

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery is held in the Meeting Room at 133 Clintons Street, Montgomery, NY 12549 on Tuesday, May 7, 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, Police Chief Walsh, Randy “Rags” Rosenberg, Don Berger, Maria Beltrametti, Steve Snyder, Brian Fitzpatrick, Bonnie Robson, Phil Hopkins.

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

RE: MINUTES

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved the minutes of April 16, 2019. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ABSTRACT NO. 04-2019

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Lindner, all the bills listed on ABSTRACT NO. 04-2019 were audited and approve for payment with \$95,352.21 from the General Fund, \$42,779.97 from the Water Fund, \$38,128.12 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$176,260.30. Check No: 76876 - 76958 / 1374 – 1391. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Griffith reported a CASH BALANCE for the month of April 30, 2019, as follows: General Fund \$1,022,104.51, Water Fund \$297,881, Sewer Fund \$415,964.74.

RE: OLD BUSINESS – UPDATE ON MONTGOMERY NURSERY SCHOOL REQUEST FOR ACTIVITIES BEFORE THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Rags Rosenberg, in representation of the American Legion, mentioned he and Brian met with Mary Moore from the Montgomery Nursery School and they will be serving light refreshments, snacks and sing patriotic songs to the Veterans and in Honor of the Fallen, on Monday, May 27, 2019 Memorial Day, before the parade. They would like to be in the parade and it also happens to be their 50th Anniversary. Trustee Hembury mentioned having 500 American flags to be distributed, donated by the Village of Montgomery, he will be handing them out with his family’s assistance. They will have also serve a themed continental breakfast in the honor the Veterans.

RE: APPROVE THE 2019 ORANGE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZE THE GRAND MONTGOMERY CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES COORDINATOR, ALEKSANDER VEZULI (ARTIST) TO SIGN AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the 2019 Orange County Arts Council Community Arts Grant agreement, authorized the Grand Montgomery Chamber Music Series coordinator, Aleksander Vezuli to sign and accept the grant funds in the amount of \$1,000.00. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT AS TREASURER GRIFFTH HAS DETAILED

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the budget adjustments as Treasurer Griffith has detailed. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: TREASURER GRIFFITH REQUEST TO CLOSE ALL ACCOUNTS WITH STERLING BANK AND MOVE THEM TO CONNECT 1

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved Treasurer Griffith's requests to close all accounts with Sterling Bank and move them to Connect1, as Sterling Bank is not competitive with their interest rates. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF PART TIME CLERK MARILYN A. SMITH EFFECTIVE AS OF MAY 31, 2019 TO FACILITATE HER RETIREMENT FROM THE TOWN OF WALLKILL POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND REINSTATE HER TO THE POSITION OF SENIOR CLERK TO THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE JUNE 5, 2019

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board approved the resignation of Part Time Clerk Marilyn A. Smith effective as of May 31, 2019 to facilitate her retirement from the Town of Wallkill Police Department, and reinstate her to the position of Senior Clerk to the Village of Montgomery Police Department, effective June 5, 2019. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: APPOINT FRANK POLERA AS THE MAINTENANCE CARPENTER

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board appointed Frank Polera as the Maintenance Carpenter, at the rate of \$26.37, effective May 8, 2019. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: APPOINT JASON HENRY AS THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board appointed Jason Henry as the Water Treatment Operator, at the rate of \$30.39, effective May 8, 2019. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: TRUSTEE HEMBURY TO DISCUSS SAFEWISE RATING SIGNAGE

Trustee Hembury mentioned the Village being in the top 100 safest small towns in the country. The Board has decided to post these signs at the Village entrances, and one at the Village Museum. It is all based on FBI statistics. In addition, the Wallkill Valley Times called him and conducted an interview, but to no avail; nothing was published. It was advertised and feels everyone should be proud of this. If we're the top ten in a negative note, that surely would make the paper, but we are not, thanks to our Police Chief Walsh and the Police Department. We kept the purchase of the signs local, made by Fusion Graphics. Mayor Brescia thanked Trustee Hembury for his work on this project and promoting the Village in a positive way.

RE: VILLAGE HALL IS CLOSED IN OBSERVATION OF MEMORIAL DAY

The Village Hall is close on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

RE: CLOSE VILLAGE STREET FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved to close the parade route (Wallkill Avenue, Boys Street, Union Street, Clinton Street, Bridge Street) for the Memorial Day Parade, on Monday, May 27th beginning at 10:00 am through 12:00 noon. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Police Chief Walsh stated, he will have extra patrols on Memorial Day.

RE: EVENTS

Saturday, May 18th, 10 am to 5 pm; Village Wide Yard Sale Day.

Monday, May 27th, 11:00 am Memorial Day Parade, followed by a ceremony to be held at the clam shell stage next to the Senior Center.

RE: ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CATHIE RAI, DPW PART TIME CLERK

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board accepted the resignation of Cathie Raia, DPW Part Time Clerk, effective immediately. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: MONTGOMERY HOMETOWN HEROES

Brian Fitzpatrick presented the Board with the Montgomery Hometown Heroes. The program is to recognize and honor residents and their family members who have served or are serving in the United States Armed Services. This is a non-political, non-partisan program whose intention is to serve as a living memorial to those service men and women from The Village of Montgomery. This program will honor your "Hometown Hero" by having a street banner created and hung to celebrate them and their service to the country.

The Program is open to residents and or Montgomery, who meet the eligibility requirements. This is an ongoing program and applications will be accepted at any time by those who wish to sponsor a banner. Banners will be displayed from May to August. The Banners will all be the same and will be based on the template and measure 30" x 60". Those wishing to participate in the program must complete the application form and submit the required documents. Banners are limited to 1 per service person for a fee, which is to be determined. Due to the elements, over time banners may become damaged and may need to be replaced. The Banners are paid for by the family or funded by a donation. The website and the payment process is currently being worked on.

Eligibility requirements – Honoree must be Military personnel and be currently serving, honorably discharged, retired or deceased.

Honoree meet one of the following criteria:

- Be a current resident in the Village of Montgomery
- Valley Central School attendee who lives in the Village of Montgomery
- A family member of a long-term Village Resident
- Business owner in the Village of Montgomery

Residency requirement can be waived if honoree was a resident of the Village of Montgomery resident at birth.

Each application is subject to approval by the Montgomery Hometown Heroes Committee.

Locations for displaying the banners will be determined by the Montgomery Hometown Heroes Committee and the Village Highway Superintendent. A map outlining where each banner is hung will be made available to all residents on the "Hometown Heroes" Facebook page/website.

Contact information: The Table, attention: Phil Hopkins, 73 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549. 845-769-5625. www.thetableny.com/hometownheros, thetableny@yahoo.com. Make Checks Payable to the Village of Montgomery. Mail completed form with payment to 73 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549.

Photo of service member must be at least 300 dpi, resolution of the banner may be grainy. No refunds once produced. Email photo to thetableny@yahoo.com or fusiongraphics@frontiernet.net

They will be sure to obtain permission from Central Hudson also.

Mayor Brescia feels this is a great idea and will work with American Legion and try to implement it as soon as it is possible. Please remember the two veterans that lost their lives in the plane crash, Jim Ferguson's, son in law and the gentlemen from Prospect Terrace.

RE: WESLEY HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT BID'S OPENING RESULTS

Builders First Source, \$3,568.30 for 170 Sheets of 5/8" Ply Fir Plywood, no other bids were received for the other materials.

Moved by Deputy Mayor, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the Builder's First Source bid for the 140 Sheets of 5/8" Ply Fir Plywood in the amount of \$3,568.30. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: DIRECTIVE PATROLS

Deputy Mayor Scheels requested a directive patrols for truck traffic and speeding on Goodwill Road. Police Chief mentioned having a similar conversation earlier with Trustee Lindner. We do conduct monthly directive patrols. The month of May will be focused on the stops signs on Goodwill Road and Boyd Street. Last month the directive patrol was done on the stop signs of Tompkins Roads and Goodwill Road, speed enforcement on Union Street, Boyd Street. If you receive any complaints from constituents, please forward on the information and it will be added to the list.

RE: VILLAGE OF MONTGOMER MUSEUM GRAND OPENING

Mayor Brescia mentioned the grand opening of the Museum was well attended by the Board. He and the Board thanked Historian Fitzpatrick for organizing it well and for Charlene assisting in the preparations as well. The museum looks great!

RE: SOLAR FIELD CONSTRUCTION

Atty. Dowd mentioned a conference will be conducted to begin the construction on the solar field. He asked the Board to approve the agreement subject to his review. He will also have Lanc and Tully review by May 20, 2019.

RE: CENTRAL HUDSON AGREEMENT APPROVED WITH THE CONDITIONS OF ATTY DOWD AND LANC AND TULLY'S REVIEW TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR BRESCIA TO SIGN

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approve the Central Hudson agreement with conditions of Atty. Dowd and Lanc and Tully's review, to begin construction and authorizing Mayor Brescia to sign the agreement. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 10-Nays.

RE: DEPARTMETN REPORTS – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Walsh reported Lt. Herlihy will be conducting firearms training at the Orange County Academy. He will be attending the School Safety Committee. He has asked the school district to fund a partial amount for these position. The Town of Wallkill has asked for two Officers for the 4th of July.

RE: TOWN OF WALLKILL REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF TWO OFFICERS FOR THEIR 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved the Town of Wallkill's request the assistance of two officers for their 4th of July celebration. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: CREATE A FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Moved by Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved the Police Chief's request to create a Facebook page for the Village of Montgomery Police Department. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: DEPARTMENT REPORTS – DPW

DPW Supt. Nelson reported on the status of Holt Well. The media is coming on Friday. They will make sure all is up and running. He is thankful that it is all new piping and electrical and hopes to have it done within the next two weeks. Jake and Bob have been working on it every day. They have done an excellent job.

He also met with Dennis and Frank on the boiler system. Mayor Brescia stated it is will be better to replace the boiler. The annual cost for the repairs on the old system has not improved the conditions, therefore, a new system will save the Village money in long run.

The asphalt behind the Village Hall will be reclamation blacktop. He hopes to have the paving of Municipal parking lot and the parking behind the Village Hall done possibly by June 10th, before the concert series begins.

Mayor Brescia mentioned making sure the tent for the Taste of Montgomery is secured in the grass and not into the asphalt. DPW Supt. Nelson stated the tent needs to wider by six feet. Trustee Lindner said he will have Pergolesi contact Buddy when they come to put up the tent.

RE: PUBLIC PORTION

Ms. Bonnie Robson and family presented the Board with a letter commending Police Officer Charles Bodensieck. They feel he should be recognized for his outstanding care and understanding of a difficult situation. He is compassionate and went the extra mile for us. We are positive that he does the same for all he protects and serves. With a heartfelt thanks and gratitude, we cannot thank him enough. He also explained the FOIL process. She feels in this case the process needs an exception, due to the concerns of prescribed medication that was involved in the incident.

Mr. Berger suggests the Village Board consider adding weight limit signs at the entrances to the Village, for oversized vehicles. Mayor Brescia said they will look into it. Atty. Dowd stated the Village can enforce weight restrictions on Village Streets, as long as they are making local deliveries. If they are traveling in the wrong direction of a Village Street, they can be ticketed. It can be posted with the exception of Boyd Street, being the alternate route for Route 211 and 17K traffic. The Police Department needs to see the vehicles that are in violation.

Police Chief Walsh stated being in contact with the Police Academy regarding commercial vehicle enforcement training. They are looking into sponsoring a class based on the interest. He mentioned it to them, the Village would have at least a half dozen in attendance; with proposed warehouses in the area and possibility inviting the DOT and hold an inspection station in the Village along the state route.

Mr. Berger said it is his understanding that meeting have been conducted with Medline and the Village of Montgomery.

Mayor Brescia stated one meetings was held with JoAnn, him and Demetri from Medline. He will come to a Village Board Meeting to answer questions for Village residents. It is not sure when. It will be an amicable meeting, no disruptions will be tolerated. At the meeting, some of our fears were elated and he is sure at the meeting, it will be the same for others. We asked how much truck traffic will be coming through the Village. He said, zero, unless it is a box truck with a local delivery. We will have to take him on his word and reiterate it at the meeting of questions and

answers with the residents. It will most likely be held at the Senior Center. We also asked about the appearance of the building. He said it will be obscured with the landscaping. It was a good meeting. Hopefully, it will be at the next meeting or soon after.

Steve Magyar suggested the intersection of Route 211 and Route 416 needs to be resigned. Deputy Mayor Scheels mentioned that a plan is being worked on. We will keep everyone in the loop. Atty. Dowd mentioned the DOT raised a question of a roundabout at that intersection during the Chandler Lane project application. Mayor Brescia said a roundabout would certainly slow down the traffic coming into the Village.

Ms. Beltrametti asked if the new budget was adopted and what was the date of the public hearing. Has the sound system for the Senior Center been delivered? Mayor Brescia replied the budget was adopted on April 2nd and the Public Hearing was held on the same day. DPW Supt. Nelson and Trustee Lindner answered in unison, yes.

Ms. Beltrametti asked the DPW Supt. Nelson if he had noticed that the street sign on the corner of Clinton Street and Union Street by Richie Reynolds statue does not appear to completely secure. It seems to have a sink hole around it. DPW Supt. Nelson said he would look into it.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board adjourned the meeting of May 7, 2019 at 8:15 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk