

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery, was held in the Meeting Room, 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, on Tuesday, November 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, John Vero, Maria Beltrametti, Johanna Sweikata, Don Berger, Tory White, Marie Moore, Jenn Jackson.

RE: 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 October 18, 2022. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

REQUEST TO MEET WITH BOARD

Tory White & Marie Moore with the Montgomery Nursery School requests the Board to consider installing a crosswalk from the First Presbyterian Church to the Montgomery Nursery School, for the safety of the children & their families.

APPROVE CROSSWALK ON WALLKILL AVENUE FOR THE MONTGOMERY NURSERY SCHOOL

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved a crosswalk to be installed on Wallkill Avenue, for the Montgomery Nursery School students and their parents to cross the street safely in a crosswalk, contingent on working with the DPW Supt. Nelson. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ABSTRACT – NO. 10 - 2022

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, all bills listed on ABSTRACT NO. 10-2022 were audited and approved for payment with \$129,484.34 from the General Fund, \$13,308.57 from the Water Fund, \$34,700.94 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$177,493.85. Check No: 79794 – 79857, 1974 - 1992. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Palmieri reported a CASH BALANCE for the month of October 31, 2022, as follows: General Fund \$2,643,143.20, Water Fund \$217,701.46, Sewer Fund \$442,627.58.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Hembury mentioned the Halloween Parade thanked Trustee Andolsek, Brie, Stacy Brescia-Spreer, Bill Corrigan, Sgt. Briere for their assistance with the Halloween Parade, which started off slow; after one call to Sgt. Briere who provided the escorted, with assistance of two fireman and himself blocked traffic at the intersection of Clinton/Union Streets, and Clinton/Bridge Streets. He is pleased it all went well.

He also thanked the DPW Supt. Nelson for installing the sidewalks for less than it was originally estimated to cost. He has received numerous compliments on this project.

As a reminder, the 10th Annual NY Operation Toy Train, “Toys for Tots” is scheduled for Sunday, December 11, 2023, from 12:45 pm to 1:45 pm, at the Rowley Lumber Parking Lot. The railroad ties have all been replaced and the drainage has been corrected, therefore, allowing for the Railroad Company to bring in a whole train with the box cars, instead of an engine and a box car. Everyone scheduled to be in place to handle their prospective tasks.

The Village Justice Court Clerk continues to perform mock scenarios, of court proceedings for the MES children, it’s conducted similar to a scared straight program. He classifies this as an unsung hero effort.

We are in a recession; interest rates are up and home buying is slow. However, people are still moving into the Village of Montgomery during these times. On Thursday, we are welcoming ten new residents to the Village, people are still buying houses here.

Lastly, on Veterans Day he and his family will be handing out flags at the corner of Goodwill Road and Roosevelt Avenue. He is charged with approximately eight hundred flags.

WATER WASTE TREATMENT PLANT CLARIFIER QUOTES

DPW Supt. Nelson said he has had time to review the recent quotes received and is still working on obtaining a third quote for the WWTP clarifier. He hopes to have the third quote soon and will update the Board of Trustees thereafter.

RE: REPORTS – DEPARTMENTS – BOARD – COMMITTEES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS

DPW Supt. Nelson mentioned work continues on the sidewalk installation. Furthermore, he has a laborer candidate on the agenda to hire and for the Board to accept Richard Nelson’s retirement.

HIRE DPW LABORER B

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board hired Paul Simpson III as a Laborer B at the rate of \$22.63 an hour, with the conditions of meeting all of the O.C. Dept of Human Resources requirements, pursuant to the to the Agreement between the Village of Montgomery Department of Public Works and Transport Workers Union of America A.F.L.-C.I.O. and its Local 225. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ACCEPT LABORER, RICHARD NELSON RETIREMENT

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board accepted Laborer, Richard Nelson retirement effective as of November 29, 2022. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

HIRE TEMPORARY PART TIME ASSISTANT COURT CLERK

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board hired Amanda Kearney as the Part Time Assistant Court Clerk, at the rate of \$17.00 an hour. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Herlihy mentioned Officer’s Kolvenbach and Blackford participated in a Trunk or Treat in the area, as well as our own, of which we decorated our SUV and drove around. The Department

has been closely monitoring the early voting. They are in the process of preparing for the Christmas Holiday, as well as the race for that day.

Mayor Brescia reminded Police Chief Herlihy to include the Pearl Harbor Day event into their plans.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT AN ELECTION RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICE(S) TO BE FILLED AND THE TERM(S)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted an Election resolution designating the office(s) to be filled and the term(s), the following office as vacant at the election to be held on March 21, 2023 for the following terms: Office(s) of Mayor, Trustee, Trustee, Justice, with a four-year term for each said office. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

VILLAGE HALL CLOSED ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022 IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY

The Village Hall is closed on Friday, November 11, 2022, in observance of Veterans Day.

APPROVE USE OF THE RECREATION CENTER FOR THE DAISY TROOP #401, EVERY OTHER MONDAY BEGINNING NOVEMBER 7, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 19, 2023

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved Marilyn Martinez request to use the Recreation Center for the new Daisy Troop # 401, every other Monday beginning November 7th, through June 19, 2023, at 6 pm to 7 pm, with the proper certificate of insurance provided, listing the Village of Montgomery as the additional insured. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EVENTS & SERVICES:

Leaf Pick-Up begins on each Tuesday, November 1st through December 6th, leaves must be bagged and placed at curbside, by 7 am.

Grand Montgomery Chamber Music Series Concert presents the performance of Carr & Petrova Duo, (Molly Carr, viola; Anna Petrova, piano) on Sunday, November 13, 2022, at 3 pm, held at the Montgomery Senior Center, 36 Bridge Street, Montgomery, NY 12549.

Montgomery Senior Center Veterans Appreciation Luncheon is on Thursday, November 17, 2022, doors open at 11:30 am and program starts at 12:00 noon sharp. Please call 845-457-9367 or stop into the Senior Center to sign up.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Berger shared his delight regarding the Joint Meeting with all the Village Boards. He also expressed his concerns about the capacity of Village of Montgomery's Water Waste Treatment Plant and the proposed IMA with the Town of Montgomery.

DPW Supt. Nelson replied, the Water Waster Treatment Plant would be upgraded to accommodate the additional connections with regard to the Town of Montgomery.

Mayor Brescia mentioned the WWTP will be preliminary subsidized, by setting up a district for this specific purpose.

Mr. Berger is concerned with the rising interest rates and the bonding and what the payments could possibly be.

Atty. Will Frank said, the municipal bond rates are done through EFC grant or a combination of financing. The rate for the Holt Well bond has not been set.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board Entered into Executive Session at 7:56 pm, under the open meetings law §7 (f) for matters leading to a possible appoint of a particular individual and §7 (h) for matters of the possible acquisition of real property, with Atty. Will Frank, DPW Supt. Nelson, Police Chief Herlihy and the Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez in attendance. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board Exited Executive Session at 8:07 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

HIRE PART TIME CLERK

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board hired Anne Bombino as a Part Time Clerk, for the Police Department, at the rate of \$21.00 an hour, effective immediately. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board Entered into Executive Session at 8:08 pm, under the open meetings law §7 (h) for matters of the possible acquisition of real property, with Atty. Will Frank, DPW Supt. Nelson, and the Village Clerk in attendance. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board Exited Executive Session at 8:23 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

CHANGE DATE OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, OF JANUARY 3RD TO JANUARY 10TH

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board changed the Board of Trustees regular meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 2023 to Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adjourned the meeting of November 1, 2022 at 8:24 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk