

Minutes of the Public Hearing for 2022 CDBG, for the Senior Center Addition, was held in the Court Room, of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery at 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:15 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, Chairman Conero, MP Mbr. Romano, MP Mbr. Steed, Bruce Kaufmann, Skip Chambers, Darin Jellema, Keith Studt, Rita & Bob Santo, Don Berger, Karen Grygus, Carmine Simone.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

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

Mayor Brescia asked Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez if all of the paperwork has been filed to hold this public hearing.

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez replied yes, all the paperwork has been filed.

Mayor Brescia asked Atty. Dowd to provide a summation of the 2022 Community Development Block Grant.

Atty. Dowd said looking at the Notice for the Public Hearing, it invites the public to make comments on the project the Village is requesting funding for through the 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is an application, which is for the expansion of the Senior Center.

He asked Trustee Lindner if he would like to provide any additional information.

Trustee Lindner expanded on the proposed project for the 2022 CDBG. It's a 20-foot addition, of the full width, on the back, on the North side of the Senior Center, with three quarters of it to be used for meetings, and a quarter for storage. It was not approved for the 2021 submission, but he is hopeful for this application.

Mayor Brescia opened to received public comment on the 2022 CDBG application for the proposed project of an addition to the Montgomery Senior Center.

No verbal or written comments were received from the public.

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to close the Public Hearing for the 2022 CDBG, so moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board closed the public hearing at 7:23 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk

Minutes of the Regular meeting, of Board the Trustees, for the Village of Montgomery, was held in the Court Room, at 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, Bruce Kaufmann, Skip Chambers, Darin Jellema, PB Mbr. Sophia Romano, PB Mbr. Tom Steed, Don Berger, Karen Grygus, Carmine Simone, Keith Strudt, Rita and Bob Santo.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLAQUE PRESENTATION

Mayor Brescia and Trustee Hembury presented Skip Chambers with a plaque for being one of the four Veterans who unveiled the Veterans Corner Sign that was held on March 6, 2021.

PHONE SYSTEM PRESENTATION BY ITC

Keith Studt with ITC presented the Board with a telecommunications proposal that would service all of the different departments into one program. ITC currently provides their service to the Village Hall with the exception of the Montgomery Free Library.

MINUTES

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board approved the minutes of April 6, 2021. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

PHONE SYSTEM PRESENTATION BY ITC

Keith Studt with ITC presented the Board with a brief telecommunications proposal that would service all of the different departments into one program. ITC currently provides their services to the Village Hall with the exception of the Montgomery Free Library. Our proposal is strictly turn key and there is no IT involvement, or extra cabling. We are offering a larger capacity for less money. We did an evaluation based on the number of lines and circuits that you have. We will be using Spectrum as our back up. The net result is about \$452.00 a month more than what you are paying today. The amount represents everything you are paying now, to Spectrum, Frontier and to ITC, to all of your locations, with an overall increase to the village expense by \$452.00. In addition, it includes all new equipment and new circuits across to the different departments; which we will maintain, including all costs, labor, and all wear and tear. There is no out of pocket expense to the Village at all, however, there may be less than \$500.00 to install the circuit. If you had Capex or grant money available to purchase the equipment, certainly that payment will go down; and own it out right, that certainly is an option.

Trustee Lindner asked if the equipment that we have now, would it need to be replaced.

Mr. Studt replied, yes, the current equipment would need to be replaced. However, we have the bulk of the same software at the Village Hall, but with a newer version and moved to the cloud. As well as the phones, our proposal includes new devices. You wouldn't want the Village Hall to suffer with the old handsets and new software.

Trustee Hembury asked, if we purchase the system, what happens if a newer and better system comes along, would we have to buy that too?

Mr. Studt replied today, unlike before when purchasing a server, it has software already installed. However, if you purchase the equipment, the system consists of routers, switches, and phone equipment, that is not as quickly changed. There is always going to be a monthly payment. It is a blended system.

Atty. Dowd asked how secure is it with regard to the possibility of being hacked or held ransom of the software.

Mr. Studt said certainly security is huge part of any file system. We have a lot of these systems out there from small to large customers, one of them happens to be Westchester Medical, Columbia Doctors, Wallkill Police Department, and installed at Village of Washingtonville Police Department today. It is very important to have safe guards in place with any type of electrics. There is always a possibility but there are always updates to enhance security.

It is our intention to design and provide a telecommunication system that will function at a maximum level of efficiency and effectiveness at all times. We understand that your communication system is vital to your success and further recognize the inherent capabilities of the system must be consistent with the expectations of the end user being served. We evaluated your requirements prior to determining the best possible telecommunication solution. ITC recommends Zultys Cloud Services and dedicated last mile connectivity with Spectrum with ITC managed SD-WAN services at core sites.

Zultys is one of the most respected, small to medium sized, IP Telephony solution and open standard SIP providers in the industry. Additionally, Zultys overall value, business applications, value/price, and features functionality are second to none. Zultys provides critical communications features and applications to run your business.

To recap this unique all in one system includes, Call Controller, visual voice mail, unified messaging, fax server, automatic call distribution, softphone, call reporting, call record (auto and on demand), presence/status, find me/follow me, instant messaging/chat, conferencing, and many more features.

If you have any questions, he provided his contact information to the Board, do not hesitate to call. He appreciates the time afforded to him. In the packet, it describes a brief overview.

Mayor Brescia and the Board thanked Mr. Studt for his presentation.

REQUEST TO MEET WITH BOARD

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING DATE I-LL 2 OF 2021 FOR ZONING AMENDMENTS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board set the Public Hearing date for Introductory Local Law 2 of 2021, to be held on May 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm, held at the Montgomery Senior Center, 36 Bridge Street, Montgomery, NY 12549. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AS TREASURER GRIFFITH HAS OUTLINED

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

ADOPT A RESOLUTION, APPROVING THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY TO HEREBY SUBMIT ITS APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE FY-22 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 2022 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

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-22 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 2022 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.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION, AS IT IS WORDED IN THE EXHIBIT F OF THE FY 2022 CDBG APPLICATION, FOR THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY SUPPORTING TITLE VIII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 (FEDERAL HOUSING LAW) AND THE NEW YORK HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted a resolution, as it is worded in the Exhibit F of the FY 2022 CDBG application, for the Village of Montgomery supporting Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Housing Law) and the New York Human Rights Law. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBER SOPHIA ROMANO, EFFECTIVE APRIL 26, 2021, TO BE ABLE TO WITHDRAW FROM THE NYSLRS AND REINSTATE HER EFFECTIVE AS OF APRIL 27, 2021

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board accepted the resignation of Planning Board Member Sophia Romano, effective April 26, 2021, to be able to withdraw from the NYSLRS and reinstated effective as of April 27, 2021. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EVENTS

Village Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, May 15, 2021, 10 am to 5 pm.

Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 31, 2021 at 11 am.

Mayor Brescia mentioned that a CodeRed announcement will be launched for the concert schedule for Sunday, May 30th, which will be funded by the donations received from the Hometown Hero's Banner, and a donation also made to the American Legion.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Kaufmann asked about the Local Law 2 of 2021 regarding the zoning changes. What does that actually mean?

Mayor Brescia replied, it is regarding the zoning changes in all of the industrial zones in the Village. The public hearing will be held on May 18th.

Mr. Kaufmann asked where can he obtain a copy.

Atty. Dowd replied, he can obtain a copy from the Village Clerk. He asked if has been posted on the Village website.

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez replied, no, it has not been posted on the Village website as this moment.

Mr. Berger expressed his concerns about the moratorium expiring at the beginning of June.

Mayor Brescia said a site visit will be held for a few members of the Board, the Planning Board, the Zoning Committee, and the developer owner will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 9:30 am. It's not open to the public for insurance reasons at this time. However, hopefully on the following Saturday, May 8th at 9:30 am on Weaver Street for the residents.

Mr. Berger asked if the Board will entertain a new public hearing for another extension?

Mayor Brescia replied yes, if we have not completed what is being introduced.

Mr. Berger expressed his feelings; time is of the essence.

Atty. Dowd stated that the local law 2 of 2021 is now ten pages long. It is the first shot at rezoning of the comprehensive plan. However, it doesn't meet all of the zoning plan. In fact, we are going to have a public hearing regarding this local law, it doesn't mean we can back it up with a second local law depending on what the Board members and the committee agree upon. We are trying to get this done in an effective manner. However, you can amend this local law after the public hearing and continue the public hearing through the first part of June. Therefore, put the consolidated law with the new changes and then adopt that way. Keep in mind, you have several options to consider.

In addition, the zoning cannot regulate the size of the trucks traveling on Route 211, onto Route 416, or Route 17K. However, in this local law, it does it limit the size of warehousing and has language relating to the distance between the residential properties and industrial properties, which is the buffer and is in the I-1 zones.

Ms. Rita Santo mentioned the income tax preparations held at the Senior Center was a success. On behalf of the AARP Taxaide program and specifically the Tax Preparers from the Montgomery Senior Center, I would like to express our appreciation for allowing the use of the Senior Center for our 2021 tax season. Our team this year consisted of four preparers; two experienced and two first year preparers, in addition to one bilingual client facilitator. Because of your generosity, this group was able to prepare 100 returns for tax year 2020 and three for tax year 2019. Furthermore, we were able to amend several other returns.

All of this work was done in a most ideal environment. The Center is equipped with all of the resources that we needed. Each morning, when we arrived, the hall was set according to our needs enabling us to operate under the strict mandated conditions set forth by the CDC.

Again, our tax season was a great success. Thanks to you all and a special thanks to Steve and Rick from the DPW, Trish from the Senior Board and of course, Monserrate for responding so quickly one morning to my very panicked call for help. You all are the best!

Mayor Brescia and the Board thanked Rita Santo and the other tax preparers for all their hard work they provided to the residents.

Resident, Ms. Karen Grygus of Blue Jay Lane, they moved her due to the nice and quiet area and as of recent they have experienced the nuisance of loud music being play by her neighbor. They were asked to lower their music but they just raised it even more and said to be prepared to the music to be heard late into the night. They music was so loud that you could feel the vibrations inside her home. She reported it to Police Department, and was informed that the language written for this type of nuisance is very vague. The Police Department cannot do much until the regulations are changed. They asked her neighbors to lower the music and they did not comply. Shortly afterwards, the Building Inspector was called and he asked the neighbors to keep the music as a moderate level as not to disturb the neighbors. At that point, they lowered the music. She asks the Board to please consider making a change to the code for this issue to be controlled.

Mayor Brescia asked Atty. Dowd to prepare an updated noise ordinance for the Village of Montgomery, ready to be introduced at the next meeting and to be adopted on May 18, 2021. A CodeRed will also be launched advising the residents of it. We all have to be mindful of our neighbors and be respectful.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board adjourned the meeting of April 27, 2021 at 8:10 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk