

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery, held at the Village Hall Meeting Room, 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 7:30pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Picarello, Trustee Conero, Atty. Will Frank, Deputy Village Clerk Murphy, DPW Supt. Nelson, Sargeant Guarneiri, Historian Fitzpatrick, James Becker, Don Berger, Sue Hembury, John Nokland, Amy Frisbie, Bob Reynolds Sr, Johanna Sweikata, John Kitchenman, Joan Christiano, Stacy Brescia-Spreer, Marc Devitt, Mary Lippincott, Fred & Margurite Flood, Douglas Hantusch, Gerald Petrocelli, Lori & Vic Polesel, Matthew Giannelli, Jordan Marasco, Ben Suchy, Judy Lozier, Michael Robuthan, Jesus Flores, Walter Pahucki, Karen De Acquisitions Marketing Videographer Jose Rojas.

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

REQUEST TO MEET WITH THE BOARD

Historian Fitzpatrick met James Becker several months ago and he offered a gift for the Village. The piece, and 1870 Historic Certificate, was owned for many years by an Orange County Antiques dealer, and about 30 years ago, she bequeathed it to a friend of Mr. Beckers. Mr. Becker fell in love with it knowing it was from this part of the County. He purchased it from his friend within the last 3 years and wanted to donate it to the Village.

Historian Fitzpatrick – It’s a pen and ink drawing. It’s dated May 30, 1870. It’s 150 years old; you can see how intricate the lines are. This is pen and ink. It’s unbelievable. The history of it begins now. This was presented to Frankie Douglass by TL Boyd. Who were they? What was the certificate for? It says:

Majestic looking from Mountain High Warns America Youth to think and write.

Mayor Brescia – This is the 4th oldest Academy in the State.

Unveiling and clapping...pictures taken with the Mayor, Mr. Becker and Historian Fitzpatrick.

Mayor Brescia – This is very benevolent; I can’t thank you enough. It will be displayed prominently here with the General Montgomery Day artifacts. Brian, the Board members and he will pick out a place.

MINUTES

Not available yet.

ABSTRACT NO. 11-2023

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Conero, the Board approved Abstract No. 11-2023. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Abstain (Trustee Hembury).

OLD BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW 5 OF 2023

Mayor Brescia – We will have water in the not-too-distant future as alluded in this little newsletter that a Village well failed. We have a well that passed, we’re just waiting for approvals from the Dept. of Health and the DEC, which will be a fairly high yielding well.

DPW Supt. Nelson – Correct. It’ll be the biggest production well that they’ve had in the Village.

Mayor Brescia – That’s the misinformation that’s out there that confuses people.

Trustee Picarello – When does the moratorium take effect?

Atty. Frank – It goes into effect the date of filing with the Department of State, within a week.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Conero, the Board adopted Local Law 5 of 2023, “Establishing a Six-Month Moratorium of Review and Approval of Applications of Certain Land Development.” Motion carried 4 Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Abstain (Trustee Hembury).

Trustee Hembury – How are we making out on the flag law?

Mayor Brescia – We need to amend the prior resolution to include military flags.

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board approved a resolution to only allow the American flag, POW flag and military flags, be flown on municipal property. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Abstain (Trustee Picarello).

Trustee Hembury – There is a blood drive at the Senior Center on December 21st from 12:00 – 5:00pm.

The speed humps on Weaver Street, they already have the signs up and the speed humps will be delivered soon. The Board approved up to \$2000; they are \$1000 under cost.

Lolly’s Airport Inn had an awesome turnout for Toys for Tots. George and Marie Charles, thank you for your kindness and generosity. They have 16 Boxes of toys collected and almost \$3000 in cash. Don’t forget, the Toys for Tots on Sunday, December 10th from 12:55 – 1:45pm. This is the 11th year.

The Old-Fashioned Christmas will be on Saturday, December 9th with the Santa Trot Run. Please bring a toy for that. Thank you to Amy Frisbie and Erin Sherry. For more information, Stacy Brescia-Spreer has an excellent flier with their events on the computer.

Sergeant Guarneiri – Over the past year there’s been an increase in tickets, they’ve doubled everything they’ve done. It’s just about 1,000 at this point with over 400 of them speeding tickets. They are out there watching the speed and making sure people slow down.

There was a concern about the commercial vehicles in the Village. Over the last year, Officer Kolvenbach has been taking classes to become certified to conduct inspections of these vehicles. 140 hours of classroom work including certifications in scales, (inaudible) permits, all non-bulk general trucks, as well as being federally certified as a Level 1 Inspector, which is the highest inspector you can be. He’s completed 40 inspections with his DOT certified inspector, so he’s now certified to do them by himself. This week he’s in for HAZMAT training so he’ll be able to do that, as well.

The emergency no parking at the schools; the signs have been placed out there and the Chief is just reminding the Board that the Local Law still needs to be created to make it permanent.

Mayor Brescia advised that they work with the attorney to set that up.

Trustee Picarello – So, he will be able to do those DOT stops on his own within the year?

Sergeant Guarneiri – He can do them now.

Trustee Picarello - Just so you know because you weren't on when we started this, we created a whole checklist with the DOT for all of our local businesses since that's not the intended issue. We're not trying to bust and bruise chops, for lack of a better term. There is a list I can reprint and send to you. There's a whole list of everything that you need to (inaudible) and give the inspection so that everybody can just do 10-15 minutes' worth of work and make sure they have their triangles or extinguishers or numbers all that stuff and none of our local businesses should have an issue with that but it should deter the commercial truck traffic that we're trying to deter, so it's not meant to be a pain. I hope that nobody has an issue with it, it took a lot of work getting there. Can we get this digitally, this report? The report that we got from the Chief.

Mayor Brescia – I ignored this before, but it said that the yield to pedestrian signs; we've had them in the past and they've been hit the worst times by vehicles, but we can always look into that. But I did read something else here, it said we've had hundreds of more trucks through the Village on a daily basis; the only action that Board, in the six years since the plan was adopted, has been to send a haphazard proposal to the State DOT for a truck route around the Village and then not follow up. Well personally, that's an insult to former Trustee Lindner, who worked diligently on this along with Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Devitt, Buddy Nelson, Will Frank, me and he had to halt when Walt got sick, but we've been in constant contact with Lee Zimmer and that has not gone away. That's just an insult and I'm sorry, Brian, you work very hard on that.

Historian Fitzpatrick, thank you. I have an update on it if you want me to give an update. I called Will Frank a week ago, I spoke to Al Sorenson and followed up to your meeting with the County Legislator. So, I followed up with Al Sorensen and he gave me a price. The traffic study is the big key. Neelytown Road is fine. The joint resolution is in place. The traffic study would probably run, I put 50 to 75 and he said closer to 100,000, but he said he had spoken to all of you guys, I guess at the budget meeting, whatever meeting you were at, but he said he's putting it in in March for the funding for that.

Mayor Brescia - I did ask for funding.

Historian Fitzpatrick – He told me that. I called Will Frank right after I get off the phone, that's like last week, and I said Will, he's going to put it in in March; we got January, February, March and in the meantime we'll still reach out for grants, but the traffic study will be, because I didn't realize it's not just 416 because it's 211 and 17K, you have to notify and include any adjacent municipalities, like Town of Wallkill, Hamptonburgh, Town of Crawford, anywhere trucks could be. It's a broader study so that's going to drive the number up. I talked to Mark, I talked to Kevin about it. Will Frank will brief Kevin and get him up to speed with where Walt Lindner was and where we are.

Mayor Brescia - I did mention it at the physical services meeting, as well, and it's you know hopefully the County can kick that money in because of the Orange County Airport. There are two state highways so it's a little tougher to justify but hopefully. Buddy, Deputy Mayor Andolsek and I met with the Town the other day on the traffic pattern and what's going to happen at Albany Post Road and 17 K and River Road. So hopefully, we'll see it, you know they'll have to do the roundabout study first, but they're looking to possibly have a signal light there, which help the Village situation with a queue also in the early mornings and afternoons when we have the most traffic on 17K.

Historian Fitzpatrick - We also (inaudible) and letter to Senator Rolison to let him know that the DOT said this is your path forward, but the traffic study is a big study. But he said, well do the study and we move forward. That's how it's going to work.

Mayor Brescia – I just want to make sure that everybody knows that hasn't stopped. Nobody dropped the ball on that, as alluded.

Trustee Hembury – We pay a police man and a crossing guard to make sure that our kids are okay in front of the school, and we have a radar sign out that are put out by the Police Department. So, we're doing the best...and we have signs out there that we had to be put in in a way that it wouldn't be violation of the State Law. We have noticed the truckers, strictly enforced, but they had to be put crooked because if they were put straight, it would have been violation of the State Law.

Historian Fitzpatrick - The legal part of it takes a long time. Will Frank will tell you, when you go to the State and say you want to move trucks off of State highways, you're talking about a year and a half just for that conversation. So, when he came back almost a year ago and said, here's how we go forward with this, and you guys got to do the work. Now we just need the funding from Al Sorenson, and you can follow up tomorrow with him. He said in March he's putting in for the funding.

Atty. Frank - He's been very helpful.

Historian Fitzpatrick - He's been great.

DPW Supt. Nelson – Thanks. As you saw, the front ramp has been rebuilt.

Mayor Brescia – Frank and their crew; it looks beautiful. They'll be doing the rest. And thank you for doing that short order.

DPW Supt. Nelson - And the rest of the deck, hopefully we can figure out something in the Spring to get the rest of it done. We finally completed the drainage project on Goodwill I had on the scope for about two years now, so that got all completed, almost from 17K to down to Clinton Street. It's always been an issue with ice all winter long, so now we have got all that drainage in, so hopefully, that'll be all taken care of. We rebuilt the Pearl Harbor, the little stage there to throw the wreath. That's all fixed up and safe. The tree should be ready to go, hopefully on Saturday.

Mayor Brescia - Buddy and I spoke to Greg Wantje and unfortunately, Hank Smith passed away, he was our architect on the Senior Center and other projects. Greg Wantje, who's our draftsman, does have the stand plan for our addition on the Senior Center so we're going to proceed with that. We have \$100,000 of ARPA money set aside for that. We have another \$18,000 set aside, hopefully, I'm going to bring to the

Board tonight, for a truck for your department for a dump truck. \$18,000 there, approximately \$30,000 you have from Central Hudson that you can either put in your budget or just take it out of yours and transfer it in...., just have to find out the mechanics of that with the State which you're working on. You don't have an answer for that and also you have other monies that you can use for that truck, which I think the truck is very much needed, so I'd like to see the Board at this point, approve that tonight and you have the basic specs and I'd like to get approval on that truck contingent upon...

DPW Supt. Nelson - Make sure how many specs that I can get, how far can I spec it out to...

Atty. Frank - Do you want to wait on this until we get to it on the agenda?

Mayor Brescia – We can go ack to it.

APPROVE MATT ARMOUR'S REQUEST FOR PFMLA

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek. The Board approved Matt Armour's request for PFMLA from December 11, 2023, to March 4, 2024.yes, 0-Nays.

APPROVE PROMOTING WILLIAM CASTALONIA TO LABORER A

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Picarello, the Board motioned to approve William Castalonia to be promoted from Laborer B to Laborer A, effective December11,2023. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER JAMES LYNCH, SR.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Conero, the Board approved the resignation of Police Office James Lynch Sr effective July 1st subject to him not working since then. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

AUTHORIZE DPW SUPT NELSON TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW TRUCK

DPW Supt. Nelson - Can you make it a Ford, Chevy or Dodge or can you spec that, or just 3500 or 4500 and just give it to every dealer that's out there?

Atty. Frank - Are we trying to find this on State bid?

DPW Supt. Nelson – No. Well, I got a price from a State bid last year and this is actually cheaper than the State bid was last year, and State bid right now is 10 to 14 months.

Atty. Frank – Do we know if this is on any other contracts? Can we piggyback off anybody?

DPW Supt. Nelson – No one.

Atty. Frank – Then we can spec it out and have a short turnaround time.

DPW Supt. Nelson – One dealership has a half dozen of them, and I know there are a couple of different towns all doing the same thing because of the State contract (inaudible). Wawayanda was right in before me doing the same thing.

Atty. Frank - And this one they have is on the lot?

DPW Supt. Nelson - It's on the lot.

Atty. Frank – We have to spec it out quickly and have a minimum turnaround time for the bids to come in which state minimum is five days once you put an RFP out. We can target the RFP to dealers, that's fine. We get the RFP done this week.

DPW Supt. Nelson - Can we get it done this week and we can have them back by the next meeting or the first meeting in January?

Atty. Frank - What is the Village Board planning on allocating for the purchase of such a truck? What is the total cost that the Village is going to potentially approve for the truck?

DPW Supt. Nelson – Not to go over 70,000.

Atty. Frank - I can do the RFP tomorrow.

DPW Supt. Nelson - I already typed up all the the specs on it and I can e-mail that to you tomorrow.

Atty. Frank - Send it to me so I can edit them. The Board just needs to authorize Buddy to solicit bids for the purchase of the truck for the department not to exceed \$70,000 upon specifications that he will provide to me with the return date for the bids.

DPW Supt. Nelson - Can we have them back by the 18th? The sooner the better.

Atty. Frank – Get me the stuff and I'll get the RFP out tomorrow.

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board authorized DPW Supt. Nelson to solicit bids for the purchase of a new truck for the department, not to exceed \$70,000 upon specification. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Atty. Frank - That's budgeted?

DPW Supt. Nelson – Yes.

Mayor Brescia -I'm not asking for approval tonight but consideration for the next meeting, to apply for a grant with the Town of Montgomery. We've had numerous meetings Brian Fitzpatrick and Marc, Buddy, me, Ron Feller, Sean Meres, regarding a TAP grant which could have been sidewalks on 17K, but we thought was going to be problematic, but it would go toward the bridge that Marc's been talking about for a few years now. A handicap accessible bridge between Pleasure Ground Parkland and Benedict Farm. Our commitment would be, worst case scenario, probably \$110,000; it's a 20% match locally. That match could be in kind labor for services and donations framework and possibly other grants like Greenway. If we get approved for this, you'd probably have to bond some of the money within the next couple years, but I'd like to see us commit to that. I mentioned it to Mike and Darlene, and they seemed favorable with it. I'd like to get that passed at the next meeting. The Town is committed. It would be a great use of funds to allow individuals to travel to and from the parks, use the kayak launch here and the one that the Town is proposing and even the county park, so just throwing that out there. Marc's got some of the specs together and Tag Williamson is involved with the State bid on that.

Marc Devitt - So it's about a \$1.2 million project right now, so the match would be 20% so you only have to match on \$110,000 for each town but you only have to match on what you take, so if the project came in less than that \$1.2 million, we would only have to make that match and in kind service, whether it's you know private engineering firms that are providing work, village DPW, town DPW, operating engineers,

local 17, that contributes toward that. Ideally, we'd like to get that to \$0 but there might be and we could get donations and if we get money in lieu of Parkland, that's going to go towards that, also.

Mayor Brescia – I'm getting feedback that the Town Board and probably our Board isn't really interested in the annexation so I'm not going to push forward. I'm glad we got information on that, there was some merit in certain respects but there you know I just wanted to hear what residents had to say and you know it was a mixed bag there are some positives, I mean the host community agreements are enticing but there's a lot of concern out there, too, so I'm not going to push forward to do any more meetings on that at this time. So, as it stands, it's zoned industrial and there's a certain amount in the Village and a certain amount in the Town, so that's where that's at.

APPROVE CAROL DALEY'S PROPOSAL FOR DOCUMENT UPLOAD SERVICES TO ECODE

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Trustee Conero, the Board approved Carol Daley's proposal for document upload services eCode360.com for \$700. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

APPROVE THE TOWN OF MONTGOMERY CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL'S USE OF THE MONTGOMERY SENIOR CENTER AT NO COST FOR A "REPAIR CAFÉ"

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved the Town of Montgomery Conservation Advisory Council's request to waive the fee for the use of the Senior Center on Saturday, February 3, 2024, for a repair cafe for seniors to bring items electronics vacuums lamps clothing etcetera for repair at no cost, provided they have the proper certificate of insurance naming the Village of Montgomery as additional insured. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

APPROVE BIBI ALLY'S REQUEST TO USE THE SENIOR CENTER ON SPECIFIED DAYS FOR PICKLEBALL WITH A FEE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Conero, the Board approved Bibi Ally's request to use the Montgomery Senior Center on Mondays from 3:00 to 6:00pm, Tuesdays from 5:00 to 8:00pm, Wednesdays from 3:00 to 6:00pm and Thursdays from 5:00 to 8:00pm for \$80 per week, providing they have the necessary liability insurance coverage, naming the Village of Montgomery as additional insured, and the Village Board's ability to either modify or cancel the schedule at any time. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Mayor Brescia – I would like you to work with Trustee Picarello regarding the pickleball rules for signage. Simplify the basic rules for display and have the extended rules available with a QR code on your phone.

CONSIDER CHANGING TRICK OR TREAT HOURS BY HALF AN HOUR

Mayor Brescia – Consider changing trick or treat hours by half an hour to accommodate toddlers and kindergarten children. I would request that the Board do that next year when you set the trick or treat times, to possibly go a little bit earlier, but still keeping 6 to 8. Maybe make it from 5:30 to 8:00 for toddlers. We've had it the same time for years, but kids show up early all the time.

Mayor Brescia – As a reminder, Village offices will be closed at noon on Friday, December 22nd and closed on Monday, December 25th in observance of Christmas, and closing at noon on Friday, December 29th and closed all day on Monday, January 1st in observance of the New Year. I would also ask that the Board give the full day on Friday rather than half a day.

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Conero, the Board approved giving the Village employees a full day off on Friday, December 22, 2023. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EVENTS

Mayor Brescia – Pearl Harbor Remembrance is tomorrow. Old Fashioned Holiday is December 9th from 11am to 5:15pm. That's in the newsletter. Toys for Tots, we heard the report from Mike. The House Decorating Contest; I have the judges. They are going to be at the station at 6:00pm to go around. It should take about 2-3 hours. We have the prizes; the donations are coming along.

PUBLIC PORTION

Trustee Picarello - I just did a status update for the year of the projects that I was tasked with and the projects that I took on and what the status of them is since April 4th or 10th whatever the first meeting was I was at. It's online, it's on Facebook, Tina has a copy if anybody wants it e-mailed it to them, and there's a couple available here if anyone is interested.

Mayor Brescia – Marsha Jacobowitz was asking for a relief for the Food Bank on the manhole. Buddy, you're suggesting we not give relief because basically it wasn't our issue. I mean, they are saving quite a bit of money by going through private property, as I mentioned at the last meeting.

DPW Supt. Nelson – Originally, back in the 60s when it was installed, maybe it wasn't installed 100% correctly but it's working and we don't need to change it for us, it's working fine for us. The problem is, it won't work for them.

Mayor Brescia – So, that's about \$35,000 for them to bring it up to snuff, correct?

DPW Supt. Nelson - I think their engineer might have missed it during his inspection.

Trustee Picarello – How often do you typically have to repair or replace the manhole?

DPW Supt. Nelson - Not very. We rebuild them and refinish them, but no we don't replace them. They should be 100–150-year manholes with no problem, so this one is actually still fine. Everything is fine with it except the when they shoot the inverts for the pipes and all that, there's an 8-inch difference so instead of the pipes coming into the manhole, the manhole is on top of the pipe.

Trustee Picarello - So what if they connect to it and then we cover it back up and then it's an issue.

DPW Supt. Nelson - I don't know if it's going to throw off there, because they're running everything gravity with no pumps and that's a far run, so I think that there might be an issue there with the way it's going to come in, but it would have to be all adjusted. you can't bring another 8-inch main into this manhole because it's going to come in too high and when you install lines into a manhole you want a nice smooth transition, not something that's going to dump in and not continue to flow. It's going to drop in and pop and be done. That will be the start of one of your backups if something like that happens.

Trustee Conero - Our engineer's saying that the manhole needs to be replaced and our experts are saying that that manhole doesn't meet specs.

Mayor Brescia - I don't blame Marsha for asking but you're recommended that we...

DPW Supt. Nelson - I wouldn't. Then the Village would be responsible, no.

Trustee Picarello – Are there legal ramifications, don't they have, if we give them the right to water, the manholes have nothing to do with it.

Atty. Frank – This one's not really on the Village.

DPW Supt. Nelson - I'm sure they're looking for money to help them replace it.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board denied the Food Bank's request to replace the manhole on Chandler Lane. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Sergeant Guarneiri - The Police Department applied for a grant for technology through the State which would supply us with cameras that could be used in the pickleball courts, in the parks and throughout the Village.

Trustee Conero - I just want to bring up our design guidelines that we approved. Right now, one last piece that Delaware Engineering owes us is the design guidelines pamphlet; the dos and the don'ts, this is what we want to see, this is what we don't want to see. She's working on that and that'll be finalized soon because the grant ends on December 31st, so we need to get this thing finished by the next meeting, so we can issue that the State Department that Brian's working with, can issue their final payment to Delaware Engineering. We should have a final copy from her pamphlet by the end of the year.

Mayor Brescia - By the way, Kevin is the liaison to the Planning Board too, so we have some continuity there and he'll be available for advice with his wealth of knowledge in that realm.

Several high schoolers asked for a signoff from the mayor, for attending the meeting.

Mary Lippincott – The ramp is beautiful but requested they put the library sign back up.

DPW Supt. Nelson – They will put it back up but not on the ramp. Possibly, on the building.

Mary Lippincott – The Friends of the Library have wreaths up for bid. On December 14th-15th they will be sold.

Don Berger – I'd like to ask the Sergeant a few questions. The DOT officer is going to classes full-time? The DOT is for inspection, correct? You can still pull over trucks if they're speeding?

Sergeant Guarneiri - Yes, for basic BTL violations.

Don Berger - Because one of the problems I think that residents have is that we never see trucks pulled over and you know they are flying through this Village, particularly on 211 and they're just never pulled over and I'm not I wasn't sure if that was a DOT issue or what the problem is, particularly in that school zone. I mean, you have offices there and I know you see them, and they fly, and I just don't understand why they're not being pulled over.

Sergeant Guarneiri - That's something I'm looking to in person.

Mayor Brescia - Maybe if they get pulled over there's nothing that says they have to be pulled over right in the Village property, they could be pulled out South of the Village, you know, as they get out of the Village where it's easy to pull them over, or if they make a right or left on the 17 K when they get a little further up the road where there's more open area to pull them over, that might be an option, too.

Don Berger - So you know, that you know I'm not saying you know ticketing them or anything like that but I think it would be nice and an officer says hey listen guys you know we're out here patrolling we see what's going on slow down and you know I'm giving you a warning you do it again you're going to get ticketed. It is an issue on 211 and a crackdown/warnings would help.

I'm glad what you said about the annexation from the last meeting.

Doug Hantusch – 2 Hanover Street - I utilized the trails quite often in the park and what I've noticed recently is the little gazebo that the Girl Scout got an award for, is really falling on hard times. It's really looking kind of bad and being that it's a 9/11 memorial, so to speak, simple and poignant, I was thinking I'd like to try to raise some funds and organize some repair work. The roof is just about shot I mean I caught some kids when they were poking the shingles out and everything. Would it be reasonable to think that if I could.

Mayor Brescia – I think the Village can afford something. This isn't the first time that's falling into disrepair. We did have a second, I think gold award or Eagle Scout. If you can do fundraising, that's fantastic. The Village can even do some of the work, time permitting. We have a great Craftsman in the DPW.

Doug Hantusch - It's just a simple reminder of what happened that day. I think I can get enough guys from the police, fire, EMS backgrounds that were on the job back then that would come down and do the work. So, I have your blessing?

Atty. Frank – If you do it privately, not to have the monies coming directly to the Village.

Doug Hantusch – No, I will try to set it up with a bank or something like that.

Amy Frisbie - I can help you with that.

Randi Picarello - Lori can send it to you as well there's a recycling program that tracks does that if you recycle X amount, they donate composite. You deal with composite and it hopefully it'll last like you know a bit longer than the pressure treated wood if that's something you're interested in.

Doug Hantusch - That kind of makes it vandal proof, too.

Trustee Hembury – On this annexation, I've done studies on this. Very minimal municipalities benefit from this. The business wants to move in because we have something that they want and they'll tell us anything to get in here, so like a timeshare salesman. Once they get in here, they won't do what they say, and do you think the village of Montgomery can afford to sue these big annexation places? They will own us; they will absolutely own us. We won't be able to afford the litigation in court. They'll come in here, they'll demand water, they'll demand sewer, and we're not going to be able to take care of us. We're not going to take care of this at all. That's not the kind of readable I want here. Just like when the cannabis distribution wanted to be on Clinton Street. This is a beautiful little Village. I don't want to see that, and I don't want to see this annexation because they will own this village. Yes, I did my homework on this.

Mayor Brescia - The town was there to hear public information regarding the possible annexation. One resident kind of attacked the Town about not doing their job with respect to sewage. I just got a report from the town. I'm going to read it; I'm not I'm not going to try to be too long here.

“The flows to the two-sewer district #1 wastewater treatment plant in 2023 for the 30-day monthly average did exceed the permitted capacity for a few months. The 10-month average flow is approximately 149,000 gallons per day versus a permitted flow of 147,000 gallons per day. very minimal this is only a 1% exceedance of flow. 2023 was a very wet year and all wastewater collection systems are subject to infiltration and inflow into the sewer pipes increasing the flow to the treatment plant. all of the flow exceedances were reported in New York State DEC on a monthly basis. The plant did not exceed any quality parameters for the discharge to the Wallkill River. The Town has an agreement to place and plans to design convey 80,000 gallons per day of wastewater to the Village of Maybrook, which is a great deal for the town of Montgomery and the Village of Maybrook.”

I'll say that, and we expect to be discharging the Village of Maybrook in the fourth quarter of 2024. That's going to meet their needs for the next five years and they've been working with us on a joint expansion to our sewer treatment plant, which we'll have public information for when we get to that point. I know Supervisor Maher talked about it a while ago, and I think that's a hell of a deal for the Village and the Town, with the Town users paying more than twice as much as Village users and the Town subsidizing the plant to 2/3 of the expansion. So, I think it's a great deal and there's a huge grant available next July but there has to be a \$50,000 study as a prerequisite to that so that'll be further discussed. I'll be on the other side, on the Town level discussing that and hopefully the Village will be amenable to that. If not, you know the Town will have to build a package plan or do something else.

Atty. Frank - Nor is the town under the DEC consent order right now with regard to sewage.

Mayor Brescia - With the expansion, it was for this end of Town, not over here on 17K as was alluded. Everybody throws that out over here on 17K. I don't talk to The Wallkill Valley Times because they're so inaccurate with their reporting and I refuse to talk to them. I really do and I'm sorry if that insults people, but they used to be a very good paper 20 years ago, and before that very objective rather than subjective, so I don't talk to them. And I don't sit here and govern based on innuendos and mistakes. I mean, this Union Street News, I don't know an R. York I think it's a made-up name. A lot of inaccuracies in here. Aquifers. The engineer, Kevin, will tell you the engineer has to address, and the Planning Board has to address the aquifers out in that area of town. There are aquifers all over the Village. The Village Board knows that there's aquifers out there by the KSH property. Okay, you're not enlightening us on something new, knowing about. That has to be addressed during the Planning Board process. Aquifers all over the Village; we wouldn't be able to have built half the Village if we worried about every aquifer that wasn't addressed during the planning process. There may be some truths in here. I will address my intent at the next Board meeting. I hear so many rumors. I'm going to be gone as mayor. I'm saying goodbye and I'm going to be Town Supervisor, this is really immature and I guess there's going to be more of them coming out but when you do deliver them make sure you put them in a door, under a mat somewhere that because it's illegal to put them in mailboxes, or on mailboxes and I've gotten about three or four complaints on that. Please get some of the facts right. It looks like a fifth grader wrote this. I don't think there's an R. York in the Village.

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to go into Executive Session under Section F of the Open Meetings Law with the Village Board and DPW Supt. Nelson regarding DPW Supt. Nelson's vacation payout. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board exited Executive Session. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved paying DPW Supt. Nelson for 4 weeks' vacation. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Trustee Conero, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board approved surplusing the mayor's cell phone, as it is no longer needed. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:05pm. Motion carried 5-Ayes,0-Nays.

Tina Murphy
Deputy Village Clerk