

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery, was held in the Meeting Room, at 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, on February 1, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Will Frank, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, DPW Supt. Nelson, Police Chief Herlihy, Mary Ann Lindner, Don Berger, Maria Beltrametti, John S. Vero, Town of Montgomery Supervisor Maher.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the minutes of January 18, 2022. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

REQUEST TO MEET WITH BOARD

None

ABSTRACT NO. 01-2022

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, all bills listed on ABSTRACT NO. 01-2022 were audited and approved for payment with \$117,869.07 from the General Fund, \$1,234.30 from the Water Fund, \$16,781.44 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$135,884.81. Check No: 79155 – 79218, 1850 - 1854. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Griffith reported a CASH BALANCE for the month of January 31, 2022, as follows: General Fund \$1,381,696.56, Water Fund \$247,748.51, Sewer Fund \$543,060.16.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board held their decision on the Rowley Development project on the Railroad Avenue, for further review by Atty. Joseph McKay, for the meeting, of February 15, 2022.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Hembury commended the DPW for doing a great job with the snow storm. He also commended the Police Department for ensuring public safety in the Village of Montgomery, and being in the top 100 safe communities to live.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS - POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Herlihy reported on the distribution of 500 Covid home test kits, on January 26th, at the Senior Center. They were well received. He thanked his staff and the volunteers for their assistance.

In addition, four more Officers have been trained in the C.I.T.Y. class, which is geared towards the youth that experience the need for health services. He hopes to get the community oriented with it and partner with the County of Orange to follow up with the youth, as an after action.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE VILLAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board adopted a resolution authorizing

Mayor Brescia to execute an agreement for the Village Telecommunication System. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

APPROVE TO REIMBURSE DPW SUPT. NELSON FOR LEAVE TIME USED FOR A WORKERS COMPENSATION INJURY

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved to reimburse DPW Supt. Nelson for the leave time used for a workers compensation injury. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Supt. Nelson reported on two DPW trucks transmissions breaking down that need to be replaced. He obtained quotes and asked the Board to approve the purchase and replacing the transmissions. He also mentioned needing approval for item no. 3 on the agenda for the central call system, fire monitoring for the Senior Center. Furthermore, he asked the Board to consider adding a similar type of fire monitoring system for the DPW garage.

Mayor Brescia asked the DPW Supt. Nelson to get quotes for a fire monitoring system, for the DPW garage.

APPROVE DPW SUPT. NELSON TO REPLACE THE TRANSMISSIONS ON TWO OF THE DPW TRUCKS, PURCHASED FROM KENS SERVICE CENTER, AND HEALY FORD

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the DPW Supt. Nelson to replace the transmissions on two of the DPW trucks, one purchased from Kens Service Center in the amount of \$5,028.17 and the second from Healy Ford in the amount of \$5,675.67. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE D-BEN A CENTRAL CALL SYSTEM FOR FIRE MONITORING OF THE SENIOR CENTER

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved D-Ben, a central call system for fire monitoring of the Senior Center, at \$425.00 for the set up and \$53.00 monthly for the monitoring. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

HIRE (IT) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board hired Frank Dunne, as the Village (IT) Information Technology Officer, at the rate of \$90.00/hr. for the first hour and \$80.00 for each additional hour, subject to Atty. Will Frank drawing up a contract for the services. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER UPDATING THE VILLAGE BOARD, PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD SCHEDULE OF FEE'S

Review and consider updating the Village of Montgomery Board of Trustees, Planning Board, and Zoning Board - Schedule of Fee's. The Board held their decision for the Deputy Village Clerk Murphy to get the comparisons from the neighboring municipalities. Atty. Will Frank advised, the Board of Trustee's to look into adding an application project escrow fee to the schedule of fees.

ADOPT THE CYBER DECEPTION SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted the Cyber Deception Supplemental insurance for 2022, at the cost of \$4,206.00. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Berger said he would like to see Medline meet with the Village Board of Trustees and the Town of Montgomery to come up with another solution of their trucks coming through the Village.

Mayor Brescia mentioned during the question-and-answer meeting held for Medline, Demetri did say they would pay the Village \$500.00 each time one of their trucks comes through the Village. However, it is understandable when Medline makes local deliveries such as to Montgomery Nursing Home.

Atty. Will Frank said he will set up a zoom call with Medline this week. He also mentioned speaking with Atty. Joseph McKay regarding Railroad Avenue and will have his recommendations available for the next Board of Trustees meeting.

Mayor Brescia feels the grant writing contract with Millennium Strategies will be beneficial to the Village. He also mentioned Supervisor Maher will provide more information on the Millennium Strategies contract.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Berger brought up the concerns of Medline trucks coming through the Village and the expansion of the existing businesses along the corridor of Neelytown Road, such as UNFI, Cardinal Health. He feels more trucks are going to be coming through the Village. The DOT should be taking this under advisement and come up with a solution of diverting traffic off Route 211.

Ms. Beltrametti asked the Board on the status of the audit conducted by Nugent & Haeussler and feels the public should be aware of the findings. She claims the Village fraudulently processed a bond and she reported it to the State Comptroller.

Atty. Will Frank will review the audit as well as the bond documentation.

Supervisor Maher said the Millennium Strategies grant writing contract is already a budget line item established in the Town of Montgomery budget. However, the contract is independent for the project that the grant is awarded to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to enter into Executive Session under section § 7 (f) of the open meetings law for matters leading to the appointment of a particular individual with Atty. Will Frank, Police Chief Herlihy, and the Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez in attendance.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board entered into Executive Session at 8:12 pm under section § 7(f) of the open meetings law for matters leading to the appointment of a particular individual with Atty. Will Frank, Police Chief Herlihy, and the Village Clerk Fernandez in attendance. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board exited the Executive Session at 8:55 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

HIRE PART TIME POLICE OFFICER

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board hired Gursharn Singh as a Part-Time Police Officer pursuant to the conditions of the CBA. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board adjourned the meeting of February 1, 2022, at 8:59 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.