

Minutes of the Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law 1 of 2021, that extends the Moratorium for two months, was held in the Court Room, of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery, NY 12549, on Tuesday, March 18, 2021 at 7:20 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, Susan Hembury, Maria Beltrametti, Susan Dean, Don Berger, Kevin and Barbara Conroy, Randi Picarello, Sophia Romano, Tony Marano, Jim Sweikata, Skip Chambers (absent), Police Chief Herlihy, Lt. Arteta (arrived late).

RE: OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board opened the Public Hearing. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Mayor Brescia asked the Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, if all of the paperwork has been filed to hold this public hearing.

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez replied yes, all the paperwork has been filed.

Mayor Brescia asked Atty. Dowd to provide a summation of the Introductory Local Law 1 of 2021.

Atty. Dowd said the Introductory Local Law 1 of 2021, essentially extends the submission and the processing of applications for land use approvals within the Village for an additional period of two months to the end of May, as enacted by Local Law No. 2 of 2020 and extended for an additional period of three months by Local Law No. 3 of 2020.

Mayor Brescia opened to receive comments from the public.

Mr. Berger said he is in favor of the extension of the moratorium and hopes the Board considers adopting the said local law. He explained what happened with the Orange County Partnership Alliance meeting last Tuesday, they are talking about workforce housing in the Medline area and the Montgomery area. He made a copy for Trustee Lindner. He feels it's important that Trustee Lindner and the sub-committee get a full understanding of exactly what they are proposing. The workforce housing is quite a bit different than what the Town is anticipating and perhaps the Village.

Trustee Lindner said he appreciates the information provided.

Mayor Brescia asked if there are any further comments. With no further comments Mayor Brescia called for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

RE: CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board closed the Public Hearing for I-LL 1 of 2021, extending the moratorium in the Village for a period of 2 months. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery was held in the Court Room, at 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, Susan Hembury, Barbara & Kevin Conroy, Tom Steed, Tony Marano, Jim Sweikata, Skip Chambers (absent), Randi Picarello, Matt Fibbs, Don Berger, Maria Beltrametti, Police Chief Herlihy, Lt. Arteta.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES

Mayor Brescia and Trustee Hembury presented plaques to three of the four that unveiled the Veterans Corner sign on Saturday, March 6, 2021. The Village honored the four veterans honored with a plaque, beginning with Tony Marano, Jim Sweikata, Kevin Convoy, and Skip Chamber was not able to attend. His plaque will be presented to him at a later date.

Mayor Brescia expressed how proud he is of these and all veterans who have served our county. He and the Board thanked them all.

MINUTES – March 2, 2021

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board approved the minutes of March 2, 2021. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

REQUEST TO MEET WITH BOARD

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board designated the Wallkill Valley Times newspaper to be the official newspaper for the Village of Montgomery, effective April 6, 2021. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

DESINATE A TYPE 2 ACTION FOR INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2021

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board designated a type 2 action for Introductory Local Law No. 1 of 2021. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADOPT LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2021 EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM FOR TWO MONTHS

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted Local Law 1 of 2021, that extends the submission and the processing of applications for land use approvals within the Village for an additional period of two months to the end of May, as enacted by Local Law No. 2 of 2020 and extended for an additional period of three months by Local Law No. 3 of 2020. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CONTRACT 2021 STOP – DWI AND AUTHORIZATION OF A DESIGNATED OFFICIAL (POLICE CHIEF HERLIHY) TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted a resolution accepting the contract 2021 STOP-DWI, and the authorization of a designated official (Police Chief Herlihy) to execute the contract for the Village of Montgomery. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EVENTS

Run for the Gold 5K race, Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 9:30, at 21 Wallkill Avenue.

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 27th at 11 am, at the Veterans Memorial Park.
(Masks and social distancing are required)

BUSINESS COUNCIL OF GREATER MONTGOMERY

Randi Picarello presented the Board with a Business Council of Greater Montgomery (BGM); which they are hoping to receive a \$2,500 level membership to match the Towns contribution, of which they've also presented to the other two Village Boards.

She explained that the (BGM) has been incorporated since July of 2020 and their mission is to improve community relations, business to business support, invest in youth employment retention and workforce development. Build a strong business district in each of our three villages, highlighting the unique qualities of all. Keep in touch with the needs, concerns, desires of residents and business owners on our main streets. Market our area and its rich history and growing list of attractions as a weekend destination and a desirable community to keep your primary and secondary residence.

So far, notable contributions to our small businesses have included: Small Business Saturday, a Town wide event featuring approximately twenty local businesses. Five grand opening celebrations in the Village of Montgomery and the Town and three additional are scheduled in March. Wreath sales to drive business to a local family farm and keep our decorations uniform on Main Streets. Outdoor Holiday Boutique in the Village of Montgomery, a street fair designed to keep our retail shops front and center, an opportunity to advertise and sell gift cards, etc. All participants reported great sales that day.

The TOMSTRONG Farmers Market ran for fourteen weeks and was a COVID success.

Both reinvigorated the Community as School and the Work Based Learning Program at the High school to place interns at local businesses. Actively assisted in the TOMSTRONG Grants Program.

Established a trusting working relationship with most local businesses to encourage that more of our dollars are spent and reinvested in this area.

Created a brand and a marketing plan including a partnership with WALL radio and a strong working relationship with our local newspapers.

In addition, we have created a livestream to highlight local businesses and community leaders.

Completed a Placemaking exercise in all three villages that concluded with a walking tour and will continue to be a quarterly check in, to make sure we are all working together to support traffic safety and community beautification projects together.

Created a website to have in place for all of our businesses to go for information pertaining to COVID restrictions and relief, job listings, community events and municipal meeting calendar, catalogue of our livestream episodes, advertisement and cross promotion opportunities.

Embarked on the 112 Project to build a resource center with educational and membership opportunities to retain our youth employees and provide new options for existing workforce. We need to train a workforce that can support the development we want to attract.

Mayor Brescia said the Village of Montgomery contribution shall be \$500.00, for the Business Council of Greater Montgomery.

Trustee Hembury asked Randi how many Village of Montgomery businesses are not a member of the Business Council of Greater Montgomery.

Randi replied about two thirds of the Village Businesses are members.

Trustee Hembury asked what if any of the Village Businesses do not pay, what happens.

Randi said she will not exclude them from a Village wide event.

Trustee Hembury said a particular business mentioned that they are not being included.

Mayor Brescia said all of the Village businesses will be included in at village wide event, such as General Montgomery Day.

Trustee Hembury mentioned the Village businesses are welcome to bring anything in to be included the welcome packets for the new residents. The welcome packets include various information, such as upcoming events, coupons, gift certificates, menu's, business cards and things of this nature. A CodeRed is issued and letters are mailed to all of the Village businesses urging them to participate. We have had some good responses and hopes for more of the businesses to provide something to the welcome the new residents to the area. It's a free advertising for them. Again, he urges the businesses to participate and it costs them nothing but a few moments to drop the items at the Village Hall Clerks Office.

Mayor Brescia we are all here to work together to promote the village businesses and welcome the new residents. Its an effort to advising the new residents what the Village has to offer them, and thereby, promoting shopping locally. He thanked Randi for her presentation.

Mayor Brescia and the Board thanked Police Chief Herlihy for all the efforts that went into creating the EO 203 policy. He hopes to have more events promoting the reform of Hope not hand cuff. It can be hosted at the Senior Center, the work that they do is phenomenal.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION, ACCEPTING THE EO203 POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted resolution, accepting the EO 203 Policy for the Village of Montgomery Police Department. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

APPROVE 30 DAY ADVANCE NOTICE TO SERVE LIQUOR AT 11 UNION STREET

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved Rose Mary's Pub and Grub 30-day Advance Notice to serve liquor at 11 Union Street. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

PUBLIC PORTION

Maria Beltrametti expressed her concerns about a new vehicle she believes the village has obtained. She also expressed her feelings regarding the Village Newsletter.

Mayor Brescia said we will find out and have the information to you at the next meeting.

CHANGE DATE FOR NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Moved by Deputy Mayor, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board changed the meeting of April 20, 2021 to Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:30 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board entered into Executive Session at 8:17 pm, under the openings law §7 (e) for collection negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law with DPW Supt. Nelson, Police Chief Herlihy, and LT. Arteta; with Atty. Dowd and the Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez in attendance. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board Exited Executive session. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board entered into Executive Session at 8:27 pm under the opening meetings law §(f) for matters of employment history of a particular person with Atty. Dowd and the Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez in attendance. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board Exited Executive Session at 8:34 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board adjourned the meeting of March 18, 2021 at 8:35 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk