

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, February 6, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, Police Chief Walsh, DPW Supt. Nelson, Bruce Yancewicz, James Bricker, Matthew Armour, Johanna Sweikata, Mary Ann Lindner, Maria Beltrametti, Jennett Bissinger, Don Berger, Howard Garrett, Alexander Vezuli, Jane Samuelson, Marc Devitt.

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

**RE: MINUTES**

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2018.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the meeting minutes of January 16, 2018. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

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

Howard Garrett, founder and curator of the Grand Montgomery Chamber Music Series introduces his replacement to the Board, Alexander Vezuli. Mr. Vezuli is known throughout Europe for his music. He has a Master's in Music journalism and owns a music teaching school from his home. He also writes music for artists. Howard's last concert is on May 6<sup>th</sup>, followed by retirement party. He has proudly and graciously curated the Grand Montgomery Chamber Music Series for thirty one years ago with the Mayor Brescia along with the support of the Board. Mayor Brescia mentioned that Mr. Vezuli will not be doing the fundraising for the program. Howard stated, he will be sending letters to all of the sponsors, informing them of his retirement and asking them for their continued support, and directing them to mail in their donations to the Village Hall. Mayor Brescia and the Board thanked Howard for all he has done over the years.

Jane Samuelson provided the Board with an update on the Village of Montgomery Mardi Gras parade, scheduled for Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. The day's events begin with a Masquerade in the Village from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. It is an exchange of non-perishable food items for Mardi Gras beads at the Main Street Music and Dance, Eat This Bakery, to benefit the Montgomery Food Pantry. The parade line-up is at 5:00 pm at the Orange County Fire Fighters Museum. The Family Friendly Mardi Gras parade steps off at 5:30 pm, ending at the Senior Center at 6:00 pm. A free family Movie Night, featuring the Trolls movie, begins at 7:00 pm, at the Senior Center. Child supervision services are available from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm, for the movie by prepay only, at \$10.00 per child, it includes pizza, popcorn and a drink. Email, [kidsnight.out@yahoo.com](mailto:kidsnight.out@yahoo.com) with the names and ages of the children who will be attending, space is limited to 100 children. Furthermore, she also has proposed a date for the Taste of Montgomery to be held on Saturday, June 2nd from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The preferred location is at the Village Municipal Parking Lot, Bandstand and the Walden Savings parking lot. Mayor Brescia suggested using the Village Hall employee parking lot for the participant's staff parking.

**RE: APPROVED TASTE OF MONTGOMERY DATE AND LOCATION**

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the date and the use of the Village Municipal parking lot to host the Taste of Montgomery on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Jennifer Bissinger, President of the Montgomery Little League thanked the Board for their continued support and cooperation. She presented the Board with an update on the Little League opening day which is on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> with a small parade down Clinton Street and welcoming all of the new players. Last spring our enrollment was up to 410, which included children from the Village of Maybrook, Walden and Montgomery, our program has definitely expanded. In addition, we had previously requested installing a new flag pole, where it can be easily seen from all of the ballfields. Our hope is for the flag pole to be closer to the concession stand, depending on the location the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts would like to plant flowers at the base and helping sprucing up the park in preparation for the event. The Stewart Air National Guard will be attending the dedication of the new flag pole on opening day. I have spoken with Buddy the DWP Superintendent about setting up a time to review the best possible location. The Little League programs runs eighteen weeks, six days a week, thank you again for your support. Trustee Hembury mentioned that his family has been a large part of the Little League program, and it continues with his grandchildren, who are now enrolled.

**RE: ABSTRACT NO. 01-2018**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, all bills listed on ABSTRACT NO.01-2018 were audited and approved for payment with \$157,826.41 from the General Fund, \$17,508.26 from the Water Fund, \$36,874.55 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$212,209.22. Check No: 75539 – 75617, 1124 - 1136. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Griffith reported a CASH BALANCE for the month of January 31, 2018, as follows: General Fund \$ 1,613,738.62, Water Fund \$385,329.20, Sewer Fund \$500,186.58.

**RE: DEPARTMENT REPORTS - POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Police Chief Walsh reported on two residents overdosing on heroine at the end of January, the first individual was driven to the Police Department by his friends and was revived by our Officers applying the Narcan. The second individual overdosed at home and despite our Officers applying CPR and deploying Narcan, they were unable to revive her. The death investigation was turned over to the State Police. Our overdoses were two of six, Town wide during one week in January. In response to the increase of overdoses in the immediate area, the officials from all four municipalities, at our meeting at the end of this month will be discussing a regional effort to combat the opioid crisis. The goal is to have four political bodies, as well as four municipal police agencies to brain storm and come up with a plan of attack locally. Mayor Brescia mentioned that Deputy Mayor JoAnn Scheels and Trustee Darlene Andolsek will be attending. I will be there, but will be a little late. The DA has done a few throughout the County. We definitely have to do more and prevent this kind of thing from happening. It is a real shame. Furthermore, on the 24<sup>th</sup> some type of K9, possibly coyotes have attacked and killed the domesticated ducks at the Viking Heights Pond. The investigation has not been yet concluded. It was definitely not someone shooting them. We continue to host the Region Fortes Returning to Community Advisory Board meeting, which we often discuss the opioid crisis epidemic as well. The Region includes Crawford, Walden, The

Town of Montgomery, Maybrook, and the Village of Montgomery. We have hosted it since its inception and will continue to host it, as long as they continue with the Advisory Board.

**RE: CONTINUED DEPARTMENT REPORTS – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

DPW Supt. Nelson began with the anticipated snow storm tomorrow, it will be a dangerous one with a quarter inch of ice as predicted. The plan is to leave some snow on the roads to prevent the ice sticking to the roads. It would be disastrous with a quarter inch of ice, it could possibly result in fallen wires, fallen trees, and power outages. Please be prepared! Valley Central School District has already closed and Goshen schools have closed too. Furthermore, we have had two water main breaks in January, the first one was on January 1<sup>st</sup>, and the second was on January 29th on Wilson Street. Our two were not as bad as the water main breaks in Monroe, Newburgh and New Windsor. To update you on the Holt Well Filtration System, Lanc and Tully has finalized the plans and will be sending them to the Department of Health. The Board will receive a copy as well. The plans are very involved, we will have to connect the pipes while Holt Well is running. Holt Well cannot be turned off for more the twelve to thirteen hours. It's our main well. We will have do as much as we can in-house, it is all six inch, heavy duty pipe work. It is best to hire someone as a Village employee. Keep in mind, we have a lot of projects going at the same time. We also have a pre-approval letter to pave Clinton Street for \$50,000 in grant funding from Assemblyman Brian Miller. I have to setup a meeting with the State for the Union Street curbing, the road is much lower, and it does not meet the proper slopes of the sidewalks for the proper handicap access. Mayor Brescia suggested making the Holt Well filtration system a top priority. By the next meeting, I may have all of the cost estimates. We will have to Bond for the Holt Well filtration system. My thought is to add to the bond for the painting of the Prospect Water Tower. The price last year was \$60,000 and this year it could easily be ten percent over that amount. Mayor Brescia mentioned wanting to preserve the Prospect Water Tower but is concerned about the cost. Buddy will take some pictures for the Board and will get a price for painting it. It is a fully functioning water tower, it is in use every day and will help us with Holt Well. In addition, Dennis Matthews is a Laborer B and my recommendation is to promote him to a Laborer A, effective Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**RE: PROMOTE DENNIS MATTHEWS FROM LABORER B TO LABORER A**

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to promote Dennis Matthews to Laborer A, effective Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approve to promote Dennis Matthews from Laborer B to Laborer A, effective Monday, February 12, 2018. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0- Nays.

**RE: HAZAROUS CONDITIONS DUE TO STRUCTURE FIRE AT 145 WARD ST.**

Building Inspector Yancewicz reported on the conditions of 145 Wards St. after a structure fire. The fire has caused extensive damage to the contents of the building, due to the high possibility of mold. He recommends an order to remedy within thirty days, of the interior.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board approved and authorized the Building Inspector to issue an order to remedy of the interior of 145 Ward Street, within thirty days. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: APPOINT ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR VILLAGE GENERAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018, FROM 8 AM – 9:00 PM, HELD AT THE SENIOR CENTER 36 BRIDGE STREET; WITH REGISTRATION DAY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018, FROM 12:00 NOON TO 5:00 PM HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL 133 CLINTON STREET**

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to appoint the Election Inspectors Gertrude Greene, Chairperson, Linda Osterhout, Carol Athanas, Judith M. Lozier, Thomas Steed, Bibi Latif as an alternate, and Wilma J. Bennett as an alternate, for the General Election on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 8 am to 9 pm, held at the Senior Center at 36 Bridge Street, with registration day on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm held at the Village Hall 133 Clinton Street.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board appointed the Election Inspectors Gertrude Greene, Chairperson, Linda Osterhout, Carol Athanas, Judith M. Lozier, Thomas Steed, Bibi Latif as an alternate, and Wilma J. Bennett as an alternate, for the General Election on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 8 am to 9 pm, held at the Senior Center at 36 Bridge Street, with registration day on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm held at the Village Hall 133 Clinton Street. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER SEAN JORDAN, EFFECTIVE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board accepted the resignation of Police Officer Sean Jordan effective Thursday, February 1, 2018. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF LABORER, TRAVIS W. MERES EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek the Board approved the resignation of Laborer, Travis W. Meres effective Friday, February 2, 2018. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: BSA, TROOP 31 REQUESTS USE OF THE SENIOR CENTER ON SATURDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> FROM 6 PM TO 8 PM FOR REHEARSAL AND ON SUNDAY, APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> FROM 10 AM TO 7PM TO HOST THEIR EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR AWARD CEREMONY, FOR JAMES REILLY, DAKOTA LUCIANO AND TAYLOR IRIZARRY WITH PROPER INSURANCE IS PROVIDED, LISTING THE VILLAGE AS ADDITIONAL INSURED.**

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the BSA, Troop 31 request to use of the Senior Center on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for a rehearsal and on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm to host their Eagle Scout Court of Honor Award Ceremony for James Reilly, Dakota Luciano, and Taylor Irizarry with the proper insurance is provided, listing the Village as additional insured. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: VILLAGE HALL IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS DAY**

Village Hall is closed on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Presidents' Day.

**RE: STREET CLOSING ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> FOR THE MARDI GRAS PARADE**

Street Closing: Clinton Street from Wallkill to Bridge on February 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:45 pm to 6:15 pm.

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved closing Clinton Street from Wallkill Avenue to Bridge Street on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> for the Mardi Gras parade from 4:45 pm to 6:15 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: EVENTS**

Saturday, February 10<sup>h</sup>, Village of Montgomery Mardi Gras Parade

- **Masquerade in the Village**, 3 to 5 pm –Exchange Nonperishable foods for Mardi Gras Beads.
- **Parade Line up** is at 5:00 pm, at the OC Firefighter Museum and Steps off at 5:30 pm and ending at the Senior Center at 6:00 pm.
- **Parade route:** Traveling down Clinton Street, crossing Union Street (Route 211), left onto Bridge Street, ending at the Montgomery Senior Center.
- **Movie Night**, featuring, **Trolls** at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, held at the Senior Center.
- **Mardi Gras Kids Night Out:** Grades K-5 child supervision services available at 6:00 pm. Reserve your spot via email: Kidsnight.out @yahoo.com, \$10.00 per child, includes Pizza, Fruit Cup, Popcorn and a drink provided by the VC High School JROTC.

Mayor Brescia asked the Village Clerk to post a generic CodeRed Announcement for the Mardi Gras event on Friday. Listing all of the events.

**RE: PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. Berger mentioned coming tonight to speak of the opioid problem that we seem to be having. He is really happy that the Police chief Walsh is going to unify the neighboring Villages along with the Town in an effort to resolve this issue. It is horrible that has happened to everyone. If you could pinpoint where ever the individuals are buying the opioids and wipe them out. He appreciates what the Police are doing.

Ms. Beltrametti asked if the Friends of the Library request was approved for the Annual Tea on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Village Clerk replied, yes, it was approved.

**RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to enter into Executive Session under the Open Meetings Law section 7 §(f) at 8:03 pm for matters leading to the appointment of a particular individual, with Atty. Dowd, Police Chief Walsh, and the Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez in attendance.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board entered into Executive Session under the Open Meetings Law section 7 §(f) at 8:03 pm for matters leading to

the appointment of a particular individual, with Atty. Dowd, Police Chief Walsh, and the Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez in attendance. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board exited Executive Session at 8:22 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to appoint Kyle Vetro, Dylan Bricker, and Craig Dudas as Part Time Police Officers with a one year probationary period, at the rate of pay pursuant to the Agreement between the Village of Montgomery and Village of Montgomery PBA, effective immediately.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board appointed Kyle Vetro, Dylan Bricker, and Craig Dudas as Part Time Police Officers with a one year probationary period, at the rate of pay pursuant to the Agreement between the Village of Montgomery and the Village of Montgomery PBA, effective immediately. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to enter into Executive Session under the Open Meetings Law section 7 §(f) at 8:30 pm for matters leading to the appointment of a particular individual, with Atty. Dowd, DPW Supt. Nelson, and the Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez in attendance.

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board entered into Executive Session under the Open Meetings Law section 7 §(f) at 8:30 pm for matters leading to the appointment of a particular individual, with Atty. Dowd, DPW Supt. Nelson, and the Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez in attendance. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays

**RE: EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board exited Executive Session at 9:00 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: APPOINT MATTHEW ARMOUR AS LABORER B**

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to appoint Matthew Armour as a Laborer B, with a one year probationary period, effective immediately at the rate of pay pursuant to the Agreement between the Village of Montgomery and the Village of Montgomery Department of Public Works.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board appointed Matthew Armour as a Laborer B, with a one year probationary period, effective immediately at the rate of pay pursuant to the Agreement between the Village of Montgomery and the Village of Montgomery Department of Public Works. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0- Nays, 1-absention (Deputy Mayor Scheels).

**RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to enter into Executive Session under the Open Meetings Law section 7 § (f) at 9:01 pm for matters leading to the appointment of a particular individual, with Atty. Dowd, and the Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez in attendance.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board to enter into Executive Session under the Open Meetings Law section 7 § (f) at 9:01 pm for matters leading to the appointment of a particular individual, with Atty. Dowd, and the Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez in attendance. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0- Nays.

**RE: EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board exited Executive session at 9:23 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: DECISION TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEEETING TO HIRE COURT CLERK**

Mayor Brescia and the Board have tabled a decision to hire the Court Clerk until the next meeting, allowing an interview to be set up with the Village Justice Roepe.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board adjourned the meeting of February 6, 2018 at 9:29 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

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Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk