

Minutes of the Special Meeting, of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery was held On Site at 99 Clinton Street, on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 6:15 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Trustee Picarello (Late arrival), Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, DPW Supt. Nelson, Village Historian Fitzpatrick, Daniel Purcell, Paul Satkowski, Mary Ann Lindner, Don Berger.

OPEN SPECIAL MEETING

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board opened the Special Meeting. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was held amongst those in attendance, about replacing the fencing and allowing for access to the adjoining business (Copperfield's Kildare Pub) from the new municipal parking lot.

DPW Supt. Nelson presented the Board with a picture of fencing options.

Historian Fitzpatrick suggested the possibility of forwarding pictures of the area to the landscape designer for renditions of a historic nature with lighting, fencing, etc.

Furthermore, the possibility of replacing the retaining wall and adding an additional parking space with the removal of the landscaping was mentioned.

Trustee Picarello mentioned pursuing various EV charging station options, to be installed at the new municipal parking lot

DPW Supt. Nelson said the paving of the new municipal parking lot located at the rear portion of 99 Clinton Street, will be done after all of the other improvements are completed.

CLOSE SPECIAL MEETING

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Picarello, the Board closed the Special Meeting, at 6:30 pm. Motion Carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery, NY was held in the Village Hall Meeting Room, at 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at, 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Trustee Picarello, Atty. Will Frank, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, DPW Supt. Nelson, Police Chief Herlihy, Mary Ann Lindner, Maria Beltrametti, Mary Lippincott, Johanna Sweikata, Don Berger, Grace Bombino, Daniel Martinez, Videographer Jose with Acquisitions Marketing, Jeff VanZandt.

CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

Trustee Hembury asked for a moment of silence in honor of all of the fallen Police Officers. The Board of Trustees and all present observed a moment of silence for all of the fallen Peace Officers.

MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board approved the minutes of May 2, 2023. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

REQUEST TO MEET WITH THE BOARD

Maria Beltrametti met with the Board; she expressed her feelings regarding the Board doing their job with regard to the purchase of the municipal parking lot. She feels it's not worth what the Village is paying for the property and the open meetings law were violated in the negotiations for the procurement of said property. In addition, she informed the Board of letters she will be issuing to the County Executive and to the NY State Bar Association regarding the manner in which these transactions have been conducted.

Mayor Brescia stated the property as said was appraised and transacted with legal counsel. For the record the appraisal was for \$275,000.00. He thanked her for her comments.

Maria Beltrametti felt the appraisal price was outrageous.

Trustee Picarello mentioned going to training and will research and report her findings.

Maria Beltrametti said this was all done under the cover of night, and said repeatedly it was all done outside of the bounds of legality.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Hembury mentioned welcome nine new residents recently. It's well received and the new residents are happy about the information that is provided. They have come to live here due the low crime and good schools. The new residents are of all honorable and hard-working professions.

DPW Supt. Nelson mentioned needing a public hearing for the 2024 CDBG Program application. He suggested the Board consider using Lanc & Tully for the grant processes, for the CDBG Program application. Due to Mr. Barnes now working for another agency.

Mayor Brescia asked if the fees up to \$500.00 will be refunded by HUD, as they did with Mr. Barnes.

DPW Supt. Nelson replied, he is not certain.

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE FY 2024 CDBG PROGRAM APPLICATION

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board set the Public Hearing Date for the FY 2023 CDBG Program application, to be held on June 6, 2023, at 7:15 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL SINK EFFECTIVE AS OF MAY 8, 2023

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board accepted the resignation of Police Officer Michael Sink, effective as of May 8, 2023. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER DARRELL HONKALA EFFECTIVE AS OF JUNE 4, 2023

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board accepted the resignation of Police Officer Darrell Honkala, effective as of June 4, 2023. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

VILLAGE HALL CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023 IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

The Village Hall is closed on Monday, May 29, 2023, in observance of Memorial Day.

EVENTS

VILLAGE WIDE YARD SALE DAY

Village Wide Yard Sale Day, Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. (It's a rain or shine event).

OSBORN-FITZSIMMONS AMERICAN LEGION POST 521 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Osborn- Fitzsimmons American Legion Post 521, Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 29, 2023, parade line up begins at 10:30 am at the corner of Clinton Street and Wallkill Avenue. Please contact Stacy Brescia-Spreer at (845) 457 9661 Ext. 217 or email: [HYPERLINK "mailto:events@villageofmontgomery.org"](mailto:events@villageofmontgomery.org)

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. VanZandt again expressed his feelings regarding the proposed KSH project development of warehouses in his back yard. He asked the Board why didn't the Village of Montgomery consider purchasing the Alden Link property when it was on the market? He feels this would have prevented any development of the property.

Mayor Brescia said the Village was not in a position at the time to purchase the said property. When the Alden Link put his property on the market, there was a large for sale sign posted. Prior to that, he proposed a development project with a 50 ft. tower with a helicopter pad, as well as Target and Old Navy distribution centers, of which were not approved. It's on the home owner to be aware of these types of things.

Trustee Lindner asked Mr. VanZandt how do you suggest the word get out for better transparency? The Planning Board sends out notices for the public hearings that are held.

Mr. VanZandt said letters should be sent to all of the residents and not just the residents on Weaver Street.

Mayor Brescia replied that will not happen (it's not cost effective).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board Entered into Executive Session at 8:06 pm, under the open meetings law Article 7 § (F) for matters leading to the possible appointment of a particular individual, with Atty. Will Frank, the Police Chief Herlihy, and the Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez in attendance. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board Exited Executive Session at 8:14 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

HIRE KRISTOPHER KOLVENBACH AS FULL TIME SERGEANT

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board hired Kristopher Kolvenbach as a Full-Time Sergeant, subject to Orange County medical and the MOA, at the rate of \$64,175.00. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board adjourned the meeting of May 2, 2023, at 8:16 pm.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk