

Minutes of Regular Meeting, of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery is held in the Meeting Room at 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 1254 on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, Recreation Director Taylor, Recreation Supervisor Jackson, Recreation Leader Hoeffner, Maria Beltrametti, Mary Ann Lindner, Johanna Sweikata, Don Berger, Tom Steed.

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

**RE: PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE**

Mayor Brescia asked that Deputy Mayor Scheels, Recreation Director Taylor, Recreation Supervisor Jackson present Recreation Leader Hoeffner with a plaque for his twelve years of dedicated service to the Summer Recreation program. Mayor Brescia congratulated George for all he has done with the Summer Recreation program over the years, he will be missed. He was also named fireman of the year twice, which is a feat alone by itself. George stated he is retiring from the program. Recreation Director Taylor mentioned George started as a counselor and finished as the sports director. He did an unbelievable job as far as organization and so much more for the program and will be missed dearly.

**RE: MINUTES**

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to approve the minutes of September 5, 2017.

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the meeting minutes of September 5, 2017. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Mayor Brescia stated a resolution was adopted in 2015 in support of making the traffic light permanent at the intersection of 17K and Albany Post Road. It was the understanding of others as well as myself that the traffic light was going to be permanent. However, it was done for the drainage improvement project on Route 211. There are many people upset that the light is not permanent. He suggested the Board update the resolution and hopes the Town of Montgomery follows suite.

**RE: THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY SUPPORTS THE TOWN OF MONTGOMERY BY WAY OF A RESOLUTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A PERMANENT TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF 17K AND ALBANY POST ROAD, AS A MEASURE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY AND SLOWING DOWN THE TRAFFIC INTO THE VILLAGE.**

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted a resolution in supports the Town of Montgomery for the Department of Transportation to install a permanent traffic light at the intersection of 17K and Albany Post Road, as a measure of traffic safety and slowing down the traffic into the Village. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF STEPHANIE MILLS AS THE SITE MANAGER FOR THE OFFICE OF THE AGING SENIOR DINING PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE WHEN A REPLACEMENT IS FOUND. SHE WILL REMAIN AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY SENIOR CENTER.**

Deputy Mayor mentioned not having any knowledge of matters regarding a particular individual leading to a resignation. Trustee Lindner mentioned the possibilities of there being a conflict of interest holding two positions with an overlap of time worked.

The Board held their discussion relating to a particular individuals personnel history for the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

**RE: BETTY (PINE) MAHER SENDS A NOTE THANKS THE VILLAGE AND STAFF FOR THE TRIBUTE TO TEDDY IN GENERAL MONTGOMERY DAY PARADE, THIS YEARS PARADE IS THE BEST EVER.**

Mayor Brescia acknowledged and commented on Betty Pine's letter thanking the Village for the tribute to her son Teddy Pine in the General Montgomery Day Parade. He was very near and dear to many hearts in the Village of Montgomery. Her letter was very nice and mentions the parade as being the best ever.

Trustee Hembury reminds all of the Clinton Street Car show being on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm. Furthermore, nine new residents were on the schedule to welcomed, of which seven were home to receive a welcome packet with information and various certificates and coupons provided by the interested business. The new residents have mentioned how happy they are to live here, after doing their research and how nice the Village is to raise their families here. Lastly, the Cardinal Drive incident appears to have been solved, permits have been issued for the applications that were requested. The neighboring residents are now happy with the results at this point, not everyone is going to 100% happy. It was never our intent to fine anyone just to enforce the laws. Atty. Dowd commented they are now in compliance and the violations have been cleared up. He also mentioned that the neighbors are happy. Everything has been permitted and inspections will be conducted by the Building Inspector and CO or CC will be issued. Mayor Brescia said that is all we were asking for, is compliance. He thanked Trustee Hembury and Atty. Dowd for the extra effort that it took on this project. Trustee Hembury also thanked Eugene Jaques for enforcing the compliance of the project.

**RE: SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Recreation Director Taylor reported on the Summer Recreation Program problem area for this year, were the limited field trips. This year the dates just did not allow for availability at the locations that we previously have frequented. We are looking into several other places for next year's field trips. The only other change, that is anticipated, is the CIT program. We are working on a plan to change the age group and extend camp to the thirteen year olds. If the thirteen year old is in Middle School then they would be a camper and the ones in High School would be a CIT. He has researched a number of other camps regarding charging a fee for the CIT program. He has not found a recreation department that does not have a fee based CIT program. Recreation Director Supervisor Jackson stated the reason for the change is due to the Department of Health recognizing the thirteen year old as campers. The program then is in need of another five counselors on staff, not being able to utilize the CIT's as we have in the past. This year we alternated the CIT's schedule, keeping our numbers low. Recreation Director Taylor said it is work in progress and we will discuss our thoughts and findings with the Boards for approval moving forward. Mayor Brescia said that wage increases need to be kept within the two percent tax cap. The Board will review the suggested changes for the program, thank you for running a great program.

Trustee Hembury mentioned one family returned from vacation early just so that their child wouldn't miss attending our camp, which alone is a testament to the program.

**RE: SALARY QUESTION ANSWERED**

Mayor Brescia answered a question from the previous meeting regarding his salary. He received his pay slated for 2017 at the end of 2016 by a few days and therefore, his W2 reflected a higher amount than stated in the budget. Therefore, this year his W2 shall reflect that much less and the same holds true for the Deputy Mayor Scheels.

**RE: PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. Berger mentioned meeting with the Village CPA Clum, regarding the budget and how he was able to explain the process in terms that he could understand. It was a good meeting. Trustee Lindner also mentioned the meeting going well and CPA Clum taking the time to answer all the budget and finances questions Mr. Berger asked. CPA Clum is an excellent resource for the Village, he did an outstanding job. Mayor Brescia said we want to make things as clear as we can.

Ms. Beltrametti remembers the discussion at the last meeting regarding the curbing to be repaired, does that also include the curbing in front of 2 Union Street. Mayor Brescia said yes the repairs also include 2 Union Street that is slated to begin next year as detailed in the infrastructure grant funding.

**RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to enter into Executive session under the open meetings law section (f) to discuss the personnel history of a particular individual with Atty. Dowd and the Village Clerk Fernandez in attendance.

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board entered into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:55 pm under the open meetings law sections (f) to discuss the personnel history of a particular individual with Atty. Dowd and the Village Clerk Fernandez in attendance. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, moved by Trustee Lindner, the Board EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:10 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: REGISNATION ACCEPTED**

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board accepted the resignation of Stephanie Mills as Site Manager for the Office of the Aging Senior Dining program. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0- Nays.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board adjourned the meeting of September 19, 2017 at 8:15 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

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Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk