

Minutes of the Public Hearing, of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery, was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, in the Meeting Room, at 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, at 7:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Will Frank, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, Treasurer Griffith, Justice Court Clerk Nelson, Police Chief Herlihy, DPW Supt. Nelson, Building Inspector, PB Chrmn. Conero, Rec. Dir. Taylor (arrived late), Videographer Ibberson, Don Berger, Maria Beltrametti, MaryAnn Lindner, John Kitchenman, Nathaniel Daley VC Student, Patrick Feller VC Student.

OPEN FY 2022-2023 TENTATIVE BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board opened the FY 2022-2023 Tentative Budget Public Hearing at 7:00 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Mayor Brescia asked the Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, if the all of the paperwork has been filed to hold this Public Hearing?

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez replied, yes, all the paperwork has been filed to hold this public hearing.

Mayor Brescia will go through the budget by section. If there are any discussion, hold them to the end as best that we can.

FY 2022-2023 Tentative Budget read aloud by Mayor Brescia beginning with page one.

Total of Funds: \$5,995,358.

General Fund: \$5,046,133.

Water Fund: \$413,000.

Sewer Fund: \$536,185.

Estimated Revenues General Fund: \$1,300,554.

Estimated Revenues Water Fund: \$303,040.

Estimated Revenues Sewer Fund: \$411,185.

Estimated Total Funds Available General Fund: \$1,925,554.

Estimated Total Funds Available Water Fund: \$413,040.

Estimated Total Funds Available Sewer Fund: \$536,185.

Real Estate Tax Levy: \$3,120,579.

Assessed Valuation: \$192,558,036.

Tax Rate: \$16.206

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LEGISLATIVE

Board of Trustees: Are there any questions on the Board of Trustees?

No questions received.

Judicial: Are there any questions on the Board of Trustees section?

No questions received.

Executive: Are there any questions on the Board of Trustees?

Mr. Berger said through the years that he has participated in the budget process; he has always suggested all pay raises be similar to the collective bargaining agreement. Because of the cost of living and the social security and all of that is 5.8. He has to be honest, he does not object to the raises that the Mayor and the Board are getting; for the first time in ten years.

Mayor Brescia asked if there are any other questions?

Auditor: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Finance: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

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Clerk: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Law: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Engineer: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Elections: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Board of Ethics: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Share Services: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Special Items: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Mayor Brescia asked the Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, if the Liability Insurance is as projected? It's a bit higher.

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez replied, that is correct.

Mayor Brescia mentioned a line item has been added for the Videographer.

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Police Department: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Safety from Animals: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received. Mayor Brescia said this is covered by the Town of Montgomery.

Safety Inspection –

Building Inspector: Are there any questions on this section? No question received.

Registrar of Vital Statistics: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Drug Abuse D.A.R.E.: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Mayor Brescia said the D.A.R.E. program is a very good program and mentioned the he and the Board attended the D.A.R.E. graduation. They are very proud of it.

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Street Department: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Mayor Brescia said most of these lines are flat. The price for the oil and chipping (asphalt) is up and is hopeful the price will start to come down.

DPW Supt. Nelson said he also hadn't increased the supplies line either. He only figured \$3.50 for gas and heating, and hopes the price comes down.

Mayor Brescia also mentioned a change in personnel status that included changes from single to a family plan, which is the cause for an increase of the employee benefits. He asked out of what departments those changes were out of?

DPW Supt. Nelson said one of the changes were out of Shared Services and the other out of Streets.

Mayor Brescia said that policy applies to all the employees, “across the Village”, should an individual have a change from a single plan to a family, it cost the Village an additional \$20,000.00. He asked the Treasurer Griffith if it’s close to that.

Treasurer Griffith replied, yes.

Mayor Brescia said he knows that the County does it, and they figure the whole-kit-n-caboodle. Its tough for us to do that, for two individuals going from a single plan to a family plan it’s a \$40,000.00 hit, its tough to absorb in one year. But we manage to do it safely.

Snow Removal: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Street Lighting: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Sidewalk Maintenance: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Park & Recreation: Are there any questions on the Board of Trustees? No questions received.

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Youth Program: Are there any questions on this section?

Mr. Berger asked why is there an increase over the current year, are there addition people coming in with increase or is it and increase in pay? What is creating that difference?

Deputy Mayor Scheels stated the last couple of years the camp enrollment was down to 75 opposed to couple of hundred. Therefore, we are expecting enrollment to go up.

Mayor Brescia asked Treasurer Griffith, if the Village has to pay the new minimum wage rates?

Treasurer Griffith said no.

Mayor Brescia said we don’t, that’s good.

Treasurer Griffith said the Village is exempt from that law.

Mayor Brescia asked, so the camp enrollment is expected to increase from the previous years.

Deputy Mayor Scheels replied, the camp enrollment is expected to increase from the previous year of 75 back up to 150.

Mayor Brescia said it’s a very positive program. Deputy Mayor Scheels agreed.

Library: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Museum: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Mayor Brescia asked Recreation Director Taylor who just walked in about the increase for camp?

Rec. Dir. Taylor replied, it basically depends on the number of registrants. Once that is known, then he’s able to adjust it.

Mayor Brescia mentioned most of it is offset by fees.

Celebrations: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Mayor Brescia said by the way, the Air Show has been rescheduled to be held on August 27th -28th, which is good. He had originally thought that it was canceled, it had been advertised on the same day as General Montgomery. He is glad its been rescheduled, it's good for us.

Program for the Aged: Are there any questions on this section?

Mr. Berger asked why there is a line item for the Senior Center Contribution.

Treasurer Griffith replied a separate line item was created for a better transparency, which was previously out of Senior Center Contractual. The Senior Dinning Program has a defined budget line item also.

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez confirmed that the separate line items for the Dinning Program and the Senior Center Contribution were needed for clarification of expenses, .100 is personnel and .410 is the Dinning Program which reflects the Senior Dinning Contract.

Trustee Lindner said the Senior Dinning Program is reimbursed by the County.

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez confirmed that the Senior Dinning Program is reimbursed by the County which is offset on the revenue page.

Mayor Brescia asked if that is on page 9.

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez replied, yes, it is.

Mayor Brescia asked if there are any other questions on this section?

Zoning Board of Appeals: Are there any questions on this section? No question received.

Planning Board: Are there any questions on this section? No question received.

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Arch. & Historic Review Board: Are there any questions on this section? No question received.

Refuse & Garbage: Are there any questions on this section?

Mr. Berger asked the DPW Supt. Nelson about the rates for the past two years have increase dramatically, but your overall line has decreased, so have the rates come down a bit.

DPW Supt. Nelson replied, yes, the rates for recycling are down. It was at \$210 a ton, now last year it dropped down as far as \$27 a ton. So, we saved a lot in recycling fees. Whereas, the garbage fees have stayed the same. The recycling is so volatile on whatever China does, whether they are buying or not. One day it could be \$25.00 a ton, and the following week it could be \$75.00 a ton. Again, It's really volatile.

Mayor Brescia asked if a little padding was added for this expense, for the higher price.

DPW Supt. Nelson said, it's mainly the same rate (inaudible – talking at the same time and over each other).

Mayor Brescia asked the DPW Supt. Nelson if the new fuel prices have been figured into the budget.

DPW Supt. Nelson replied, the fuel is figured in under supplies. However, he kept it pretty much the same but actually under contractual he lowered it by \$3,000.00. He is hopefully that it doesn't go up. If we took our recyclables to Orange County, we would be paying \$110.00 a ton the entire year. We use any outside company and travel across the river to dump it. In doing so, we get a cheaper rate, depending on the market.

Mr. Berger said so as he understands it, that your overall budget is going to have a decrease. Is that correct, Steve?

Mayor Brescia replied, the Refuse and Garbage is going from \$416,158 to \$413,362 basically. Is that what you are saying? Mr. Berger asked, the tax rate is going down.

Trustee Lindner said the MIL rate is going down.

Mr. Berger replied, yes right. So, on things like this as you know, I'm always on the other side of the ball. You've brought up a very good point here, Steve about the fuel costs. It would make sense to me that on your (Buddy's) supply line perhaps you might want to increase that a little bit and bring it back up to \$416,158 or something of that nature. So, you don't have that problem. We all know fuel is going to be up the rest the year.

DPW Supt. Nelson said, oh yeah there is no doubt. (In audible – several speaking at the same time). These were the numbers that we came up with for keeping the budget under the tax cap, or a little more. If we had a little more wiggle room that would have been brought up. Furthermore, there may be another line that was also reduced to bring down the tax cap.

Mr. Berger said, so we are way below the tax cap, if you

Mayor Brescia we are below the tax cap by \$5,000.00. He was afraid, we weren't going to make it; but we have been below the cap nearly every year except two out of the eleven and they were very close to the tax cap. We spiked up the sales tax revenue from the County, which is up 31 % to 32 % some of it is due to inflation and some is due to stimulus spending. We feel that is a little bit of a chance in numbers. For example, with the fuel prices if we have to cut back on doing some roads or oil and chipping, we will have to do it and monitor it throughout the year. Are there any additional questions on this section?

Shade Trees: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Employee Benefits: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Mayor Brescia mentioned having a big spike in the Police retirement.

Mr. Berger asked why?

Mayor Brescia replied the Police Retirement is up due to salaries with the step and everything else.

Treasurer Griffith said within the last two years it has spiked on us and the same goes for health insurance.

Mr. Berger asked if that is for the Full-Time employees, is that correct.

Treasurer Griffith said that is correct but it also includes the Part-Time employees who choose to contribute choose to be in the retirement systems if they so choose, but its mandatory for Police.

Mayor Brescia said we pay a percentage for part-timers. In addition, Hospital and Medical Insurance is also up to \$540,000, which includes two of the employees we spoke about earlier, as well as the rates. Are there any other questions under employee benefits?

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Bond Indebtedness

Bond Anticipation Notes: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

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Estimated Revenues Other Than Real Property Taxes to be Levied: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

Mayor Brescia mentioned the Sales Tax Revenue at \$720,000 from \$650,000.

Mr. Berger asked about the Recreation Concessions GMD is a \$20,000 increase, is that because of increased rates?

Treasurer Griffith replied, no, it's because he put in the wrong amount in last year. We were uncertain if GMD was going to take place. So, he had estimated it lower, again, not knowing what the situation was going to be.

Mayor Brescia said he feels we did pretty well and we've been in the Black for the parade every year with the exception of maybe one year. No, we have not increased our fees and we have not had a GMD meeting this year. Are there any other questions on Revenue page?

Ms. Beltrametti asked, What is the rental of properties? What property is that?

Mayor Brescia replied, it's the Senior Center, for weddings, parties of which does not include the Dining Program.

Treasurer Griffith also mentioned that the rental of properties also includes the Rec. Center.

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Estimated Revenue – Water Fund: Are there any questions on this section? No questions received.

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Water Administration – Are there any questions on page 11? No questions received.

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Are there any questions on page 12? No questions received.

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Are there any questions on page 13? No questions received.

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Are there any questions on page 14? No questions received.

Moving to the Statement of Debit

Are there any questions on the Statement of Debit?

Are there any questions on the budget as a whole?

Mr. Berger asked, why a work session was not held? This is how you normally conduct a work session. This is a Public Hearing and he sees that it's your intent to go into the approval. He has a problem with the availability of the tentative budget. I'm sure Monse' mentioned it. It was just put online late this afternoon. His problem with that, knowing he comes to the meetings and usually have a lot of questions, whether we agree on or not is another thing. All years past, with exception of maybe last year, we've always had a work session and he's had a budget in front of him. This year he did not. He is curious as to why there was a change. Frankly, he was not prepared to go over this budget because he just received it. To compare this budget with the previous budget, and you know I do that. So, he's this year you decided to change things. We are open and COVID is not the issue anymore, last year it was, where you weren't able to have those meetings. He gets it. The past two meetings, this Board has spoken a lot about transparency. He thinks transparency includes him to be able to go online to the website and be able to look at this budget and not at 3:30 pm.

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez said the tentative budget was given to her yesterday (the website administrator) which was Monday to post as you (Mayor Brescia) instructed. She did not post it until today.

Mayor Brescia said, Okay. We can certainly work on posting the budget a little bit earlier. He is aware that Al Baty asked and a copy was provided to him on Friday morning. We have not had a work session in three to four years and feels as though a work session is not needed. The Board looks at his submitted budget and if they have any issues with, they can certainly have a work session. Again, we haven't had a work session for a number of years now, and kept it with the deadline.

Mr. Berger said he thinks it worked out great. He thought they were fine. We came up with the general agreements, he knows when we had couple of them in here, a couple members of the Board said those meetings are very good. He felt that they were and he thinks that the problem also (Steve) is the overall way the budget was done this year. On your website, there is no mention of the Public Hearing on the calendar or the front page. The only way you would know is going to the newspaper which was two weeks ago. He doesn't think it's fair. You know you have a website and there are complaints about whom ever the person is and things always seems to be late or things don't get on the website. At least that is what you all say anyway. He knows he went onto the website three time today, 7 am, 1 pm, and 3:30 pm. At 3:30 pm is when it was finally posted. That is hardly enough time for him to evaluate the budget, that's just for him.

Mayor Brescia replied, we can certainly work on that and we will put it out there about the public hearing. He could do a CodeRed for the Public Hearing. You do not see many people here tonight but we can put it out there better. He doesn't know about a work session; we will have to consider that. It worked just as smoothly without it. The work sessions with the public could be...

Mr. Berger said, what you just had was a work session, pretty much. This is the way you've always formatted it, going over each department.

Mayor Brescia said we are very open.

Mr. Berger said he is not complaining Steve. He is saying that this particular year for whatever reason the information was not out there. Again, he is only speaking for himself. He certainly did not have time to evaluate this budget with last year's budget or anything else. Not posting the Public Hearing on the website does not make any sense at all.

Mayor Brescia said, we will certainly work on that, definitely.

Mr. Berger said he appreciates that.

Mayor Brescia said, a lot of the municipalities go through the budget during the public hearing without a question and answer with the public. You get up to give a three minute speak and that's it. We do not need to go back and forth; we have been very informal with that and will continue.

Mr. Berger said, Walden has five budget work sessions with one going on right now. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and next Monday and Tuesday. He does not feel that many are needed. He personally has enjoyed the work sessions and feels that we've had pretty good..... Again, we do not agree a lot of the time but at least its open and it's there.

Mayor Brescia said that's good.

Ms. Beltrametti asked if it says somewhere, that she may have missed, where the total was for last year as a comparison? The total for the new budget and of the current budget.

Mayor Brescia asked Treasurer Griffith if he has the totals.

Ms. Beltrametti also asked about the MIL rate?

Trustee Lindner said last year's MIL rate was \$16.986.

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez said no, its \$16.453.

Mayor Brescia said this budget is \$16.206. He asked Ms. Beltrametti what she wanted?

Ms. Beltrametti said she wanted the total for this year's budget.

Mayor Brescia said the total, ok. Are you asking for the water/sewer fund totals?

Ms. Beltrametti said she is asking for the front-page totals.

Mayor Brescia said it going to be around six million dollars.

Mr. Berger said she means last year.

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez said you mean the current budget.

Ms. Beltrametti said she has just one more question. If the MIL rate went down, how come the budget is higher?

Treasurer Griffith said I'm sorry, he did not hear the question clearly.

Mayor Brescia repeated, Ms. Beltrametti's question, if the MIL rate went down, how come the budget is higher?

Treasurer Griffith said the Revenue is higher plus we had a carryover from the State of \$3,000 to \$5,000. The tax cap is the targeted number provided by the state. So, we tried to hit that number.

Trustee Lindner said this year's budget, the levy is \$3,120,580 and the last years budget \$3,046,400. So, it's \$24,678 lower budget than last year of the MIL rate.

Mr. Berger asked how much of the fund balance was used to help this budget out.

Treasurer Griffith said \$625,000.

Mr. Berger asked, how much of the fund balance is left?

Treasurer Griffith replied, probably \$300,000.

Mr. Berger asked, how much money did the Village received from the Corona Virus state and local recovery fund?

Treasurer Griffith replied, \$232,000 he believes.

Mr. Berger asked, how is that distributed? Was it by.....

Mayor Brescia said it hasn't been completely distributed, it is to be used for justifiable expenses.

Treasurer Griffith said, that is correct.

Mayor Brescia said Buddy is working on it and will contact them for other allowable uses of expenses for those funds.

Mr. Berger asked if it can be used to lower the tax rate.

Mayor Brescia said, he does not think we can.

Atty. Will Frank said, he does not think its possible either and the first reporting period for the ARPA funds is the end of this month, on April 30th. We have to account to the State for the first set of expenditures.

Mr. Berger said then there will be another fund coming, right?

Atty. Will Frank and Treasurer Griffith both said, yes. The Deadline is a couple of years after that.

Treasurer Griffith said, obligate by 2024 and spend by 2026.

Atty. Will Frank said that is correct but the first reporting cycle is this April 30th.

Treasurer Griffith said we've already reported today.

Atty. Will Frank said ok. So, we can make that public.

Mayor Brescia said we are definitely trying to do this strategically and legally for having the funds. We can definitely use it on water and sewage.

Atty. Will Frank said, infrastructure.

Mayor Brescia said if there are no other comments. He will entertain a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board closed the FY 2022-2023 Tentative Budget Public Hearing, at 7:30 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Ayes.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk

Minutes of the Organizational Meeting, of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery, was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, in the Meeting Room, at 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, at 7:31 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Will Frank, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, Treasurer Griffith, Justice Court Clerk Nelson, Police Chief Herlihy, DPW Supt. Nelson, Building Inspector, PB Chrmn. Conero, Rec. Dir. Taylor, Videographer Ibberson, Don Berger, Maria Beltrametti, MaryAnn Lindner, John Kitchenman, Nathaniel Daley VC Student, Patrick Feller VC Student.

RE: CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

RE: ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Brescia read aloud the names of the appointments by Departments as follows:

CLERK STAFF (One year term) through April 4, 2023

Deputy Village Clerk, Tina Murphy
Deputy Treasurer, Fran Palmieri
Clerk P/T, Deborah Delgado
Clerk DPW/Police Dept., Stephanie Cockburn
Clerk P/T, Patricia Imbriani

JUSTICE STAFF (One-year term) through April 4, 2023

Acting Justice, John Fallon
Clerk to Village Justice, Jessica Nelson

PLANNING BOARD (Five-year term) through April 6, 2027

Member, Erin Crowley

ARCHITECTURAL & HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD (Three-year term) through April 1, 2025

Member- Chairperson, William Freeman
Member, Robin Reynolds

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (Five-year term) through April 6, 2027

Member, Craig Henric

BOARD OF ETHICS (Five-year term) through April 6, 2027

MEMBER, Nick Scarano

BUILDING INSPECTOR (One-year term) through April 4, 2023

Building Inspector, Bruce J. Yancewicz, Sr.

HISTORIAN (One-year term) through April 4, 2023

Historian, Brian Fitzpatrick

TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER (One-year term) through April 4, 2023

School Crossing Guard P/T, Anne Bombino

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Vacant

RECREATION DEPARTMENT (One-year term) through April 4, 2023

Recreation Director, Thomas Taylor
Recreation Supervisor, Jennifer Jackson
Recreation Leader, Michele Donovan

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ASSESSOR, Town of Montgomery, Dennis R. Ketcham

VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S (One-year term) through April 4, 2023

Village Attorney William A. Frank, for the B/T, & Ethics
Village Attorney Stephanie Midler, for the PB, AHRB
Village Attorney Joseph G. McKay, for Conflicts
Village Attorney Marcello A. Cirigliano, for the ZBA

ENGINEER (One-year term) April 4, 2023

Lanc & Tully, P.C., Rte. 207, Goshen, NY 10924

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board appointed the names read aloud and their terms of office. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0- Nays, 1-Abstained (Trustee Hembury from Rec. Department, for Supvr. & Rec. Leader due to a conflict of interest).

Mayor Brescia read aloud the following designations of the Village of Montgomery daily operations.

LIAISON COMMITTEES

Easter/Summer Recreation/Christmas	– Deputy Mayor Scheels
Planning Board	– Trustee Andolsek
Arch. & Historic Review Board	– Deputy Mayor Scheels & Trustee Hembury
Street Department	– Mayor Brescia
Police Department	– Trustee Andolsek
Buildings	– Mayor Brescia
Wesley Hall Board	– Board of Trustee/Trustee Lindner
Master Plan	– Deputy Mayor Scheels & Trustee Andolsek & Trustee Lindner

RE: DESIGNATIONS

DEPOSITORY OF VILLAGE FUNDS

Orange Bank & Trust Company

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Wallkill Valley Times

OFFICIAL POSTINGS OF NOTICES

Academy Building: Lobby Bulletin Board, 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549

Meeting Room: Bulletin Board, 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549

Senior Center: Bulletin Board, 36 Bridge Street, Montgomery, NY 12549

Website: villageofmontgomery.org (Authorized as an official posting during COVID-19 with offices closed to the public)

Walden Savings Bank: Bulletin Board, 21 Union Street, Montgomery, NY 12549

US Post Office: Bulletin Board, 218 Boyd St., Montgomery, NY 12549

SET OFFICIAL POSTING OF NOTICES

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board set the official places for posting notices, for the Village of Montgomery, as noted above and stated by the Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 P.M.

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July & August 1st Tuesday of month at 7:30 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD

4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD

Second Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

4th Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

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3rd Thursday of each Month at 7:30 P.M.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Deputy Mayor Scheels
Trustee Andolsek

MINUTES

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the minutes of March 15, 2022. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0- Nays.

RE: ABSTRACT NO. 03-2022

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, all bills listed on ABSTRACT NO. 03-2022 were audited and approved for payment with \$133,249.88 from the General Fund, \$37,490.95 from the Water Fund, \$22,993.09 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$193,733.09. Check No: 79298 – 79350, 1865 - 1878. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Griffith reported a CASH BALANCE for the month of March 31, 2022, as follows: General Fund \$1,064,689.04, Water Fund \$175,086.67, Sewer Fund \$491,145.30.

REQUESTS TO MEET WITH BOARD

Randi Picarello proposes a triathlon event on October 14th – 16th, which would include a joint mayoral kick off for a route through the town, and traveling through all three Villages comprising of Cycling, Run and Kayak component culminating with a celebratory finish line conclusion with food, music and family fun activity venue at Benedict Park. Therefore, seeking the Board of Trustees permission of traveling through the Village of Montgomery.

Mayor Brescia asked Ms. Picarello to expand on her proposal of a triathlon.

Ms. Picarello said Liz Lounsbury-Sollecito who is the Chairperson of the Business Council is more familiar with the actual physical route who can explain it a bit better.

Ms. Sollecito said the triathlon route starts at the Benedict Farm Park, starting off by running down 17K to River Road into Walden on Main Street, to Bradley Park then it switches to a bike which travels down Route 208 to Lake Osiris Road/St. Andrews Road, and crosses over to Berea Road, onto 17K to Bracken Road through to Maybrook, to Old Neely Town Road, then crossovers to Beaver Dam Road, to Goodwill Road, to Clinton Street, to Bridge Street, to Bachelor St. to the Boat launch where they get into a kayak and paddle a mile up stream, which is about a mile and half and turning around at the buoy and finishing at Benedict Farm Park. We are trying to incorporate all three Villages and as many store fronts as possible. In an effort to promote the businesses and local shopping, as an Eat, Play, & Stay Montgomery, by highlighting different events that happen to be going on in area, as well as different deals and packages that the businesses will be offering. Friday night we plan to have an Italian Restaurant do something like a \$10.00 card meal for anyone who's participating in this race. We are trying to encourage everyone to stay the weekend so they can see what we have to offer in the area. The Plain Aire event is also culminating that Saturday night on the 14th, with a reception at the Wallkill River School. The Orange County Arts Council will be working in conjunction with them, with a lot of artists in the area. We have spoken with City Winery for a Sunday Morning prefix brunch that will be advertised and also offering a community concert. We have yet to workout all of the details as to whether there will be local talent, as a non-ticketed event.

Mayor Brescia asked if there is going to be a Police procession for the runner, it's a little dangerous going down River Road, at least the first part of it.

Ms. Sollecito mentions having sat with John Hanks and they are going to close the road.

Ms. Picarello mentioned having initial discussions with the PD, FD, and EMS and everybody that is a state covert, as well as the Mayors and Town Supervisor Maher. It seems that everyone is in agreement about the proposed route, and

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that we can make this work. We are working with the Newburgh officials who have done something similar to this. We are going to put a tentative committee together for this event pending the approval from this Board. We want to get all of the information, and let anyone ask questions for any red flags that would come up right away. Then we will put a committee together with the PD, FD, and EMS officials and someone from each Village and the Town, so everyone is on the same page. For something of this size, it's a heavy lift; so, we want to get everything solidified by May 1st so we can put the plan into action and begin advertising. The advertising will consist of the local B&B's, within a twenty-mile radius of places to stay, as well as getting in touch with everyone that wants to have additional events. Several businesses are interested, for having family activities to do over the weekend.

Mayor Brescia said he is concerned about safety and having a police presence. As well as for the boat launch accessing the Wallkill River is a bit slippery, for the kayak portion of the event. You may want to have someone down there to assist everyone during this section of the race.

Ms. Picarello said she plans to speak with the Town and Buddy to take a look at the sight and its condition.

Mayor Brescia suggested getting donations to improve the boat launch and make this an annual event. We certainly welcome an event of this nature, as long as its planned well and organized. What time is the triathlon to begin?

Ms. Sollecito said the event is to begin approximately at 9 am but we are still working on it. The run is about a 50 minute, and bike ride is about an hour.

Ms. Picarello said its on a Saturday and she will have a copy of the exact route, so everyone is on board. We tried our best to avoid as many large intersections as possible, so that we could use volunteers in addition to the police. She asked when the Village Wide Yard Sale is?

Mayor Brescia said the Village Wide Yard Sale is on October 10th.

APPROVE TRIATHLON EVENT TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 14 THROUGH 16TH AND PERMISSION TO TRAVEL THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board granted a conceptual approval for a Triathlon, held on October 14th through the 16th, to travel through the Village of Montgomery with the conditions of providing a certificate of insurance, listing the Village of Montgomery as additional insurer and coordinating with the DPW Supt. Nelson and the Police Chief Herlihy. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: REPORTS – DEPARTMENTS – BOARD – COMMITTEE

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Herlihy reported on March 24th the first quarterly EO-203 meeting, at 6 pm was held at the Senior Center. We had a new person from the community join us, which was very nice. We have begun our plan for the rest of the year, with the next meeting to be held in June. With the summer months coming upon us now, we can expect to see more members out on the different patrols, foot patrol throughout the business district as well as the residential districts. In addition to the bike patrols with a lot more safety checks along the corridors of problematic areas for traffic. We have been doing saturation patrols in the Village, of which there have been a lot complaints of speeding on Union Street. We are working on that now. Instead of putting up the sign that displays your speed. He is going to put up the tracking box up in a hidden location to observe traffic, for true data and it won't be a reminder of the rate of speed you're traveling. He wants true data, as well as the times of occurrences, for better enforcement to be set up. The only other concern that he has, if anyone has a repour with the Trustees and the Mayor, if there is a problem or if there is an issue with something, to please contact the Police Department directly. So, we can get to the matter at hand immediately and not have it pass through the chain. It would be better suited to enable us to attack the problem immediately. We are there 24 hours a day, of which someone is always working. The phone number is 845-457-3666, please dial it to call and report an issue, so we can rectify the problems immediately.

Mayor Brescia mentioned attending the opening day for little league, this past Saturday. It was very well run. There were approximately a thousand people on the fields. He commends Mark Hamilton, the President of Little League, and

April Hall, the Vice president; the Board of Directors; volunteers made the event stupendous. All three mayors and the Deputy Town Supervisor Ron Feller were in attendance. We all threw out pitches, of which he did not throw over the back stop this time. It was very well run. They were working on the field until mid-night. The DPW crew helped out as well. The Parade was different, good and heartwarming and they really worked hard to bring everyone together. We are now taking on Maybrook and Walden children for Little League, as they will also be using those fields for games too.

DPW DEPARTMENT REPORTS

DPW Supt. Nelson said he has a couple of things for water and sewer, which is he main concern right now. We drilled the six-inch test well and we have the results. Its very good, the engineer is estimating 3 to 5 hundred gallons a minute coming out of the well. This is the new Holt Well. We are going to be drilling that well, and Lanc and Tully are already working on the water test permit to stay ahead. There is such a lag in paperwork, by the time we send the paperwork up there and do a permit, it will probably be ten months. Lanc and Tully have this all drawn up. He knows it short notice, which was yesterday, Tom Cusack who is work for WSP, who is subbing for Lanc and Tully. He is ready to put this out to bid, of which he will put the bid packets together. We will put this out to bid, he will review it. He gave me a cost estimate of \$2,900.00 to have that done. He needs approval tonight, if it's possible. He hopes to use the ARPA funds for this project.

APPROVE WSP BIDDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A LARGE DIAMETER SAND AND GRAVEL PRODUCTION WELL TO REPLACE HOLT WELL #3

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved Thom Cusack, PG to bid the construction of a large diameter sand and gravel production well to replace Holt Well #3, at the price of \$2,900.00. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

DPW Supt. Nelson mentioned needing to start the Sewer Plant upgrade. He has Lanc & Tully working on upgrading the Plans of 2009. Plans that we never moved forward with. We are hopeful that most of the plans just need to be revamped. It will take a lot longer than drilling a well, which will be a two-year process.

Mayor Brescia urged him to get moving on that too. We will have to take sewage on from Vistamor.

DPW Supt. Nelson said in 2009 we had the plans and Vistamor was putting in their sewer lines and it stopped. It's all outdated now.

Trustee Lindner asked if the contract with Vistamor can be renegotiated?

Mayor Brescia said the time to renegotiate was a year ago. We did increase the rates to two and half time the rate.

Atty. Will Frank mentioned he will have the resolution to set the rates for the next and set a date for the public hearing.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Hembury mentioned welcoming 15 new residents that moved into the Village, of which two were not home. One was on the telephone and apologized, and sent a beautiful email to all of stating how proud she was that we came to her house. She is proud to live here. We always ask the new residents, why did you move to the Village. The first thing they all say is low crime rate and good schools. We are in the top 100 out of 39 thousand municipalities in this country, in safety. Our school district is 25 out of 677 in the state. Most of them were referred by present family already living here. He also checks with the businesses who wish to advertise in the packet for the new residents. He surmises about seven percent of the Village Businesses add items to the welcome packets. One in particular gives out lunches at approximately \$35.00. These folks are really happy to be welcomed. We've welcomed about 450 in the last five years. One new resident said he was willing to get any house in the Village. We have smart shoppers out there and they know what we have to offer and we have it good. This is a collaborative effort by the entire Board.

Mayor Brescia thanked Trustee Hembury for all his efforts.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT FY 2022-2023 BUDGET

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted the FY 2022-2023 Budget. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SET FY 2022-2023 REGULAR MEETING TO ALL BOARDS

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board adopted a resolution to set FY 2022-2023 regular meetings for all boards. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT IN ADVANCE OF AUDIT FOR UTILITIES, POSTAGE, FREIGHT AND EXPRESS

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted a resolution to authorize payment in advance of audit for utilities, postage, freight & express. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND SCHOOL, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, ETC. CONDUCTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted a resolution to authorize municipal officials, employees to attend school, conferences, seminars, etc. conducted for the benefit of the Village of Montgomery. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ANNUALLY AUDIT/EXAMINE COURT RECORDS

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board adopted a resolution to annually audit/examine Court records. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR ALL MUNICIPAL FUNDS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted a resolution to the designate official depository for all municipal funds. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SET THE REIMBURSEMENT MILEAGE AT THE IRS ALLOWANCE AT 58.5 CENTS FOR 2022

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board adopt a resolution to set the reimbursement mileage at the IRS allowance at 58.5 cents for 2022. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO LEVY OUTSTANDING WATER/SEWER BILLS OF FY 2021-2022 RENTS AND APPROVE PAYMENT TOTALING \$89,908.53

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board adopted a resolution to levy outstanding water/sewer bills of FY 2021-2022 rents and approve payment of \$50,350.65 for water, \$39,557.88 for sewer, for a total of funds in the amount of \$89,908.53. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO LEVY FY 2021-2023 TAXES AND GRANT EXECUTION OF TAX WARRANT BY MAYOR AND VILLAGE CLERK

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted a resolution to levy FY 2021-2022 taxes and Grant Execution of Tax Warrant by Mayor and Village Clerk. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY

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DECLARING ITSELF AS LEAD AGENCY AND ISSUING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE SEQRA, SHORT FORM FOR THE HOLT WELL #3A

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montgomery Declaring itself as Lead Agency and issuing a Negative Declaration pursuant to the SEQRA, Short Form EAF for the Holt Well #3A. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF THE HOLT WELL #3A TO THE VILLAGE'S GROUNDWATER SUPPLY AT THE HOLT WELL FIELD (WSA No. 9,946)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted a resolution authorizing the addition of the Holt Well #3A to the Village's groundwater supply at the Holt Well Field (WSA No, 9,946). Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EVENTS & SERVICES:

Saturday, April 9th, at 11 am, Village of Montgomery Easter Egg Hunt held at the Veterans Memorial Park. (For Elementary School aged children only).

Saturday, April 30th, Camp Registration begins at 9 am to 11:00 am, for Village and Town of Montgomery residents, Non-residents from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, held at the Recreation Center, 60 Bachelor Street, Montgomery, NY. – Camp begins on June 27th through August 5th, with no camp on July 4th.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Berger asked if the new Holt Well is going to have the same water quality. He is concerned about the Black Top on River Street by the hill has a pot hole.

DPW Supt. Nelson replied yes, and the new Holt Well will be connected to the filtration system. The black top was laid out too thin by the contractors for Central Hudson.

Trustee Lindner stated that he, JoAnn, and Buddy will be meeting with Nicole Anderson from the County, on Friday to discuss the Grant for the Senior Center addition.

Mayor Brescia thanked Walt for doing that.

Ms. Beltrametti asked about the court revenue is that fines for forfeited bail or something else.

Mayor Brescia said that's it.

Ms. Beltrametti said so we are working on a \$100,000 deficit for the court.

Court Clerk Nelson stated the court is not a money-making purpose. Therefore, you cannot say it's for revenue purposes. Covid shut everything down, in the last six months she caught up to a year and half of just traffic tickets alone. Since we shut down for covid, other than emergencies and felonies, traffic was delayed, with the last traffic court update as of March 2, 2020. It's now up to November of this year. You can never say that court is a revenue-based entity ever.

Ms. Beltrametti asked if the projected Fine and Fees for forfeited bail estimate is correct.

Court Clerk Nelson replied yes, it is. It could be more but that's what is being projected at this time.

Mayor Brescia asked if there are any other questions on the budget? No further questions received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board entered into Executive Session at 8:06 pm,

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under section § 7 (h) of the open meetings law for matters of the possible acquisition of real property with Atty. Will Frank, PB Chrmn. Conero, and the Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez in attendance. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board Exited Executive Session at 8:31 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board adjourned the meeting of April 5, 2022 at 8:32 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk