

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 Wednesday, March 20, 2019 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 (absent), Police Chief Walsh, Treasurer Griffith, Johanna Sweikata, Don Berger, Robert M. Flynn, Jr., MaryAnn Lindner, Angela Demaris, Carol Huba

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

RE: MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the meeting minutes of March 5, 2019. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: OLD BUSINESS – STATUS ON 145 WARD STREET – UNSAFE BUILDING, ORDERED TO BE DEMOLISHED

Mayor Brescia stated the Building Inspector mentioned not much progress had been completed at 145 Ward Street and provided the Board with photos for the record. He suggests give them a week from today to clean up the house and if it is not done, the Board will enact their powers to get it done and put a lien on the building. Ms. Demaris stated Ms. Huba did not have fire insurance nor does she have a new buyer. Due to the low funds from the insurance, to cover the damages. Carol has been trying to cover all of the expenses herself. Everything is being done that we can. She is getting three bids and hopes to get a reasonable number. Ms. Huba is overwhelmed, and is experiencing issues with the title. The property was a joint ownership between Ms. Huba and her sister, who is now deceased. The family of the deceased is working to obtain a clear title. Mayor Brescia mentioned the Board has been very patient. It is a health condition for the neighbors next door, and vermin besides. Ms. Demaris stated there are other factors also involved with the tenant next door as well. Believe it or not, there was a lot done. It's going to take a company going in and completely gutting it down to studs making sure there is no mold. Trustee Lindner asked Ms. Demaris to give the Board a reasonable time frame. However, there is so much that needs to be done and therefore she asked the Board for extension of three weeks. Ms. Huba stated she was unaware of the meetings and that she could have sold the building. Ms. Demaris promises the Board to have a complete resolve in three weeks and it will be the way the Board wants to see it.

RE: APPROVE EXTENSION TO DELAY DEMOLITION OF 145 WARD STREET, FOR A COMPLETE RESOLVE IN THREE WEEKS, AND WITH AN UPDATE ON APRIL 2, 2019

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the extension to delay the demolition of 145 Ward Street, for a complete resolve in three weeks and with an update on April 2, 2019. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS BY AWARDED ORANGE COUNTY TOURISM TO THE GRAND MONTGOMERY CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted a resolution of acknowledgement and acceptance of grant funds awarded by Orange County Tourism to the Grand Montgomery Chamber Music Series, in the amount of \$2,500.00. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: APPOINT PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board appointed Scott Meyer to serve on the Planning Board. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: APPOINT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board appointed Kyle Wykle to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: EVENTS

St. Pat's Ramble; Saturday, March 23rd the day begins with the

Rainbow Dash Fun Run (kids Race is at 9:40 am, for Ages 8 & under \$5.00, if T-shirt wanted its \$15.00.

Run for the Gold 5K is at 10 am, and starts is at the corner of Charles Street and Walkill Avenue.

St. Pat's Ramble Parade Line is at 12:00 Noon in front of the Montgomery Elementary School, Union Street.

St. Pat's Ramble Parade is at 1:00 pm, it begins on Union Street and ends on lower Clinton Street.

RE: SET THE PRICE FOR THE SHORT TERM RENTAL, PER UNIT INSPECTION APPLICATION FEE

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board set the price of \$100.00, for the Short Term Rental, per unit inspection application fee. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: AMEND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT COLLECTIVE BARGINING AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE THE FULL TIME POLICE SERGEANT POSITION

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the amendment to the Village of Montgomery Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Village of Montgomery to include the Full Time Police Sergeant position. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: APPROVE SPECS FOR THE WESLEY HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT MATERIALS AND BID THE PLYWOOD SEPARATELY, SELECT STANDING SEAM ROOF COLOR, UPON THE CONDITIONS OF THE DPW SUPT AND THE BUILDING INSPECTORS APPROVAL OF THE SPECS, THE CLERK IS TO SEND THE BIDS OUT IN THE PROPER FORM

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved the specs for the Wesley Hall Roof replacement materials and to bid the plywood separately, and the Hartford Green color was selected for the standing seam roof, upon the conditions of the DPW SUPT AND THE Building Inspectors approval of the specs, the Clerk is to send the bids out in the proper form. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Brescia asked the public present, for any comments. The public present did not have any comments, silence.

RE: 2019-2020 BUDGET WORK SESSION

Mayor Brescia moved to the budget work session. We will not go through the budget line by line, that will be done at the Public Hearing. He asked if there were any questions. The rate is under the tax cap and we have utilized more of the fund balance. The tax cap is 2.24 roughly. Trustee Lindner stated that the mil rate is \$15.764 and last year's rate was \$15.484, therefore, the mil rate increase is slightly less than two percent. Trustee Andolsek ask the Police Chief Walsh if the Night Out Against Crime is included in the contractual line or is it stated in another line item.

Police Chief Walsh stated the Night Out Against Crime usually held the first Tuesday in August, will not be held this year, due to the costs. There is talk about having it every two years, instead of every year.

Mayor Brescia stated that DPW Supt. Nelson is moving Jake from the Street Department, to the water section of the budget, due to most of his duties being out of water and sewer. He also mentioned meeting with Trustee Lindner to look at the filtration system. Trustee Lindner stated the filtration system looks really good. He welcomed anyone to come down and take a look, he would be happy to arrange a tour. The filters are all in place, the piping is all hooked up and the last part to be done is the connection from the well lines into the building and down to the filtration system. The way it was explained to him, the water will be chlorinated before it goes into the system of filters. Once it goes into green stand, the green sand encapsulates the manganese that has been changed in color by the chlorine, therefore, the water passes through the tanks and it goes out into our system. At the end, there are two little spigots for the water tested going in and out. The thought is to have all of the piping completed, possibly early May. Buddy also stated that there may be issues that may cause a little bit of a delay; the system may be up and running by the end of May.

Mayor Brescia asked if there were any more questions.

Mr. Berger asked why there is a budget line for the election, when there will not be an election in the coming year. The Village Clerk stated that needs to be included in the event of a special election, due to an unexpected vacancy or a death. Mayor Brescia stated it is a place holder that we have to have. Trustee Lindner mentioned the Board has decided to raise the Mayor's salary, to be in line with the other Mayor's in the area.

Mayor Brescia distributed a report to the Board members on the E-Fulfillment Tax Study. It details, what companies in the corridor of County Route 99 pay in County taxes and School Taxes. He received this report at the E & Eve meeting, it was reported by the Orange County Partnership.

RE: 2019-2020 TENTATIVE BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board set the date for the 2019 – 2020 Tentative Budget Public Hearing to be held on April 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm, at the Village Hall Meeting Room, 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adjourned the meeting of March 20, 2019 at 8:00 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk