

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montgomery is held in the Meeting Room at 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549 on February 2, 2016 at 7:20 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Rivera-Stanley, DPW Supt. Nelson, Police Chief Walsh, Don Berger, Marc Devitt, Maria Beltrametti, Johanna Sweikata.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW I-1 OF 2016 OPENED

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded Trustee Hembury, the Board opened the Public Hearing to consider the adoption of Introductory Local Law No. 1 of 2016, authorizing the Board of Trustees to override the tax levy limit established in the General Municipal Law, section 3-c for the fiscal year beginning on June 2, 2016. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Mayor Brescia asked Linda if all the necessary paperwork is on file to hold a Public Hearing.

The Village Clerk Rivera-Stanley replied, it is Monse, yes.

Mayor Brescia asked, what did I say?

The Village Clerk Rivera- Stanley replied, you said Linda.

Mayor Brescia said, I am sorry. He then opened the meeting for public comment.

Ms. Beltrametti asked, why you are having to do this. The last tax cap was exceeded two years ago.

Mayor Brescia said, I do not recall piercing the tax cap two years ago.

Ms. Beltrametti said, I know you did.

Mayor Brescia said, I beg to differ.

Ms. Beltrametti said, I reviewed the expenditures today. I do not understand what all the contractual expenditures are for the Police Department.

Mayor Brescia said, this is not what the public hearing is for. If you have any questions about the expenses it will have to be at another time. Overriding the tax cap at two percent was more manageable. The tax cap is less than one percent. It is at .73 percent. It is difficult to give the staff any sort of an increase and maintenance to operate.

Mr. Burger said, I worry with you overriding the tax cap without a thought of many senior citizens living on a fixed income.

Ms. Beltrametti said, the Village Board should have no salary increases.

Mayor Brescia said, this Village Board makes less than other municipalities.

A man who did not state his name said, the NYC Police Department is one percent over a seven year contract. There is a small amount of crime here.

Police Chief Walsh said, recruitment and retention is an issue with that type of a contract. You do not want that here.

Frank said, at least contract to retain where they live. We do not make what the city does. There are many foreclosures and more senior with budgeted incomes.

Ms. Beltrametti said, we ask questions and get no answer the and yet you still and pass the budget.

Mayor Brescia said, the line items are in black and white. We will try to stay within the tax cap. It is the unexpended costs that you have to keep in mind. The Clinton Street Watermain replacement is one and the Holt Well water line is another.

Mr. Berger said, you have saved money on the salt expenses.

DPW Supt. Nelson said, yes we have not used the salt this year that we did last year. We did exceed our salt expenses last year though. And although we have not used the salt but we are under contract to purchase the salt regardless of what we have or have not used. It is also the first of February and we can still get hit.

Mayor Brescia asks, are there any other questions?

Public present, no further questions.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board closed the Public Hearing of February 2, 2016 at 7:27 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserate Rivera-Stanley, Village Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montgomery is held in the Meeting Room at 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549 on February 2, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Rivera-Stanley, Police Chief Walsh, DPW Supt. Nelson, Don Berger, Marc Devitt, Maria Beltrametti, Johanna Sweikata.

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

RE: MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved the meeting minutes of January 19, 2016. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ABSTRACT NO. 01-2016

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, all bills listed on ABSTRACT NO.01-2016 were audited and approved for payment with \$ 242,177.20 from the General Fund, \$16,263.71 from the Water Fund, \$26,498.14 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$284,939.05. Check No: 47475 – 47496, 49145 - 49231. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Benedict reported a CASH BALANCE for the month of January 31, 2016, as follows: General Fund \$1,692,247.55, Water Fund \$385,534.33, Sewer Fund \$320,021.89.

RE: DEPARTMENT REPORTS

DPW Supt. Nelson reports on the Holt Well progress. We will need one hundred tons of fill brought in and move the fence. Central Hudson will be moving the gas lines also. We have to add thirty five feet to the building. In addition to moving the generator. I am pricing the filters now. However, the size of the filters is the problem. We had a bad reading on the hourly gallons per minute test. We are taking in ground water. More testing is being done. The cost is estimated at \$400,000. Furthermore, the Pleasant Avenue Watermain project is estimated at \$375,000 of which we reapplied for a grant.

Trustee Lindner asks, if the County will come to our meeting and have the public asks them questions directly.

DPW Supt. Nelson states, the County has been asked on previous occasions and they have declined. I will ask again. We had a water main break on Boyd Street, and there are no reasons why. We have no frost at this time. A new garbage truck is needed, the cost is \$164,000.00; our current garbage truck has over 100,000 miles on the transmission and everything is starting to go.

Mayor Brescia states, a five year bond maybe possible and bond the whole amount. You have to add it into the budget.

Police Chief Walsh reports, on the annual Firearms training in January being completed. I have submitted for an application to the Homeland Security grant for the purpose of two license plate readers. The Town of Montgomery assisted the Village with an armed individual at the Waterwheel apartments, no one was hurt and the individual is in Orange County Jail. The

County is hosting an active shooters program training for residents and employees. The date is not yet confirmed with the Montgomery Fire Department for the AED Training. There is also talk of a cost for the training also.

RE: PASS A LEAD AGENCY NEGATIVE DECK

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board passed a Lead Agency Negative Deck. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW I-1 OF 2016

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted Local Law I-1 of 2016 to exceed the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law, Section 3-c for the fiscal year commencing on June 1, 2016. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: RESIGNATION ACCEPTED SENIOR CENTER FOOD SERVICE ALTERNATE

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board accepted the resignation of Janet Leonard as the Senior Dinning Food Service Worker, Alternate No. 2. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: APPOINTMENT SENIOR CENTER FOOD SERVICE ALTERNATE

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board appointed Rebecca Szabo as the Senior Center Food Service Worker, Alternate No. 2 at the same rate. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR SURVEYING SERVICES AND DESIGN FOR CLINTON STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the proposal for surveying services design of the Clinton Street Waterline Replacement and the fee in the amount of \$ 4,200. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: APPROVE THE CLINTON STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT 2016 CDBG PROGRAM PROJECT

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the Clinton Street Water Main Replacement 2016 CDBG program project, Design and Contract documents cost of \$2,900.00, the Project Bidding cost of \$1,500.00, and the Construction observation and Contract Administration cost of \$12,000. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved the budget adjustments authorizing Treasurer Benedict to increase the revenue line A0-2001-100 Grand Chamber Concert series donations and corresponding expense line A0-7270-000 Grand Chamber Concert series expenses by the additional 300.00 received. In addition to moving \$300.00 from ZBA Contractual to ZBA Secretary, \$200.00 from AHRB Contractual to ZBA Secretary, \$900.00 from State Retirement to Disability Insurance. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: ACCEPT NOVARTIS DONATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN
WAIVING THE RIGHT TO ALL CLAIMS RELATING TO THE PROPERTY**

Moved by Deputy Mayor, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board accepted the Novartis donation and authorizing the Mayor to sign the right to waive all claims relating to the property. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Move by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adjourned the meeting of February 2, 2016 at 8:13 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserate Rivera-Stanley, Village Clerk