

DPW Supt. Nelson, Police Chief Walsh, Treasurer Griffith, Mary Ann Lindner, Johanna Sweikata, Jennett Bissinger, Rachel Coleman, Paul Grattan, Liana Grattan, Rachel Coleman, Don Berger.

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

RE: MINUTES

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to approve the minutes of August 6, 2018.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the minutes of August 6, 2018, Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ABSTRACT NO. 08-2018

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, all bills listed on ABSTRACT NO.08-2018 were audited and approved for payment with \$ from the General Fund, \$286,396.50 from the Water Fund, \$32,981.72 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$31,400.84. Check No: 76184 - 76277, 1238 -1258. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Griffith reported a CASH BALANCE for the month of August 31, 2018, as follows: General Fund \$2,804,251.24, Water Fund \$314,226.81, Sewer Fund \$461,163.11.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

SHIPO review of Hudson Valley City Winery is in progress.

RE: DEPARTMENT REPORTS – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Walsh mentioned the preparations for General Montgomery Day are all set. He noticed the amusement rides have arrived at the Veterans Memorial Park. Mayor Brescia stated the amusement rides will begin on Friday evening. He will launch a CodeRed to inform the residents. Police Chief Walsh also mentioned waiting on a response from the Town of Montgomery on how many assisting staff will be sent for General Montgomery Day. The Sheriff's office will loan us their light towers as they have in the past, otherwise, we are all set. The only new event added to the 8K is a fun run for the kids, which is scheduled before the 8K race and it's contained to Bridge Street, similar to St. Pat's Ramble but shorter. Furthermore, the tractor parade went well, with a few complaints about the traffic. There is not much that we can do about it. Mayor Brescia mentioned to please monitor cars blocking the driveways. It happens to Darlene's driveway quite a bit. Police Chief Walsh urges anyone experiencing this to call and it will be addressed.

RE: APPOINT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to appoint the School Crossing Guard, Anne Bombino at the rate of \$15.10 an hour, with the usual probationary period.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board appointed Anne Bombino as the School Crossing Guard at the rate of \$15.10 an hour, with the usual probationary period. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: APPOINT GMD STREET CROSSING GUARDS

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board appointed up to 11 Street Crossing Guards, for General Montgomery Day, on September 8th through September 9th, at the rate of \$14.50 an hours. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING TREASURER GRIFFITH RECOMMENDATIONS

Treasurer Griffith recommends creating a fund balance policy, to ensure that the Village maintains adequate fund balances and reserves in order to provide sufficient cash flow for daily financial needs, secure and maintain investment grade bond ratings (if necessary), offset significant economic downturns or revenue shortfalls, and provide funds for unforeseen expenditures related to emergencies.

RE: ADOPT FUND BALANCE POLICY

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted the Fund Balance Policy as Treasurer Griffiths has recommended creating a fund balance policy, to ensure that the Village maintains adequate fund balances and reserves in order to provide sufficient cash flow for daily financial needs, secure and maintain investment grade bond ratings (if necessary), offset significant economic downturns or revenue shortfalls, and provide funds for unforeseen expenditures related to emergencies. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADOPT GOVERNOR CUOMO NEW SEXUAL HARRASSMENT POLICY

On April 12, 2018, New York Governor Cuomo signed the state budget, which mandates employers provide employees with annual sexual harassment training. In 2018, employers must provide the training and a written anti-harassment policy to employees starting in October. Treasurer Griffith provided a draft of a comprehensive policy, that we could adopt and adding the Village of Montgomery. Mayor Brescia asked, if this policy lists what the state has recommended verbatim? Treasurer Griffith replied, yes, the Village Policy is not as extensively detailed as this new policy mandates. He also spoke with Comp Alliance and they will be updating the training they provide to include these changes. Mayor Brescia suggested allowing Atty. Dowd time to review it and or consult with Judy Mayle before the Board takes action. Trustee Lindner suggested looking at the senior advisory policy that Judy Mayle had written.

RE: ADOPT THE PROPOSAL FOR ACTUARIAL SERVICES GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING STANDARD BOARD, GASB75

Treasurer Griffith recommends adopting the proposal for Actuarial Services Government Accounting Standards Board, (GASB#75), Post –Employment Benefits for Retirees, the cost is \$2,800.00. Treasurer Griffith mentioned not being able to obtain any other Actuarial Services in the area. It's not urgent, nevertheless, it needs to be done. It involves the reporting to the State that cannot be done in-house. Mayor Brescia suggest putting it out to on an RFP and working with Atty. Dowd on getting it prepared.

RE: APPROVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT

Treasurer Griffith recommends an annual financial audit, since we have the bonds. If the Village will be doing more bonds in the future, it would be more attractive for the Village by doing so. Mayor Brescia mentioned in the past the Village was in the practice of having an audit done every other year. He is not sure when it stopped, we used Nugent and Haeussler.

Treasure Griffith recommends approval of GovPayNet credit Card processing company to replace Square. It does not cost the Village anything for the service and it's the same program the Village Court is currently using. It also allows for onsite, online and by phone payments. It involves them setting us up with a machine and we can stop using the tablet to process the payments, thus eliminating that monthly fee. We will also not see charge backs, therefore, we are not at risk. It will take a several weeks for implementation.

RE: APPROVAL OF GOVPAYNET CREDIT CARD PROCESSING

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the credit card processing program of GovPayNet, replacing Square. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Griffith also recommends the Board implementation and approval of Edmund's WIPP online water/sewer portal, at the cost of \$900.00. The Village website would be outfitted with an online portal for residents to pay their water/sewer bills. Many residents have been asking of this feature. He is familiar with it, Maybrook also uses WIPP. Mayor Brescia suggests looking into sending the water/sewer bills online because of the Postal Service being problematic.

RE: IMPLEMENTATION AND APPROVAL OF EDMUNDS WIPP ONLINE PORTAL

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the implementation and approval of Edmunds's WIPP online portal for water/sewer payments, at the cost of \$900.00. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Lastly, Treasurer Griffith mentioned Office of the State Comptroller will be conducting the seconded portion of the advanced accounting school on September 12th, 13th and 14th, at the Recreation Center. Furthermore, one evening last month the Village of Walden hosted a NYCOM training. They would like to host an evening training class here at the Senior Center.

RE: BID OPENING RESULTS UNION STREET (NYS ROUTE 211) CURB REPLACEMENT

Bid opening results of Union Street (NYS Route 211) Curb Replacement, held on August 30th at 2 pm.

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| a. Boyce Excavating Co., Inc. | \$296,428.00 |
| b. CMC Construction Group, Inc. | \$192,242.00 |
| c. Casa Builders, Inc. | \$118,000.00* |

*Lanc & Tully Engineering and Surveying, PC. Review - Casa Builders, Inc. bid actually at \$117,988.02.

RE: ALL UNION STREET (NYS ROUTE 211) CURB REPLACEMENT BIDS REJECTED

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board rejected all the Union Street (NYS Route 211) Curb Replacement bids, opened on August 30th at 2 pm, due all bids being higher than anticipated. Motion carried, 5-Ayes

Mayor Brescia asked DPW Supt. Nelson if he will try to solicit more bids with the next notice to bidders. DPW Supt. Nelson stated maybe downsizing the project as a means to keep the cost within

or at the amount of the grant funding for this project. Mayor Brescia suggested rebidding and seeing what the next bid results are.

RE: REBID AND SET BID OPENING DATE FOR THE UNION STREET (NYS ROUTE 211) CURB REPLACEMENT

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board authorized to rebid the Union Street NYS Route 211 Curb Replacement and set a bid opening date of September 27th at 2:00 pm, held at the Village Hall 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

DPW Supt. Nelson reported speaking with Central Hudson this past Friday, about clearing our electrical lines. We usually pay someone to do it for us, however, Central Hudson does not want anyone performing this task unless they are authorized and trained by them. They will be clearing from Holt Well, the Sewer Plant, as well as cutting down a tree that is intertwined into the electrical wires on Hanover Street. They ask that we share the cost of the trimming in the amount of \$450.00.

RE: CENTRAL HUDSON CLEARING ELECTRICAL LINES

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved to share the cost of \$450.00 to clear the electrical lines at the Holt Well, the Sewer Plant, and cutting down a tree on Hanover Street that is intertwined into the electrical lines. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: VALLEY CENTRAL YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEER REQUEST USE OF THE SENIOR CENTER AT A DISCOUNTED RATE

Moved Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the Valley Central Youth Football and Cheer program request to use the Senior Center at a reduced rate of \$200.00 to host their annual banquet on Saturday, December 1, 2018, from 3:00 to 7:00 pm, as they have in the past, providing the proper certificate of insurance, listing the Village of Montgomery as the additional insured. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: GIRL SCOUT TROOP #61, REQUEST USE OF THE RECREATION CENTER FOR THEIR MEETINGS

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the Girl Scout Junior Troop #61, Marion Wild Service Unit request to continue the use of the Recreation Center to meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, September 13, 2018 through June 2019, at 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, with the proper certificate of insurance provided, listing the Village of Montgomery as the additional insured. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: GIRL SCOUT TROOP #692, REQUEST USE OF THE RECREATION CENTER FOR THEIR MEETINGS

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the Girl Scout Daisy Troop #692, Marion Wild Service Unit request to continue the use of the Recreation Center to meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, September 12, 2018 through June 2019, at 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, with the proper certificate of insurance provided, listing the Village of Montgomery as the additional insured. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ST. BALDRICK'S FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN REQUEST USE OF THE SENIOR CENTER

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board approved Kristie Hall of Walden with the St. Baldrick's Foundation for Childhood Cancer request to use the Senior Center, to host a fund raiser, on December 9th, from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, at the discounted rate of \$200.00 with the proper certificate of insurance provided, listing the Village of Montgomery as the additional insured. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: APPROVE A GO FUND ME ACCOUNT FOR MEMORIAL BENCH AND RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE HEROIN EPIDEMIC ADDICTION

Resident Zane Pianka requests approval to start a Go Fund Me account to raise awareness about the heroin epidemic addiction and use the proceeds to purchase a bench to be placed in the Pleasure Ground Trail in memory of a friend. Mayor Brescia stated no approval is needed to start a Go Fund Me account as mentioned, however, as long as it is done legally, properly, and for the purposes that it is intended to be used for, the Board does not need to take action. The Board is happy to accept the donation of a bench.

RE: EVENTS

General Montgomery Day, Saturday, September 8th, 7:30 am Continental Breakfast – St. Mary's Hall, 8:00 am, The Survivors 8K Run/Walk, Parade Line up at 9:30 and steps off at 10:30.

Clinton Street Car Show, Sunday, September 23rd, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Grand Montgomery Chamber Music Series, Sunday, September 23rd, start at 3:00 pm, held at the Senior Center 36 Bridge Street.

RE: WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS TO THE VILLAGE

Trustee Hembury mentioned the Board of Trustees and the Police Department welcoming ten new residents to the Village of Montgomery. The new residents were very happy to receive the information and the gift certificates.

Mayor Brescia mentioned the Car Show to benefit the Cancer Resource Center went well, as did the concert held that evening.

RE: PUBLIC PORTION

Ms. Beltrametti expressed her concerns on the Bond and its process. Atty. Dowd stated all of the procedures were followed and now the Village is free to borrow the funds for the project. Mayor Brescia urged Ms. Beltrametti to listen to the recording of the meeting to ease her concerns of the proper proceedings taken for the bond.

Mr. Berger foiled the end of the year financial report and congratulates the Village Board and the Department heads for running their areas very efficiently. He feels if the Village can run so efficiently, why are we raising the taxes. He has a hard time understanding this and feels the budget should be kept at a zero to two percent increase that is reasonable. He goes on to say the County has an initiative plan for shared services with Towns, Village and so forth. The three Villages should meet together and discuss this issue to ease the burden to the taxpayers with shared services. Perhaps this dump truck is prime example. DPW Supt. Nelson stated in Orange County when it snows, everyone is plowing their community and a snow plow is not going to be shared during these conditions. Mayor Brescia stated Mr. Berger may be confusing Shared Services with

consolidation, they are totally different issues. Shared services is an incentive that the Governor is pursuing. The County of Orange has drafted a plan of action with all of the Villages and Towns involved in this initiative. We have been sharing services for years. We can provide you with a copy of the drafted plan. Mr. Berger said he is not looking for consolidation. He wants the Board to sit down and put things together with the other Villages. Mayor Brescia said the Board is always open to ideas.

Village resident and Police Officer, Paul Grattan commended the Chief of Police Walsh and Village Police Department, he attended the National Night Out, for continuing to lead the way in policing our local area. Secondly, he cautions the gentleman's point about shared services and consolidation, be aware about how shared services can move to consolidation. The word consolidation has been used several times by the Town Supervisor publicly and in personal conversations. In some areas consolidation has worked but in most it has become a failure and it's not a measure to save money. In his experience it turns the residents in favor of it and therefore all the power in the Villages hands is lost. Mayor Brescia thanked Paul. Trustee Hembury also expressed his concerns and caution, he too experienced the effects of consolidation, it compromises the level of services we value and hold dear. Mr. Grattan stated the Village was incorporated for a reason, thankful the Board is in control. Ms. Beltrametti stated not being in favor of consolidation, she would like to see more full time police officers than part time officers. She does not believe there is a need for a new DPW truck. DPW Supt. Nelson stated the new truck is same size as the twenty year old truck that we currently have to plow, salt, sand, and dump.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adjourned the meeting of September 4, 2018 at 8:19 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk