

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery, was held in the Meeting Room, at 133Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, on January 4, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury (absent), Trustee Lindner, Atty. Will Frank (absent - conferenced in by phone), Deputy Village Clerk Murphy, DPW Supt. Nelson, Deputy Police Chief Arteta, PB Chrmn. Conero, PB Mbr. Romano, Mary Ann Lindner, Don Berger.

RE: CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the minutes of December 21, 2021. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Hembury).

REQUEST TO MEET WITH BOARD

None

Mayor Brescia asked PB Chrmn. Conero to provide an update on the CFA grant.

PB Chrmn. Conero is happy to report the \$20,000.00 CFA grant has been awarded to the Village of Montgomery. He further explains looking for design guidelines for a long time. We are in the process of soliciting names for an architect to be interviewed. Once this is completed, we will begin working with them and include the Village Board for ideas. It is going to be for the B-1, B-2, I-1 and I-2 zones; with the law that the Board has passed for warehouses, allows the Planning Board to review for color, materials and designs of the structures now.

Mayor Brescia said there are a lot of B-2 businesses in the historic districts, so why do you need design guidelines. Don't you already have that in a large measure?

PB Chrmn. Conero replied, but what about new structures that is not in the historic district, such as Railroad Avenue, the Butler Property that is at the end of the Village. This is another property that is to be in the B zone. You will want to have design guidelines on these structures.

Mayor Brescia said even if it's new, you have a new structure in the B2 district downtown as well.

PB Chrmn. Conero stated we have design guidelines for historic districts but not for other areas of the Village. The Planning Board does not have any design guidelines. So, what we want to do is make this, as other municipalities are doing now. When ever a developer comes in and submits their plans to the Planning Board, in the application process, we are going to have steps instructing them to send their plans to this architect for approval. As a result, this will give the Planning Board more power and guidance as to what we want this to look like.

PB Mbr. Romano said it will become like the SEQRA process.

Mayor Brescia said OK.

PB Chrmn. Conero said we currently have a warehouse with design and landscaping guidelines as well. Where the Planning Board will take a hard look at landscaping and design guidelines for design plans for the warehousing. On behalf of the Planning Board this gives us... A lot of the times we get plans... For instance, if we had a PDD, take the gas station as an example. We worked hard with Vasapoli as the Village

Board did for the design of it. A PDD states that we have more jurisdiction or more power over the aesthetics of the project. It gave us the ability to say what type of exterior finish to be applied, such as the stone. They were awesome to work with. A lot of this is also in the Master Plan, on page 103 where it talks about the design reviews. "It will grant recommendations and grant the Planning Board the authority to review design issues in conjunction with site plan review powers for projects outside the historic districts. Giving the Planning Board specific powers to review design related issues to help ensure better quality design of new commercial and industrial properties." This has been in there for a long time. The same goes for the landscaping designs. At the moment with regard to the landscaping designs the Planning Board refers them to Lanc & Tully, due to the Planning Board not having the expertise in know what type of tree or shrubs should be planted in front of a building to make it look right. In some cases, the Engineering does not have the same capability as an architect does. The other thing the group is looking to do is to create a gateway district. We have three gateways into our village and want to make them inviting for people coming in. We want to have gateways coming into the Village from the Town, so you know when you are in the Village of Montgomery.

Mayor Brescia said Trustee Lindner mentioned this to him and he likes the concept. You will have a buffer behind the gateways with a berm, for instance on Route 211 on Marc's property as well as the KSH property.

PB Chrmn. Conero said he has spoken with Marc and he has some preliminary plans that he would like to make on his PDD. We thought it would be a good idea and it would probably add to that small village type of atmosphere, when entering the Village. Instead of being hit with a lot of industrial properties in front of you.

Mayor Brescia suggested making the gateways consistent on both sides of Route 211.

Trustee Lindner said initially we were talking about a kind of conceptual process to say we are particularly where Routes 416 and 211 come together. There are commercial properties there, the Hoeffner property, the KSH property, on the 416 side, as well as the Fitzpatrick property where he's proposing the building for the food bank. So, conceptually we would like to layout and particularly with Dunne Road with a road coming off of Dunne that would go into the Hoeffner property and the KSH property and connect with a road in the KSH property that goes out to 211. Where as with this concept, it would take some of the truck traffic to be routed away from the development and out to 211 and 416. Again, it's a conceptual idea and once its on paper we will then be able to show it to the property owners directly associated. One of the thoughts on either side of 211 as you are coming from the Airport Inn to the first house on the left side. And on the other side, going from where Butler is now; which is going to be removed, going to Chandler Lane. The concept is to have R2 zones where you are going to have 20,000 square foot lots which will be sizable nice homes and behind that you could berm the area. As Steve brought up, if someone buys a home on that with KSH warehouses behind it. If you put a berm in, similar to 17K where you drive by the airport on the left is the car auction and you would never know that there are 2000 cars behind that berm. He feels we can have that same type of concept here on 211. Again, it's all a conceptual plan. After speaking with the property owners directly connected to say this is an idea what do you think and then we can make the appropriate zoning changes at what ever point it comes to fruition.

ABSTRACT – NO. 12 - 2021

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, all bills listed on ABSTRACT NO.12-2021 were audited and approved for payment with \$187,596.80 from the General Fund, \$10,141.52 from the Water Fund, \$21,486.36 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$219,24.68. Check No: 79075 – 79154, 1839 – 1849. Motion carried, 4-Aye, 0- Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Hembury).

Treasurer Griffith reported a CASH BALANCE for the month of December 31, 2021, as follows: General Fund \$1,618,147.32, Water Fund \$201,260.08, Sewer Fund \$482,505.24.

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OLD BUSINESS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS – DPW

DPW Supt. Nelson said a lot on the agenda is for his department. He mentioned a water main break occurred in Viking Heights yesterday, which makes it five and hopes this is it for the year. However, in all reality it may not be the case. The other items are detailed on the agenda. We got all the money back from the roads we paved. We received \$160,000.00 back from CHIP's. The Street opening permit fees are currently at \$150.00 which has been in place for the last 25 years. What happens now with a street opening permit, who ever does the digging has to hire a black topper to come in and pave it. He suggests increasing the Street Opening permit fees to \$500.00 and have the DPW install and black top it.

Mayor Brescia mentioned Ron Clum advised how to balance the CHIP's funding. He is in favor of the DPW doing the Street Openings in house.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTEMENTS

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the budget adjustments to increase the revenue A0-3501 and the expense A0-5110-401 appropriations by \$116,120.80, due to CHIP's funding for the current fiscal year. Motion carried, 4-Aye, 0- Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Hembury).

PROMOTE MATTHEW ARMOUR FROM LABORER B TO LABORER A

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board promoted Matthew Armour from Laborer B to Laborer A, effective as of Monday, January 10, 2022. Motion carried, 4-Aye, 0- Nays, 1- Absent (Trustee Hembury).

INCREASE BULK PICK UP FEES DUE TO INCREASE OF TIPPING RATES FOR ORANGE COUNTY TRANSFER STATIONS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board approved increasing the minimum for Bulk Pick-Up Fees from \$25.00 to \$30.00 up to 500 pounds effective immediately due to an increase of Tipping Rates for Orange County Transfer Stations. In addition, increase TV/Computer monitors to \$20.00 per unit; Tires to \$10.00 up to 19" & \$30.00 20" to 24"; A/C, Refrigerators, Freezers, Dehumidifiers, Microwaves, Washers, Dryers, Stoves, Hot Water Heaters, etc. \$15.00 per Appliance. Motion carried, 4-Aye, 0- Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Hembury).

INCREASE STREET OPENING PERMIT FEES

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek the Board approved increasing the Street Opening permit fee from \$150.00 to \$500.00. Motion carried, 4-Aye, 0- Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Hembury).

VILLAGE HALL IS CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

The Village Hall is closed on Monday, January 17, 2022, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE MUSEUM CLOSED JANUARY 2022 THROUGH APRIL 2022

The Montgomery Village Museum will be closed January through April 2022. To contact the museum for any information during this period, please call 845-457-7576 or email: historian@villageofmontgomery.org

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY HOLDS A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TOWN OF MONTGOMERY AMBULANCE DISTRICT

Town of Montgomery will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 12th at 6:30 pm to consider the establishment of the Town of Montgomery Ambulance District.

EVENTS

Grand Chamber Music Concert Series presents the performance of the Neave Trio, by Anna Williams, Violin; Mikhail Veselov, Cello; & Eri Nakamura, Piano, on Sunday, January 9, 2022, at 3 pm. To be held at the Montgomery Senior Center 36 Bridge Street.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Police Chief Arteta mentioned the department is dodging the COVID pandemic and everyone is staying healthy at the Police Department. There are several complaints on the stop signs and people disregarding a lot of the traffic controls. Therefore, we are going to concentrate on that a little bit more. We will probably get more complaints but that is the nature of the business. We have to slow people down that are ignoring the stop signs when buses are picking up kids in the morning and in the evening.

Mayor Brescia said a Public Hearing will most likely be set for the first meeting in February to update the fee schedule and will be discussed at the next meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Berger asked where has the speed sign been, he hasn't seen it in months.

Deputy Police Chief Arteta replied the speed sign is in our garage. During the holidays, we took it off line because of the increased holiday traffic coming through. We did not want to lose it to an accident.

Mr. Berger began to mention truck traffic (in audible) the tape ran out.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adjourned the meeting of January 4, 2022 at 7:56 pm. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Hembury).

Deputy Village Clerk Tina Murphy recorded and
Transcribed by Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez