said, it was fifty thousand and they gave us seventeen for the old one, so the net was thirty seven thousand.

Mayor Brescia said, the Street Sweeper was a net cost of thirty-seven thousand and it was refurbished. The cost for a new Street Sweeper is two hundred and fifty thousand.

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REVENUES

No public comment.

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No public comment

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Ms. Beltrametti asked, What Home and Community Service is?

DPW Supt. Nelson replied, Home and Community Service is personal service which consists of water operators, over-time for water main breaks, monitoring the wells on the weekends and holidays.

Mayor Brescia mentioned that the breakdown of departments and salary listings is available at the back of the room as previously requested. If you have any questions, they are on that sheet. Are there any other questions?

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No public comment.

PAGE THIRTEEN OF FOURTEEN.

No public comment.

PAGE FOURTEEN OF FOURTEEN.

No public comment.

Mayor Brescia mentioned entertaining a three minute comments on the proposed budget from the public.

Ms. Beltrametti said, it would be very helpful if you could provide a list of our DPW employees. She finds it very confusing and has a feeling that there is a possibility of finding some money, roughly one hundred thousand dollars to make the budget come within the tax cap. She feels that this should be our goal.

Mayor Brescia said, that is no going to happen. We are at a three and half percent increase and that is probably what we are going to adopt.

Ms. Beltrametti requested a list of all the employees and the salaries, verses all these different categories. If it is the same guys doing different work depending on the time of the year and the situations that arise. She feels that it is, a right for confusion.

Mayor Brescia said, Ms. Beltrametti could come into the office and we will give you a list the best that we can. Is that correct Monse'?

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez said, a list was provided and it is available at the back to the room.

Mayor Brescia said, if you want more information than what has been provided, come to the Village Hall and we will be glad to help you.

Deputy Mayor Scheels mentioned on the list provided, it is broken down by the employees and title with the corresponding salaries.

Ms. Beltrametti said, there are no more back of the room.

DPW Supt. Nelson said, you can have mine.

Mayor Brescia asked Ms. Beltrametti if she was done.

Ms. Beltrametti said, she want to comment on the Street Sweeper. She disagrees that the Street Sweeper is well worth the money. Her feeling it does not do much of anything at all. I see Jake riding around in the middle of the Street, looking for a place to clean. He cleaned in front of my place at least three or four times in the season and it has to be mistake. It is not like it is a vacuum, it pushes stuff away from the curb. I then go out and scoop it. When you look at Clinton Street, the streets never get cleaned. She is not sure what the street sweeper does. When there is candy all over the place after a parade, the Street sweeper does not do anything for that, because it is usually on the grassy areas. Again, she feels it is a waste for the people to spend it.

DPW Supt. Nelson asked Ms. Beltrametti if she has ever seen the clean up after General Montgomery Day, the Street Sweeper does ninety percent of that work. Do you know how many loads of garbage comes off of the streets? And it is a vacuum sweeper. We also go around sweeping up leaves.

Ms. Beltrametti said, just for one day.

Trustee Lindner said, the Streets look very nice after General Montgomery Day.

Trustee Hembury asked, isn't the gravel that the Street Sweeper collects reused.

Mayor Brescia said, yes, the loose gravel is oil and chipped. We do not need to get into a back and forth discussion. Make your statement please and we will take it under advisement.

Mr. Berger said, bear with me a moment, I know this is going to be unpopular things for the Board to hear. He mentioned that although General Montgomery Day is a great day. Last year, over the previous year, the spending was an 11.75 increase, although it is still in the budget. He feels it needs to be rejuvenated a little bit, with a bit more spark to it. It would benefit us as far as the budget process. We do not need a parade that is two to two and half hours long. Perhaps cut it down and bring it in line by cutting a few bands. He looks forward to seeing an attempt to giving it a thought to cutting the General Montgomery Day budget down a bit. It is 33,000 now 30,000 is nice number and it would bring us in line with last year. It makes sense to him. In long range planning, he thinks the Board needs to start considering what to do about the Police Department. The Police Department has nearly a million dollar budget when you add in the retirement costs. That is a lot of money for a Village of this size. He thinks that before it gets to the point that it is out of control. Perhaps you guys could start thinking about what we could do to take the burden away from the residents of paying, what I believe to be a large amount of money. He thinks that, "we should look for that in the future and we should discontinue because we want to. He thinks, we need to start putting a plan together, for something like that. It is a huge budget for a Police Department. When you are talking about four full timers, and I do not know how many part timers. A million dollars is an awful lot of money, just under a million dollars. Again, he feels with proper planning, whatever that is. We did talk at the last meeting of shared services and things like that. I just hope the Board considers something before, it gets out of hand.

Mayor Brescia said, he is going to make two quick responses. On page nine, you will see that General Montgomery Day income is 40,000. I make every General Montgomery Day committee meeting, that I am very active with that group. We will certainly take that under advisement. It is the best parade in the County of Orange, but it probably could be a little shorter and narrowing the gaps. Much like the Saint Patrick's Day parade. We can certainly look at that. We are always looking to spice things

up, we will try to do that. We will close the public hearing, we will take written comments over the next two weeks before adopting the budget at our next meeting. If we see any changes that need to be made in the budget, we certainly will. We will take all the comments seriously. He feels it is a fair budget, it is not the half percent that we had last year. However, it is three and half percent, which is reasonable. I know the Mayor of Maybrook submitted an eleven percent increase, he is not sure if their Board is going to adopt that or not. I spoke with the Mayor of Walden, and her budget is going to pierce the cap. I am not certain by how much but there are tough issues out there. We have a cap of a little over one percent and the State of New York has no cap. We have a great Village, Police Department, and DPW.

Mayor Brescia entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board closed the Tentative Budget Public Hearing at 7:29 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk

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, April 4, 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, Village Justice Clerk Conroy, Deputy Treasurer Palmieri, B/I Yancewicz, Maria Beltrametti, MaryAnn Lindner, Don Berger, Johanna Sweikata, Mrs. Kepp, Sina Niedermeyer, R.J. Niedermeyer, Jr., John S. Vero.

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

RE: ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to make the annual appointments and with no changes.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board approved the annual appointments. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 1-Abstention (Trustee Hembury), 0-Nays.

RE: LETTER TO THE BOARD

Mayor Brescia read aloud a letter to the Board from Mr. Dan Van Zandt, commending the Village Building Inspector Bruce Yancewicz.

3/27/2017

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Dan Van Zandt. It's my understanding that Bruce Yancewicz, Sr., the Building Inspector is up for Re-appointment within the next couple of weeks. I've been working with him the past few weeks as I'm putting an addition on my house. He has been a real pleasure to work with, so I just wanted to express my "Support/Nomination for him.

Warm regards,

Dan Van Zandt

Mayor Brescia mentioned how refreshing it is to receive positive reports.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE FY-2017-2018 REGULAR MEETINGS FOR ALL THE BOARDS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted a resolution to accept the FY 2017-2018 regular meetings for all the Boards. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ABSTRACT NO. 02-2017

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, all bills listed on ABSTRACT NO.02-2017 were audited and approved for payment with \$395591.10 from the General Fund, \$9,203.62 from the Water Fund, \$35,666.88 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$440,461.60. Check No: 50340 – 50424, 47788 - 47800. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Griffith reported a CASH BALANCE for the month of February 28, 2017, as follows: General Fund \$ 1,130,364.36, Water Fund \$322,883.95, Sewer Fund \$365,638.10.

RE: REQUEST TO MEET WITH THE BOARD

Richard Niedermeyer, Jr., Boy Scout from Troop 386 is in attendance to observe a government meeting in order to complete a merit badge titled, Citizen of the Community. Mayor Brescia asked Mr. Niedermeyer, Jr. if he would like to say anything or address the Board. Mr. Niedermeyer, Jr. declined from any comment or addressing the Board, he is only observing. The Board welcomed him to the meeting.

RE: Joe Neumann our insurance agent is retiring and John Vero is with Vero Agency, Inc. is also with Selective Insurance. John will be the Village of Montgomery insurance agent. Mayor Brescia mentioned it is a seamless transition due to John Vero's affiliation with Selective Insurance for over twenty years.

RE: DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Walsh reported on receiving the quarterly grant funding for Stop DWI from Orange County in the amount of \$1,500.00; those funds are used to pay for overtime covering DWI shifts of which runs through May 30th. Upon the Mayors request, he has arranged for a technician to assess repairs needed for the speed trailer, he is expected to arrive tomorrow. The speed trailer has not been operational for approximately three years.

Mayor Brescia asked Police Chief Walsh if regular patrols are running on Union Street and on Wavey Willow Lane.

Police Chief Walsh replied, yes, down towards Chandler Lane. However, the directive patrols on Wavey Willow Lane is over and was enforced for thirty days. His feeling is that folks in that area have been compliant.

Mayor Brescia asked that the directive patrols on Wavey Willow Lane begin again, due to the complaints that he has received.

Police Chief Walsh continued reporting, today the newest updated simulator for the breathalyzer machine arrived, of which is completely funded by the State. As a reminder, again, at this year's Bike Rodeo a child seat inspection station is available in front of the Senior Center on May 13th from 9 am to 12:00. This is with the help and funding from Orange County Traffic Safety Program. So for those folks who have a new infant seat or would like to have their current one checked out, come and have it inspected. Several inspection stations will be available with inspectors.

Mayor Brescia commented on the D.A.R.E. graduation and on how it was well attended by the Board; it was very good. Officer Smith did a great job.

DPW Supt. Nelson reported on the conditions of the Wesley Hall roof. He is not certain, which of the two recent storms caused the damage. The bell tower has a leak, the metal is either sagging or settling or possibly the wind got up underneath it. We looked at the structure and it appears not to have anything broken or moved. The roof needs to be replaced.

Mayor Brescia stated his intentions for the Community Development grant funding was to be applied for sidewalks. It may have to be utilized for the Wesley Hall roof instead. Please repair it temporarily until more information is received on the funding.

DPW Supt. Nelson said, after speaking to the Carpenter Matthews; he feels it can temporarily be secured. However, renting a man lift will better suited than a ladder due to the height. I will be asking Lanc and Tully, if the use of in house labor is allowable to fix the roof with Community Development funding.

Mayor Brescia said, Community Development funding was used for Wesley Hall in the past. The Village has spent a lot of money on Wesley Hall also. It might be a high liability for the labor to be done in house.

DPW Supt. Nelson said, we could use our Carpenter and hire an assistant.

Mayor Brescia mentioned that the Wesley Hall roof has a cedar shake shingles under the standing seam. He recommends going with a standing seam.

DPW Supt. Nelson said, all of the existing roof needs to come off. The cedar shake shingles underneath are soaked, they have to go, as well as the one by three slats.

Mayor Brescia asked, does Dennis feel confident that he can do this. If it is possible, then Dennis and Hank D'Veris might be a good candidate. Hank did the roof for Bob Williams's house. The grant that we have been approved for has taken two years thus far and we are still waiting on the funds.

In addition, the Village Hall roof grant might also be two years.

DPW Supt. Nelson stated the Public Hearing as to be set for the Community Development grant.

Mayor Brescia suggested obtaining quotes beforehand. Furthermore, he feels that the use of force account labor with Community Development for the Wesley Hall roof is possible. Unless things have changed, it is how the Senior Center roof was done. Check with Joanne Fazzino Monse', tomorrow please.

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez replied, okay!

Trustee Andolsek mentioned walking around the back of the Wesley Hall building, she noticed several boards ripped off and a broken basement window.

DPW Supt. Nelson replied, the basement window is going to be patched up and that is on my to-do list. The handicap ramp is also gone. I do not know where it went. It was an Eagle Scout Projects with a metal ramp.

Mayor Brescia and the Board are shocked by this news of the ramp missing. He suggests not using Lanc and Tully as they were not used for the windows for the Village Hall. It is not their forte and suggests getting a quote from Greg Wantje.

RE: SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2018 CDBG FOR THE WESLEY HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board set the Public Hearing for the 2018 CDBG for the Wesley Hall roof replacement. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED APPROVING THE VILLAGE BOARD OF MONTOMGERY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE 2018 ORANGE URBAN CONSORTIUM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted a resolution, approving the Village of Montgomery to hereby submit its application for consideration under the FY-18 the Orange Urban Consortium Community development program authorizing Mayor Brescia to submit this application. They further certify that they have read and understood the Orange Urban County Consortium Community Development Guidelines for the FY 2018 program year, and have met all of its applicable requirements and that the information contained in the Application is accurate and true to the best of their knowledge. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays

RE: DEPARTMENT REPORTS CONTINUED

DPW Supt. Nelson also reported on submitting for disaster assistance for storm Stella through FEMA. All applications are first being submitted to the County to see what the cost involve. We were at \$32,000 with the DPW and the Police Department combined. He is hopeful that all the funds will be recouped, and it will help with the snow budget immensely.

Mayor Brescia mentioned the park gazebo restoration Eagle Scout project was done by Jake Wehr. It looks beautiful. He did some great workmanship and he's is impressed. He used CWF on the roof and brought it back to life. He was in contact with by text and sent a number of picture throughout the process. Again, it is very impressive. I believe he will be coming back before the Board to close out his project.

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez replied, yes, I believe so too.

Mayor Brescia also mentioned Buddy and Trustee Lindner making rounds to the Village Businesses regarding the garbage.

RE: BANDSTAND SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AND LAMPOST LIGHTING ENHANCEMENTS

Trustee Lindner mentioned the lighting for the Bandstand. Several months ago, we put together a committee for the Bandstand. The idea was to look at possible performers for the coming season. We have a full concert series for this summer with ten events scheduled. To end the season, we have West Point Steel Band, it will terrific. The committee moved onto several other ideas, after viewing an online site in Milford, Pennsylvania. Milford put together a committee called the Milford enhancement committee. It started about ten years ago, when Turkey Hill was proposing a convenient store with a gas station. Their thought was to use the typical highway approach of twenty foot high lights and so forth, basically in the downtown business district. The committee of citizens got together to work with Turkey Hill and that evolved into what is now called, The Milford Enhancement Committee. In the ten years, they have been able to acquire over six million dollars from state and other agency grants, to make improvements in the Village of Milford. I encourage everyone to go on the Milfordnow.com site and view it. Our thoughts are to morph that, into sort of a Montgomery Enhancement Committee. I invite anyone that would like to join in on the venture, just contact me. We have a meeting every month. One of the first things that we looked is, a project particularly related to the Bandstand. One of the complaints related to the concert series, is that it gets dark towards the end of August. We have limited lighting from the Bank, the Streets, and from the Village Tree. We do not have enough lighting in late August. We decided to look at lighting. I received a call from the Walden Rotary, which are celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. They are looking for a community project to get involved in and they are supporting us. The committee has chosen two lamps. The Board and anyone from the audience can look at the brochure. The first one in the brochure is what we have selected.

Mayor Brescia said, it is very nice and has a Victorian appeal. Thank the Walden Rotary. I was a member of the Rotary about twenty five years ago.

Trustee Lindner said, the placement of the first two Lampposts is suggested to be placed on the North, from the North East corner and possibly on the South, of the North West corner looking at the Bandstand from Benson's Deli. Furthermore, one going back towards the Bandstand itself. This is where it is thought that the first three lights will be placed. We feel this can be done with a limited cost to the Village with support from the Rotary. For the future, the plan is to extend the lighting onto

Clinton Street and eventually on to Union Street. I have some pictures for anyone to look at that, Joe DiBello did a great photo shop where he superimposed lamps onto Clinton Street and on Union Street in front of the stores. This provides you with a visual idea on how the lampposts would look. Another idea the committee would like to do, is to apply for grants. Brain Fitzpatrick and I have done some grant writing and hopefully we can be successful. Again, anyone is invited to contact me and we will go from there.

Mayor Brescia said, good job. He feels it will enhance the look of the Village.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT IN ADVANCE OF AUDIT FOR UTILITIES, POSTAGE, and FREIGHT & EXPRESS.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board adopted a resolution to authorize payment in advance of audit for utilities, postage, and freight & Express. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND SCHOOL, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, ETC. CONDUCTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted a resolution authorizing the Municipal Officials, Employees to attend school, conferences, Seminars, Etc., conducted for the benefit of the Village of Montgomery. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ANNUALLY AUDIT/EXAMINE COURT RECORDS

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted a resolution to annually audit/examine court records. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR ALL MUNICIPAL FUNDS

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board adopted a resolution to designate official depository for all municipal funds. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SET THE REIMBURSEMENT MILEAGE AT THE IRS ALLOWANCE AT .535 CENTS

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board adopted a resolution to set the reimbursement mileage at the IRS allowance at .535 cents. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO RE-LEVY OUTSTANDING WATER/SEWER BILLS OF FY 2016-2017 RENTS AND APPROVE PAYMENT WATER AND SEWER

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board adopted a resolution to re-levy outstanding water/sewer bills of FY 2016-2017 and approve payment of \$ 37,041.61 for water, \$61,228.31 for sewer, for a total of funds in the amount of \$98,269.92. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO LEVY FY 2017-2018 TAXES AND GRANT EXECUTION OF TAX WARRANT BY MAYOR AND CLERK

Tabled for the meeting of April 18th.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED COUNTYWIDE CONSOLIDATION MANDATE

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted a resolution opposing the Governor's proposed Countywide Consolidation Mandate

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted a resolution opposing the Governors' proposed Countywide Consolidation Mandate with all the four steps. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: EVENTS

Hydrant Flushing - April 10th through April 21st

RE: CODERED ANNOUCEMENT PUBLICATION

Mayor Brescia asked the Village Clerk to publish a CodeRed announcement advising the Village residents of the Hydrant Flushing.

DPW Supt. Nelson suggested that the announcement be published on Friday, April 7th.

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez replied, yes, she will publish the CodeRed announcement as requested.

RE: EASTER EGG HUNT

Village of Montgomery Easter Egg Hunt is held at the Veterans Memorial Park on Saturday, April 8th at 11:00 am.

RE: PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Brescia opened for public comment.

Ms. Beltrametti said, she would like to ask and beg you to please have another budget work session. Last year you came in at eight percent and in two shakes of a dog's tail, it was zero percent. There is nothing extra ordinary this year. I think this year we are taking a blasé approach because Walden is doing whatever they are doing. It does not matter what other Villages are doing, it matters what we do. I think it is just... you have to have regrets with these things.

Mayor Brescia stated that another work session is not needed. We will take that under advisement.

Ms. Beltrametti said, you alluded to one last time. You said, that we might have one. Please reconsider. I mean it is your job.

RE: CHANGE OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board changed the Board of Trustees meeting which is falls on Tuesday July 4th to be rescheduled on Wednesday, July 5th at 7: pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Mayor Brescia entertained a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Beltrametti said, excuse me, one more thing. Did you adopt this resolution opposing the consolidation?

Trustee Lindner and Mayor Brescia both said, yes, we did.

Ms. Beltrametti said, I missed it. Is this not worthy of a public hearing?

Mayor Brescia said, it is a memorialization that we are doing. It is a message that we are sending to the State.

Mr. Berger mentioned obtaining a copy.

Trustee Lindner said a copy is available online.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adjourned the meeting of April 4, 2017 at 8:03 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk