

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 Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, Maria Beltrametti, Mel Frumes, Johanna Sweikata, Mary Ann Lindner, Jaspreet Gill, John Vero, Ian Genao, Michele Ries.

Mayor Brescia opened the meeting with a pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

RE: MINUTES

To be presented for approval on May 1st.

RE: REQUEST TO MEET WITH BOARD

Michele Ries, from M&R Energy presents bid pricing for the renewal of Electric contract pricing. M & R Energy was awarded the government bid with Orange County, by doing so the Village of Montgomery also is able to bid off of the County bid. Furthermore, she has obtained several prices rates that are better for the Village of Montgomery Electric. The different suppliers that have come in, with East Coast Power & Gas, Constellation. However, East Coast Power is the lowest price. It is based on the annual usage and you are currently using one million kilowatt hours a year.

One of important parts of this pricing, is that it includes zero emissions and renewable energy. Governor Cuomo signed to enact the Clean Energy Act, for the next thirteen years we are going to paying a surcharge on our electric. This price also includes the clean energy act surcharge. Every year the clean energy act pricing is going to be reestablished. There is no way of knowing what it is going to cost over this period of time. Last year it was .0033, it is a fraction of a cent but it means a price difference for the Village, it equates to thousands of dollars. It was established for 2017 and they have just established 2018 as being slightly higher, not by much. Again it is depending on what the need is going to be. So the price is as quoted but the clean energy and zero emission will price will change. Mayor Brescia asked, what the best rate is for us. She suggested two years rate as being better. The supplier is taking on the risk of the clean energy act. Atty. Dowd mentioned the Village is planning on installing a solar field to power the STP, how does this rate affect the usage. Ms. Reis questions how much usage will the solar field power the STP. This contract gives you a swing of 25% of your total electric usage. Atty. Dowd stated he was informed that the solar field would in effect power the entire STP. It is our biggest user of electricity.

RE: APPROVED CONTRACT BID PRICING FOR CONSTELLATION OR M & R RESOURCE CORPORATION RENEWAL PRICING TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC SERVICE AND NATURAL GAS TO THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY FOR TWO YEARS

Mayor Brescia called for motion to approve the bid pricing provided by M & R Energy for term of 3 years with a plus or minus factor of 25 percent, at the rate of \$.0622 with East Coast Power & Gas, LLC.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the bid pricing provided by M & R Energy for term of 3 years with a plus or minus factor of 25 percent, at the rate of \$.0622, with East Coast Power & Gas, LLC. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER KYLE VETRO

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board accepted the resignation of Police Officer Kyle Vetro effective as of April 21, 2018. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: CONTINUED REQUEST TO MEET WITH THE BOARD

Maria Beltrametti has asked to speak with the Board regarding the recent Village Election held on March 20th for the Village Justice. She still is not settled with the outcome of information provided to her, in her presence, at her request of the absentee ballot recount of votes, performed by the Board of Election Commissioners Susan Bahren and David Greene. Ms. Lindner suggested that Ms. Beltrametti take the course provided by the Board of Elections so that she informed of the process. It's free and the Board of Elections is very informative. Mayor Brescia stated that her questions were answered by the Board of Elections Commissioners, if she has any further questions, please speak with the Board of Elections directly.

RE: APPROVE PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 IN SUPPORT OF THE D.A.R.E. BIKE RODEO ON MAY 9TH

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board approved payment in the amount of \$500.00 in support of the D.A.R.E. Bike Rodeo on May 9th. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: APPROVED REQUEST TO USE THE BASKETBALL COURTS, AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved the request to use the basketball courts, at the Veterans Memorial Park, by Ian Genao, Team Manager from Montgomery, NY, Staples FC #683 facility, to host a non-profit fundraiser for Autism Awareness Charity, on May 19th from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm with the conditions of providing the proper certificate of insurance listing the Village as additional insured. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: AMEND THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY HANDBOOK, ADDING GUIDELINES FOR VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY (NON UNION) OFFICE EMPLOYEES AND APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR TIME OFF FORM

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board amended the Village of Montgomery Handbook, adding Guidelines for Village of Montgomery (NON UNION) Office Employees and Approve the Request for Time Off form. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: EVENTS

Hydrant Flushing began on April 16th through 27th

May 6th at 3:00 pm, The Grand Montgomery Chamber Music Series presents Greg Michalak, Piano, held at the Montgomery Senior Center, admission is free, light refreshments are donated by Montgomery Shop Rite.

RE: NAMING THE SENIOR CENTER STAGE

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to name the Senior Center Stage as the “Garrett Concert Stage” in honor of Howard and Judith Garrett as curators of the Grand Montgomery Chamber Music Series of over thirty years.

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved naming the Senior Center Stage as the “Garrett Concert Stage” in honor of Howard and Judith Garrett as curators of the Grand Montgomery Chamber Music Series over thirty years. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

May 19th, Village of Montgomery Wide Yard Sale day is held from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

RE: PUBLIC PORTION

No public comment.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adjourned the meeting of April 17, 2018 at 8:05 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk