

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montgomery held in the Meeting Room at 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549 on Tuesday, **November 19, 2013** at 7:30 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek; Trustee Hembury; Trustee Lindner; Village Clerk Thompson; Dpty. Village Clerk Rivera-Stanley; Atty. Dowd; Police Chief DiMilia; Maria Beltrametti; Johanna Sweikata

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

RE: MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the minutes of November 6, 2013. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: AUDIT OF COURT RECORDS BY VILLAGE BOARD

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Village Board acknowledged the completed Annual Audit Checklist for the Village Justice Court Records on November 19, 2013 by Deputy Mayor Scheels. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: RIVER STREET DRAINAGE EASEMENTS

Mayor Brescia said the engineers will not sign off on the River Street drainage project due to the location in the floodplain. The Village will attempt to improve the River Street drainage with the homeowners signing off on the River Street temporary drainage easements stating the Village is not responsible for the flooding, Attorney Dowd agrees.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved to pay \$150.00 to Charles V. Wallace L.S. for the River Street Drainage survey. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT/TRANSFERS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board authorized Treasurer Benedict to make budget adjustments as follows:

<u>Amount:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
\$ 9.96	9089.800A Other Empl Benefits	9050.800A Unemployment Ins.

Increase income lines by:

2012A GMD Vendor fees and 7550.400A GMD Contractual by \$ 1,000.00

2001.200A Memorial Gifts and 7140.401A Park Expenses by \$ 878.87

Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: TOWN OF MONTGOMERY CODERED SERVICE AGREEMENT

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Scheels, the Board approved to pay the Town of Montgomery \$4,061.25 for the CodeRED service agreement from October 3, 2013 through October 2, 2014. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: NYS COMPTROLLERS OFFICE REPORT

Mayor Brescia and the Board acknowledged a copy of the Report of Examination 2013 Period Covered June 1, 2011 – January 9, 2013. The Corrective Action Plan must be submitted 90 days from date of release – October 25, 2013.

Attorney Dowd presented an amended procurement policy for the Board to review for the next meeting. Mayor Brescia would like to include the Best Value into the procurement policy.

RE: ORANGE COUNTY ELECTRIC BID

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved to participate in the Orange County M&R Energy Resources Corp electric bid. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: GRANTS

Trustee Lindner will submit an application for NYS Grants (U&CF) Urban and Community Forestry program.

RE: HOLIDAY EVENTS

Old Fashioned Holiday Weekend Event - Saturday, December 7th at 10:00 am – 6:00 pm – Local Business Downtown Montgomery.

American Legion 521 Event – Pearl Harbor Remembrance – Saturday, Dec 7th at 11:00 am – 6:00 pm at the Parkland Pavilion by the River followed by refreshments at the Senior Center.

Santa Coming to Village Hall – Saturday, Dec 7th at 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Puppet Show by Robert Rogers “The Steadfast Tin Soldier” – Saturday, Dec 7th at 3:30 pm at the Senior Center.

Historical House Tour Event – Sunday, December 8th at 1:00 – 4:00 pm – Village Museum.

Toys for Tots Event – Sunday, December 8th at 1:15 pm – Railroad Avenue.

House Decorating Contest Judging – Saturday, December 8th at 6:00 – 9:00 pm

RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief DiMilia said the three (3) Full-time Police Officers will graduate from the Ulster Police Academy on November 20, 2013. He will be attending the graduation with Deputy Police Chief Walsh.

RE: RETIREMENT LETTER

Village Clerk Thompson requested the Board to accept her letter of Retirement. The Board will hold their action until the next meeting.

RE: VILLAGE WEBSITE UPDATES

Trustee Lindner reported working on updating the Village Website with local events. Mayor Brescia agrees for the need and in doing so it will bring more people to attend various events. The Board agrees.

RE: COMPLIANCE CONNECTION

Trustee Lindner reported continued work on the Compliance Connection for abandoned property with the Building Inspector Yancewicz.

RE: AHRB GUIDELINES

Mayor Brescia reported Atty. Dowd is working on amending the AHRB guidelines and use of neon signs by the businesses.

RE: PUBLIC PORTION

Maria Beltrametti village resident/business owner of (109 Ward Street) has come before the Board with a complaint about an unsightly amount of trash left out from November 1st through today, November 19th on the corner of Mason Street and Wallkill Avenue. The trash was cleaned up today and suggested the garbage collectors notify their supervisor of these types of issues in the future. The Board responded that this is a rare occurrence and a bulk pick up had not been paid. A reminder will be in the next newsletter of the Bulk Pick policy and procedures. Maria Beltrametti is a proud resident and likes to see the village clean and safe and kept attractive as it is. The Board agrees and we will continue to work hard to make improvements. Maria Beltrametti also brought a concern of a police car parked by the bank and no police officer readily available. She located the police officer in a business at the end of Clinton Street. Mayor Brescia said the police officers walk the beat and make rounds to all of the businesses. The Board agrees with Mayor Brescia. Maria Beltrametti felt the distance of the police officer and the police car was to far apart.

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded Trustee Hembury, the Board entered EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:10 pm under Public Officers Law §7(e) to discuss collective negotiations between the Village of Montgomery and Village of Montgomery Police Benevolent Association pursuant to the Taylor Law and §7(f) to discuss police department personnel with Police Chief DiMilia, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Thompson and Deputy Village Treasurer Stanley in attendance. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board went out of EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:55 pm. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved a sixty (60) day Leave of Absence for Police Chief DiMilia effective December 28, 2013. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved to appoint Police Officer Brain Briere to the position of Detective at the rate of \$ 25.00 per hour pursuant to the Agreement Between the Village of Montgomery and the Village of Montgomery Police Benevolent Association. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Deputy Mayor, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Deputy Village Clerk Rivera-Stanley