

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 16, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury (absent), Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, Robert M. Flynn, Jr., Johanna Sweikata, Edwin Rodriguez, Eric Tonnesen, Mary Ann Lindner.

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

**RE: MINUTES**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the minutes of April 2, 2019. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: ABSTRACT NO. 03-2019**

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, all bills listed on ABSTRACT NO.03-2019 were audited and approved for payment with \$134,260.54 from the General Fund, \$26,513.07 from the Water Fund, \$10,371.71 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$171,147.32. Check No: 76770 – 7874, 163 – 1373. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Griffith reported a CASH BALANCE for the month of March 31, 2019, as follows: General Fund \$1,019,969.33, Water Fund \*\$ -37,708.80, Sewer Fund \$429,408.23.  
\*Pending transfer from Water Filtration Bond will clear the negative balance.

**RE: OLD BUSINESS – STATUS OF 145 WARD STREET**

Status of 145 Ward Street building that was deemed unsafe, and ordered to be demolished. An extension of a week was granted with the conditions of being provided with an update at this meeting.

Mr. Flynn informed the Board the contents were removed from the building, amounting to over 20 tons. The Building Inspector did come to check in on the progress. Mayor Brescia asked when the closing is expected. Mr. Flynn replied being in contract to purchase the building and is expected to close within two to three weeks. Atty. Dowd asked, how bad the mold was. Mr. Flynn mentioned everything that was wet and damaged has been removed, it is pretty much gutted, down to the studs, but there were no mold issues. He invited the Board to visit the site and provided his phone number and asked them to call ahead, to ensure he would be there. He will provide the Building Inspectors full report at the next meeting. Mayor Brescia and the Board asked that Mr. Flynn meet with the Board at the meeting of May 21st and thanked him for coming in.

**RE: CREATE A FULL TIME POSITION FOR A WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR**

No action taken, a position is currently vacant. Therefore, no second position will be created.

**RE: CREATE A FULL TIME POSITION FOR A MAINTENANCE CARPENTER**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board created a Full Time position for a Maintenance Carpenter. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0- Nays.

**RE: APPROVE THE 30 DAY ADVANCE NOTICE FOR HERO’S DELI TO SELL WINE, BEER & CIDER AT 118 CLINTON STREET**

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the 30 day advance notice for Hero’s Deli, to sell wine, beer & cider at 118 Clinton Street. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF HISTORIAN MARION WILD**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board accepted the resignation of Historian Marion Wild, effective April 1, 2019. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: MONTGOMERY NURSEY SCHOOL ASKS THE BOARD TO CONSIDER CLOSING WALLKILL AVENUE BEFORE THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE BEGINS**

The Board held their decision to close Wallkill Avenue as requested by the Montgomery Nursery School to host a celebration honoring the Veterans with activities and the serving of light refreshments, before the Memorial Day Parade that is scheduled on May 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 11 am. The Board mentioned getting clarification from the American Legion, as Memorial Day is a somber day, in remembrance of the fallen, and it is not a day of celebration.

**RE: EVENTS:**

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am, Montgomery Little League Opening Day and Parade.

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm; 2019 Season Opening of the Village Museum at 145 Clinton Street.

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon, D.A.R.E. Bike Rodeo & Free Car Seat inspections, held at the Montgomery Senior Center.

**RE: APPROVE EARLY VOTING TO BE HELD AT THE MONTGOMERY SENIOR CENTER**

Mayor Brescia said “Early Voting” will be held at seven sites throughout the county, to include three cities, Goshen, Greenwood Lake with the Town of Warwick, and Monroe. It would be good to have a site here for the Town of Crawford and the Town of Montgomery. Atty. Dowd asked if the Village residents will be voting. Mayor Brescia replied, no, this is for approximately 30,000 combined residents from the Town of Crawford and the Town of Montgomery. The County had five sites and wanted to add two more sites. The County will be paying for this and the Village. Atty. Dowd mentioned the early voting is State mandated but they are not paying for it. Mayor Brescia said the County is supposed to get money but it is not certain, yet.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved early voting to be held at the Montgomery Senior Center beginning on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm, Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm, Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 5 pm, Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 7 am to 3 pm, Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 8pm, Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 am to 5 pm, Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from Noon to 8 pm, Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3 pm to 8 pm, and ending on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: TREASURER GRIFFITH REQUEST PERMISSION TO CLOSE THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS AS DETAILED**

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved Treasurer Griffith request to close MILOP account and transfer to the General Fund (A-0200) in the amount of \$3.13, close the Lakeside Offsite account and transfer to the Oil, Gravel, and Blacktop (A0 5110.412) in the amount of \$99.72, close the Historic Book Publication & Historic Memorial accounts totaling \$8,800.00 and transfer to the Historian contractual (A0 7510.400). Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: APPROVE THE YEAR LICENSE, 24/7/365 UNLIMITED, UNINTERRUPTED CODERED SYSTEM ACCESS FOR THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY**

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the year license, 24/7/365 unlimited, uninterrupted CodeRed system access for the Village of Montgomery, at the annual price of \$3,450.00. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: TRUSTEE HEMBURY TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE SIGNAGE AT THE ENTRENCES WITH SAFEWISE RATING**

The Board held their discussion, waiting for Trustee Hembury to be in attendance and the wording, pricing is provided, informing all of these achievements.

**RE: PUBLIC PORTION**

Eric Tonnesen and Edwin Rodriquez, the new Hero’s Deli owners and partners introduced themselves to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Tonnesen stated he is from the Bronx and currently lives in the Town of Wawayanda. He owns and operates a bar in Massapequa and in Herald Place in Astoria Queens, Long Island, and works in residential construction. Edwin is from Newburgh and

currently lives in Middletown. He is a relator with Keller Williams and will be opening an office in the Village of Montgomery. Eric explained that they have redesigned the interior of the building. They will open an Italian deli, serving Boars Head, Breakfast, sandwiches, a couple of hot lunches daily, plus Pete's hot dogs (boiled) also known as a dirty dog, cake, soda, chips and beer. They mentioned the possibility of naming a sandwich after the Mayor. They will also deliver to anyone. They are hoping to open on July 1<sup>st</sup>, their hours will be 5:00 am to 6:00 or 7:00 pm, and stay open during the summer concert series. After hearing about the previous deli closing early, they intend to keep the deli open into the evening, for the folks coming home from work; in case they should want cold cuts or something of that nature. The maximum seating area will accommodate up to 50 people and be equipped with a lounge area with TV's. They have fixed the substructure, upgraded the AC and improved the air circulation. In addition, it will be a smoke free environment and will not be selling any type of tobacco products. Lottery requires proven sales, after six weeks of operation. Mayor Brescia asked if they have plans to purchase the building. Eric replied, he would like to see how the business takes off, before committing to something of this nature. The building is old and needs a lot of TLC; however, it is a possibility and if they purchase the building, they would keep Ed as a tenant. Again, they will wait to see how things progress with the deli and what the feedback is from the patrons. They were approached by one individual to say, why they are perusing this type of business. They are ok with these type of comments, and it does not deter them in any way. Mayor Brescia and the Board said they are happy to see the deli being revived and coming back to the Village, it is needed; a lot of the old timers frequent and gather in the am. Eric mentioned that they will not be the run of the mill deli or known as a bodega, which to him is a complete turn off, simply because of what they represent when you walk in. Only chips bags and rollies. Again, we do not smoke. It's a disgusting dirty habit. Mayor Brescia mentioned curtailing the neon signs, it has exceeded what was originally intended. The Village Code will be updated very soon. Eric said they will be repurposing the vinyl awning. They are trying to find someone, who will do the lettering on the vinyl awning, without trying to kill their budget; one quote was unbelievably high.

Mayor Brescia and the Board welcomed them and wished them lots of success. In addition to being part of the Village, it is hoped that they will take part in the all of the Village events, such as the Car Show, etc. Eric mentioned they will try their best to mingle and fit in and work a lot with the kids. There is a lot going on with Little League. Deputy Mayor Scheels also mentioned Summer Recreation Day Camp;, Ed used to have lunch special for the kids. Eric said they were informed and are willing to work with the program and deliver the order as well. Mayor Brescia mentioned the daily specials are usually faxed to the Village Hall and the neighboring businesses. Eric mentioned knowing people in the Middletown area, such as the Home Depot and their warehouse. In addition to Medline, as you may know, they are moving. He will deliver orders to these locations, also. Their menu will be simple, without having to think too much about what to order. They also intend to sell Super Bowl Hero's, Buffalo wings and other party food items, simple catering. They do not intend to compete with the other establishments and what they serve. Mayor Brescia mentioned if they have food that is good and affordable with an allure there, you will have returning patrons. Eric said it will be a relaxed atmosphere with WIFI, a place to sit down and enjoy good food. Mayor Brescia and the Board are looking forwarded to it.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adjourned the meeting of April 16, 2019, at 7:55 pm. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays

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Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk