

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, May 6, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Village Justice Andrew Roepe, Village Clerk Rivera-Stanley, Police Chief Walsh, Maria Beltrametti, Marc Devitt, Cub Scout Den 10/Pack 30: Robert Canavan, Allison Concero, Andrew Concero, Eric Concero, Kevin Conero, Logan Degli-Angeli, Michael Degli-Angeli, Tommy Feeney, Girl Scout Olivia Heaney, Mrs. Heaney, James Heaney, James O'Brian, Jyles Taylor, Pauline Taylor, Johanna Sweikata.

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

RE: MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the minutes of April 1, 2014. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels the Board approved the minutes of April 15, 2014. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ABSTRACT NO. 04-2014

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, all bills listed on ABSTRACT NO.04-2014 were audited and approved for payment with \$230,453.75 from the General Fund, \$39,792.83 from the Water Fund, \$30,534.72 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$300,781.30. Check No: 46253-46355. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Benedict reported a CASH BALANCE for the month April 30, 2014, as follows: General Fund \$1,240,145.44, Water Fund \$ 293,852.79, Sewer Fund \$ 193,178.92.

RE: CUB SCOUT DEN 10 BLUEBIRD BIRD HOUSES

Michael Degli-Angeli Cub Scout Leader for Den 10, Pack 30; Den 10 has made Bluebird, Birdhouses and would like to donate them to the Village of Montgomery. We would like our boys to help put the up with the assistance of the DPW. Each of the cub scouts present introduced themselves to the Board. A short presentation was done on the history of the Bluebirds, starting with James O'Brian.

“Hello we wanted to share a little information about the Eastern Bluebirds with you tonight.

The red, White and blue Eastern Bluebird was designated the state bird of New York in 1970. The Eastern Bluebird is a medium sized songbird. It has a short tail, chunky body, large round head, short black bill, a reddish orange chest and blue wings and tail.”

The Presentation followed and ended by Cub Scout Brennan Gulla.

“Eastern Bluebirds prefer habitats such as orchards, parks and large lawns. The population of the Eastern Bluebirds declined in the 1960’s and 1970’s but since has increased in the past 10 years due to the popularity of the nest campaign.”

Because of this we feel it is important to bring these beautiful birds to our community. We would like to donate our Bluebird birdhouses to the Village of Montgomery. As a Den, we would like to be part of putting the birdhouses up if possible.

On behalf of Den 10 we, Thank you for this opportunity.

Mayor Brescia and the Board are very agreeable and appreciative. Mayor Brescia asked they look great and when they would like to put up the birdhouses. A den leader Degli-Angeli said a weekend it would be best. They need to be on the south side facing the sun. The park is the best location for the birdhouses. DPW Supt. Nelson suggested calling him with an available date.

Mayor Brescia and the Board thanked them all.

RE: GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD PROJECT

Girl Scout Olivia Heany presented her silver award project “The Little Free Library” to the Mayor Brescia and the Board. Her presentation included the history and a description of the process of take a book, leave a book. Her idea is to fill it with classic books. She has a design in mind to build it and will also maintain it. It is strictly on the honor system; therefore she is suggesting it be in public area to avoid vandalism. In front of the Village Hall is a suggested site. She would also like to plant flowers at the approved site. Olivia is asking for \$100.00 donation for materials for her project. Her projected date of completion is approximately three months. The Mayor Brescia and the Board are very agreeable with the project.

Moved by Trustee Linder, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved \$100.00 for Olivia Heany Girl Scout Silver award project. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: RENEW INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF WALDEN DPW AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Village of Walden and the Village of Montgomery DPW and Police Departments. Motion carried, 5-0 Ayes, 5-0 Nays.

RE: RESIGNATION OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board accepted the resignation of planning member Brian Fitzpatrick. Motion carried, 5-0 Ayes, 5-0 Nays.

RE: APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board appointed Erin Crowley to the Planning Board to fill a vacancy term thru April, 10, 2017. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: INCREASE WATER/SEWER RATES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2014

Increase water rate to \$3.25 up to 49,000 per thousand gallons and from 50,000 gallons per thousand and over to \$3.85. Increase sewer rate to 5.50.

DPW Supt. Nelson stated the reason for the need to increase the water/sewer rate being mainly contributing factor is the Central Hudson increase in rates and the demand on the STP. A study was done in comparison with the neighboring municipalities rates and our increase suggestion is still the lowest.

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved the water/sewer rate increases effective December 1, 2014. Motion carried, 5-0 Ayes, 5-0 Nays.

RE: REPORTS

DPW Supt Nelson reported collapsed pipes on Jefferson and Tyler Streets. The reason is due to 40 year old pipe giving way. The new pipe is on order and plan to install tomorrow. It is a main trunk line coming out of presidential heights. The resident at 105 is the last drain storm, he has coming up to his garage. He is working with us and already has easements in place and is very understanding.

RE: DPW APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board appointed Gary Roberts as a P/T Laborer at the rate of \$ 40.00 an hour, as a P/T Laborer at \$40.00 an hour, and Paul Teutul as a P/T Laborer at the rate of \$ 18.00 an hour. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: DPW BUILDING PROGRESSION

DPW Supt. Nelson said the windows are in for the DPW. He reported the plumber is slow due to other work he is called to do. We may need someone else to do the work.

RE: BANDSTAND PROGRESSION

Trustee Lindner reported on the progress of the bandstand. The truces are scheduled to come in on May 22 depending on the status of the framing they will be delivered to the DPW.

RE: BIKE RODEO

Police Chief Walsh reported on the annual Bike Rodeo being a huge success. We had twenty more children registered over the previous year. The weather was very cooperative as well. In addition, the application process is complete for the 2015 Police Traffic Safety Committee Grants, which includes funding for speed, cell phone enforcement totaling \$6,300.00 and \$2,100.00 a radar unit for the Impala that we purchased last year.

RE: APPOINT STREET CROSSING GUARDS

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board appointed Thomas M. Amodio as a Street Crossing Guard at the rate of \$14.50 per hour with a one year probationary period. Motion carried, 5-0 Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ACCEPT POLICE DEPARTMENT RESIGNATION

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor, the Board accepted the resignation of Police Officer Robert Corcoran effective May 6, 2014. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: MUSEUM HOURS SIGN AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved a sign for the Village Museum to include the hours of operation with contact information and to be of the same coloring and lettering of the existing Museum sign. Motion carried, 5-0 Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: PUBLIC PORTION

Maria Beltrametti asked, what is the total budget for the bandstand?

Trustee Lindner said it is about \$40,000 all together.

Ms. Beltrametti said she had seen in the paper the Grant was for \$20,000 or so.

Mayor Brescia said that is Money in Lieu of Park Land and funds were raised on a gulf outing and 20,000 coming out of buildings.

Ms. Beltrametti said she noticed going thru the budget these contractual lines items are in almost each department budget. She feels that taking out the obvious contractual lines that really should be termed appropriations like Program for the Aging, the Library, and the Museum it add up to over a half of a million dollars. How is contractual accounted for on an ongoing basis? That is an awful lot of money.

Mayor Brescia said that was a question for the budget public hearing. If you have a question on a particular contractual budget line let us know. We will then provide you a list for what it is used. There are numerous items that fall under contractual.

Ms. Beltrametti said I know that, that is why I am asking how it is accounted for. It seems like very vague, at the budget hearing I did ask about what contractual is.

Mayor Brescia asked Ms. Beltrametti to give us something specific, if you have contractual line in the Village Board budget for a department. We will give you the expenses. Some of the contractual lines include office supplies such as pencils, computer expenses, etc.

Ms. Beltrametti said the Mayors contractual line is \$6,500.00. What is that for?

Mayor Brescia said the newsletters come out of the Mayor contractual line. Please give us with a list and we will provide you with the information. We are not able to provide a detailed list tonight.

Ms. Beltrametti said she will drop off a list. In addition, I also notice the notice posted on the public bulletin a list of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Trustee salaries that are way in excess of what was adopted. I total expected those figures reflected and they were not. Can I rest assured that those figures are not reflected somewhere else in the budget. Why are the posted up on the bulletin.

Village Clerk Rivera-Stanley said a public notice of the elected officials is required to be posted and published.

Atty. Dowd sad the Law requires the Village Clerk to post the elected officials salaries as part of the public hearing notice.

Mayor Brescia asked the public for any other questions.

Village Justice Andrew Roepe shared a comment regarding the Acting Village Justice Fassnacht did a very good job covering in his absence.

Mayor Brescia said that is good to hear.

Mayor Brescia said Marc Devitt it up next to address the Board. Therefore, recused himself for the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Marc Devitt commented on the letter from the Valley Central School District on the impact of the school capacity with Chandler Lane Project, that it is informational.

Deputy Mayor Scheels said the Valley Central School District responded to the questions of the impact on the school capacity to keep the public informed with the Chandler Lane impact.

RE: ADJORNMENT

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8::00 pm. Motion carried, 4-0 Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserate Rivera-Stanley, Village Clerk