

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 18, 2010** at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Roepe; Chief Corcoran; John Luffman; John Ingrassia; Steve Casper; Sarah Roepe; Robert Lamoy; Robert Kiernan; Wallkill Valley Times Reporter.

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

RE: PICTURE DONATION (ESATE OF RALPH DUNN, JR.)

Mayor Brescia stated Robert Lamoy graciously helped us get the donation of pictures from the estate of Ralph Dunn, Jr. through his nephew Gary Hasbrouck which is greatly appreciated by the Village. The 1862 Farm Map drawn and published by Michael Hughes (38" by 51") has been appraised for \$500. The other one is a 19th century painted wood fireboard depicting Ward's Bridge over the Wallkill River with a gate/toll house and rural landscape with a faux wood grain painted frame (34" x 50") appraised for \$3,500. One of the other pictures is of Dunn's pond at the end of Weaver Street painted by Charlotte Tarbell. Mayor Brescia and the Board thanked Robert Lamoy for the pictures which can be enjoyed by the Village for generations to come.

RE: MINUTES

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the minutes of May 4, 2010. Motion carried 5-AYES, 0-NAY vote.

RE: MONTGOMERY MANOR PILOT FEES

Mayor Brescia reported the Town has approved Montgomery Manor's request to pay PILOT fees monthly instead of yearly. The details will be worked out with the town clerk.

RE: BOARD OF ETHICS

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board appointed Jill Schmitt as Chairperson of the Board of Ethics. Motion carried 5-AYES, 0-NAY vote.

RE: END-OF-YEAR TRANSFERS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board authorized Treasurer Benedict to make FY 2009-10 end-of-year budget transfers as needed. Motion carried 5-AYES, 0-NAY vote.

RE: AHRB GUIDELINES

Mayor Brescia advised the business committee has met with the AHRB to work out their concerns with the new proposed guidelines. The next work session will be held sometime in June.

RE: FY 2011 CDBG APPLICATION – Weaver Street Watermain Replacement

Mayor Brescia reported we can submit for the FY 2011 Community Development funding in case funds cannot be captured for the Weaver Street watermain project. So, the Village can resubmit the FY 2010 application for Weaver Street Watermain Replacement. The consultants fees is reimbursable through Community Development

Moved by Trustee Roepe, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board set a special meeting and set the FY 2011 CDBG Public Hearing on May 26, 2010 at 7:30 pm. Motion carried 5-AYES, 0-NAY vote.

RE: SIGN APPLICATION FEE

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board amended the Planning and Zoning Fee Schedule last amended May 5, 1998, to include a sign application fee of \$25. Motion carried 5-AYES, 0-NAY vote.

RE: WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASE

Mayor Brescia advised DPW Supt. Nelson and Treasurer Benedict have been looking at the cost of running and maintaining the sewer plant and sewer lines. Two rotors were replaced last year and the other two will have to be replaced and the plant continues to age. The sewer rates should be increased now to be effective for the December billing period. The Board was in favor to increase the rates.

Moved by Trustee Hembury, and seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board increased the sewer rates effective with the December 1, 2010 water and sewer billing period as follows:

<u>SEWER</u>	4000 gallon minimum rate \$20.16
	Any and all water metered above the 4000 gallon minimum will have a sewer rent of \$5.04 per thousand gallons of water used,

Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury voting AYE and Trustee Roepe voting NAY. Motion carried 4-AYES, 1-NAY vote.

RE: REPORTS

Chief Corcoran advised he has met with OC Department of Personnel and DCJS to get a better understanding on some personnel issues. He's been out meeting people and they can meet with him too. He has been meeting with the officers as well as with the treasurer and clerk to familiarize himself with the budget.

Mayor Brescia suggested to Chief Corcoran once he gets settled into the job he would like to see the text messaging and e-mailing system used to alert residents to storms, emergency situations and sex offender watches, etc. Similar to what the Town of New Windsor has.

RE: PUBLIC PORTION

Robert Kiernan mentioned his concern about increasing in the sewer rate saying if the sewer plant was upgraded back in 2002 instead of now the rates probably would not have to be increased. Also, since the Village first talked about upgrading the plant a few years ago, it seems the cost now has greatly increased compared to when the work was suppose to be done. He also questioned the increase as there were sewer rate increases in the last few years and feels it should be delayed until the Board does the comparison of costs for now and back in 2002 when it originally was suppose be done.

Mayor Brescia said he thinks it was an increased once in the last few years. We thought Goodwill Village would have given the Village the funds to upgrade the plant by now, but that has not happened yet. Possibly the County may be giving the Village money to hook into the sewer plant too. Funds have been spent out of the sewer fund for engineering on upgrading the sewer plant. Vlg. Eng. O'Rourke will be asked to provide the Board with an update for the next meeting.

Robert Kiernan inquired about the status of the Police Department motorcycle uniforms and if they had ever been returned or if those officers had reimbursed the Village . . . and added that it should not be the responsibility of the former OIC John Luffman. The Board was then asked to look into it further.

Mayor Brescia understands Mr. Kiernan's principals, but many of the police officers are no longer with the Village. John Luffman (former Officer in Charge at the time) advised prior to the money being given out to the officers the uniforms were at the station of which the office may have been advised. The pants and boots could not be used for any other purpose. Mayor Brescia advised Chief Corcoran will look into it.

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Roepe, the Board entered EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:51 pm under Public Officers Law § 7(f) to discuss personnel with Chief Corcoran and with John Luffman, and Vlg. Clerk Thompson in attendance. Motion carried 5-AYES, 0-NAY vote.

Moved by Trustee Roepe, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board agrees John Luffman will have satisfactorily met his obligation to repay the Village the monies earned while employed by the Village of Montgomery subject to final review and approval by Atty. Dowd. Motion carried 5-AYES, 0-NAY vote.

Moved by Trustee Roepe, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board went out of EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:35 pm. Motion carried 5-AYES, 0-NAY vote.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Roepe, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:36 pm. Motion carried 5-AYES, 0-NAY.

Village Clerk Linda L. Thompson