

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 Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Will Frank, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, Mary Ann Lindner, Wayne Vetro, Owen Vetro, Steve Snyder, Don Berger, Maria Beltrametti, Tom Steed.

RE: CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the minutes of May 12, 2022 and May 23, 2022. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

REQUEST TO MEET WITH THE BOARD `

Owen Vetro discussed his Eagle Scout project with the Board of Trustees with his Father Wayne Vetro and John Tracy a representative of the Pickle Ball crew. Owen Vetro hopes to install a sun shade awning over the three benches outside the Pickle Ball Court. The benches are in the direct sunlight at all times. It would involve attaching posts to the fence and cascade the sun shade to the wooden post of the parking lot barrier.

Mayor Brescia asked if the sun shade will be removable for the winter season. He is amenable to the idea and would like to see an earth tone color sun shade. If the Board approves it, he would like to see the color of the sun shade in advance. He asked the rest of the Board their thoughts and feelings. The rest of the Board was agreeable.

Owen Vetro estimates the total cost to be \$1,100.00, of which he hopes to obtain donations.

John Tracy mentioned the Senior Center Advisory Board is willing to fund \$550.00 towards Owen's Eagle Scout project and hopes the Village would consider funding the balance.

CONSIDER FUNDING UP TO \$550.00 OF OWEN VETRO'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT FOR MATERIALS

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board approved to fund the balance of Owen Vetro's Eagle Scout Project for materials up to \$550.00, to be expensed out of the Parks and Recreation appropriation. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

APPROVE OWEN VETRO'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT CONTINGENT ON RECEIVING APPROVAL FROM THE EAGLE SCOUT COUNSEL

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved Owen Vetro's Eagle Scout project, contingent on receiving approval from the Eagle Scout Counsel. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Atty. Will Frank suggests putting the Village insurance company on notice of these folks performing the work on the Village of Montgomery property.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Lindner mentioned submitting a scope of work that DPW Supt. Nelson and Lanc & Tully put together for a proposal for sidewalks, with hopes of obtaining a grant. It's a possibility the DOT may have some TAP grants that we may qualify for. The starting point is at Goodwill Road and Boyd Street extension, from Beaver Dam down to the Post Office. It's estimated at \$70.00 a foot for sidewalks, so for that strip its approximately about \$185,000.00. Adding the rest of the village is about five to six miles of sidewalks. To fully sidewalk the village, it would cost a little under two million. The feedback received from the last meeting; residents were asking for sidewalks for their streets as well. Its nice to have sidewalks everywhere, and according to Millennium the grant writer agency said

grant money is not plentiful for sidewalks. He stressed the area of immediate need for sidewalks is essential due to the three points of entry into the Village that are Routes 17K, 211 of which are two of the three have almost complete sidewalks. The only entry into the Village without sidewalks is the Goodwill and Boyd Street extension area, until you get to the Post Office. This is the focus area to try and get grant funding for.

Mayor Brescia thanked all involved in making the Great Race a successful event, it was well received by everyone. He also thanked the responders to the emergency call on Factory Street of a chemical nature and the individuals are on the mend.

Trustee Hembury said the Conklin's noticed their baby was experiencing some signs of distress on the baby monitor. In Ms. Conklin's state of panic, she ran out of the house calling for help and called 911. Moments later the Village Police, the Town Police and a neighbor who lives down the street who happens to be a nurse also responded. Emergency responders came to her aid from all directions, including the ambulance. As it turns out, when a child has a high fever, a seizure is triggered. The very next day responders, such as the Village Police, the Town Police and the Sheriff's Department all stopped by their home to see how everyone was fairing. This is the community we live in. It's amazing.

Last week, the Village Board and the Police Department set out to welcomed 19 new residents to the Village, of which 15 were home. They all repeated the reason for moving here is due to low crime and good schools. They are smart buyers and are all happy.

Deputy Mayor Scheels provided an update on the Town of Montgomery Ambulance District meeting, of which they are now seeking to add paramedics along with the EMS personnel to the Ambulance Core in order to provide 24/7 medical service to everyone, ALS vs ELS.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE TOWN OF MONTGOMERY 2022 RECREATION FUNDING CONTRIBUTION FOR TOWN RESIDENTS' ADMITTANCE AND PARTICIPATION TO THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY SUMMER YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board approved the Town of Montgomery recreation contract for 2022 with the conditions of changing the wording in the agreement. "WHEREAS The Town does not have a summer recreational program" and accepts their funding contribution permitting the admittance of Town residents to participate in the Summer Youth Recreation Program, thereby accepting \$21,500.00 as part of the compensation of the employees necessary to operate the recreation program and the use of the facilities and to be paid on or before the 31st day of December 2022. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT OF WATER/SEWER OVERPAYMENT

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the reimbursement of water/sewer overpayment to the residents of 84 Weaver Street, totaling \$647.00, as per DPW Supt. Nelson has recommended. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

APPROVE INSURANCE RENEWAL WITH TOKIO MARINE HCC FOR THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board approved the insurance renewal with Tokio Marine HCC for the Village of Montgomery beginning June 30, 2022 through June 30, 2023 at a cost of \$125,309.45. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

VILLAGE HALL CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

Village Hall will be closed on Monday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.

PUBLIC PORTION

The Nights of Columbus will be riding through the Village of Montgomery on September 13th at 11 am, escorting the WALL THAT HEALS (Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica & Mobile Education Center), and request a show of community support including MES students on its way to Middletown.

Mr. Steve Snyder commented on the nice job done on the Village Streets. He also asked, if there ever has been a discussion on lighting up the baseball fields with the advanced lighting that can be produced now, how could the cost be huge a difference? The Town of Crawford was able to provide lighting for three ball fields.

Mayor Brescia replied there has but the cost has been prohibited. The price is approximately a quarter of a million dollars (\$200,000 - \$250,000). He spoke with Charlie Carnes from the Town of Crawford and they obtained three quotes and were able to install lighting for \$15,000.00, for the Pickle Ball Courts. We would certainly love to do the same but its just not in the budget.

Mr. Berger expressed his concerns regarding the incident at MES and it bothered him that the VC Supt., did not close the school.

Mayor Brescia said the Board agreed with him and the PD handled it well.

Ms. Beltrametti repeated her concerns regarding the DPW purchasing a truck.

Mayor Brescia thanked her for comments and moved to entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adjourned the meeting of June 21, 2022, at 8:05 pm.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk