

MINUTES of the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montgomery, held in the Meeting Room, 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Hembury, Deputy Mayor Andolsek, Trustee Picarello, Trustee Conero, Trustee Wilbur, Atty. Will Frank, Deputy Village Clerk Murphy, Mary Lippincott, Cynthia Nokland, James Kiernan, Al Baty, Tom Taylor, Mary McClintock, Anne Lavelle, Marguerite & Fred Flood, Mark Palczewski, Heather & Shaun Meres, Tony Marano, Jo-Ann Corrigan, Walt Pahucki, Jenn Jackson, Michelle Donovan, Tom Steed, Rita Santo, Margeret Bussigel, Acquisitions Marketing Videographer Jose Rojas.

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

NEW BUSINESS

RECOGNIZE TONY MARANO

The Board recognized Tony Marano for turning 100 years old and presented him with a shirt/jacket with “Tony” and “Centenarian,” along with the Village’s academy building on it.

SUMMER REC END OF SEASON REPORT

Tom Taylor, Director of Summer Rec, discussed this year’s program and how successful it was. He also presented a letter form a parent who would like the program to run longer. Traffic is still a problem during drop-off and pick up.

Jenn Jackson reiterated how well this year’s camp went and talked about the education and experience of their team. She also thanked the Board for their support.

CONSIDER PUTTING THE CABOOSE AT THE WATER WORKS BUILDING.

Moved by Trustee Conero, seconded by Trustee Wilbur, the Board motioned approved putting the caboose at the Water Works Building. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 1-Nays (Trustee Picarello).

Atty. Frank: The village insurance company must be informed of the caboose and its location.

CONSIDER ALLOWING DAISY/BROWNIE GIRL SCOUT TROOP 401 TO CONTINUE USING THE REC CENTER ON MONDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:00PM TO 8:00PM.

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to approve to allow Daisy/Brownie Troop 401 to continue using the Rec Center on Monday evenings from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

CONSIDER SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM PROHIBITING THE APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS OF CERTAIN LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Conero, the Board motioned to set a public hearing for December 3, 2024, at 7:15pm, to extend the moratorium prohibiting the approval of applications of certain land development applications in the Village of Montgomery for an additional six months. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

REPORT – DEPARTMENTS – BOARD – COMMITTEES

Trustee Wilbur: He and Trustee Conero will be doing an illuminated tractor parade with approximately 30-40 tractors during the Old-Fashioned Holiday on December 14th that will begin at 4:00pm and end at the Village Hall prior to the tree lighting. While riding around, they will pick up donations from residents for the Humane Society of Walden and Middletown, the Food Pantry and Toys for Tots.

Moved by Mayor Hembury, seconded by Trustee Picarello, the Board motioned to approve picking up donations on behalf of the Humane Society of Walden and Middletown, the Food Pantry and Toys for Tots. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

DPW Supt. Henry: All good. Unless it rains, they may have to enforce a water restriction in the Village. He is monitoring it.

Trustee Conero: He mentioned that another letter was sent in regard to Holt Well. They are still waiting for approval to start using it.

Streaming the Village Board meetings on YouTube will begin at the next board meeting.

Jo-Ann Corrigan: Early voting has finished up at the Senior Center. She just received and got her laptop up and running and is focusing on a calendar and scheduling events and trips for the seniors.

Chief Herlihy: Gave accolades to several of his officers.

Trustee Picarello: Permanent solar-feed signs, requested by the Village Police Department for the elementary school, have been approved and will take approximately 3 weeks to receive. It is part of the Medline Community Benefit Agreement Fund because it is earmarked for traffic and safety improvements, and walkability. The Community Foundation will order it and pay for it. The cost is \$17,599.

Atty. Frank: It should be recorded that since the village will be the owner of the solar-feed signs, the Board should approve the purchase, and also for any past purchases that were covered by the Medline Community Benefit Agreement Fund.

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to approve the purchase of two solar feed signs in the amount of \$17,599 as requested by the Village Police Department to be put at Montgomery Elementary School, will be received as Village property, and will be paid for by the Medline Community Benefit Agreement Fund. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

REQUEST TO MEET THE BOARD (Discussion limited to 3 mins.)

Several residents expressed concerns and remarks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Trustee Wilbur, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to enter into Executive Session at 8:45pm, to consider a potential hiring for the police department under Public Officers Law §105 (f). Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Conero, the Board motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:47pm. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Trustee Wilbur, the Board motioned to hire Mark Vuksanovich as Police Officer effective immediately, pursuant to the salary schedules of the village and the collective bargaining agreement. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Conero, the Board motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:49pm. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Tina Murphy, Village Clerk